

May 17, 2016

Frank Mann: , Are You Our Guest Of Honor?

I'm Tom Willis.

Frank Mann: Tom, No, No. You're Sitting In The Preacher Of The Day's Place. Father Willis. Rise For Our Invocation And Remain Standing For -- I Got Too Much Preachers In The Crowd.

You Better Be Careful.

Frank Mann: All Mighty God.

All Mighty God We Come To Honor You This Day. We Come To Acknowledge That You Are The Only One Who Can Rightly Lead And Guide This Community. Lord, We Lift Up Prayers For Our Community. We Ask That You Would Bless All Community Leaders With Your Wisdom, Your Love, And With Your Compassion. Bless All Who Work And Provide As Well As Those Who Struggle Even To Survive. May We Be A People Who Are Pursuing You And Your Plans For Us Individually And Corporately. Bless All Those In Public Service And Especially Those Who Assure Our Safety, Protection, And Order. Lord, We Lift Up In Prayer These County Commissioners. We Ask For Blessings On Our Commissioners. May These Servants Who Are In Positions Of Authority Take Their Responsibility Seriously And Do Their Very Best Each Day. May They Realize Their Need For You And For Your Direction. Remay They Hear Your Voice And Follow Your Guidance. May They Have A Passion For All Of Your People For Truth And For Righteousness. Lord, Hear Our Prayers Offered In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.

Frank Mann: Brother Willis, Thank You For Those Good Words. Good To Have You. I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America And To The Republic For Which It Stands One Nation You Should God Indivisible With Liberty And Justice For All.

Frank Mann: Thank You, And Be Seated. We Have Some Ceremonial Business To Do This Morning. Let Me Begin -- Let's Take Up Water Safety. Commissioner Manning, Can We Begin With You This Morning?

John Manning: Yes, Sir. Thank You, Mr. Chairman. If I Could Ask Larry King And Everyone Else That's Involved. Stand Around The Podium. I Will Read This Resolution Into The Record. For Those Commissioners Who Haven't Signed The Agreement Life, It's Down There For You To Sign Today. Mr. Chairman, This Resolution Is To Celebrate Water Safety Month In Lee County, And It Reads Whereas, Lee And Collier County Coalition Recognizes

That Swimming In Both Indoors And Outdoors Can Contribute To Good Physical Health And Mental Health, And Whereas The Popularity Of Swimming And Other Water-Related Recreational Activities, Spur The Need For Ongoing Water Safety Education To Prevent Drowning And Water Related Injuries. And Whereas, Water Safety Tips Include Teaching Children To Swim And Learn Basic Water Safety Skills As Early As Possible, A Pointing A Designated Watcher When Children Are Near Water, Providing A Phone By The Pool Or Open Water, Providing Cpr Instructions By The Pool, Keeping A First-Aid Kit, Et Cetera, And Whereas, Lee County Residents And Visitors Can Take The Swimmer Pledge To Never Swim Alone, Never Play Or Swim Near Drains Or Suction Fittings, Always Dive Feet First And Obey Safety Rules At Pools And Other Recreational Water Facilities, And Whereas Collaboration Among Families And Alliances Among Local, County, State Agencies, First Responders, Faith-Based, Nonprofit, And Business Organizations Promote Effective Water Safety Awareness Programs And Raising Community Awareness Aids Long-Term Prevention. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved At The Board Of County Commissioners In Lee County, Florida, We Would Like To Recognize May 2016 As Water Safety Month In Lee County And In Doing So Extend Our Support To This Life-Saving Effort Initiated By Safe Kids Lee Collier County Coalition And Community Partners Dually Executed This 17th Day Of May By Our Chairman Frank Mann. Congratulations. [Applause]

Frank Mann: Let's Do The Picture. How Very Nice. Put That Right In The Middle. You Wrap Around Here. Somebody Hold The Resolution. We Spent A Lot Of County Money To Build This Thing. .

John Manning: Say A Few Words, If You Will.

Commissioners, On Behalf Of The Safe Kids Coalition Now In Southwest Florida We Thank You For This Proclamation. Again, As The Proclamation Alludes To Drowning Is Number One Death For Children Ages 1 To 4. S We Have So Much Water And Recreation Available To Us That It's Just A Big Attraction To Such Youngsters, And So We Join Together With The Coalition Public Safety Parks And Recreation, All The Different Private Partners That We Have To Come To You Today And Thank You For This Proclamation. The Life Ring Itself Is Traveling Around The Five Counties. It's Been To Collier. Here In Lee County. We'll Be Passing It Along After We Get Your Signatures Today, And, Again, We Thank You.

John Manning: Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Guys. [Applause]

Frank Mann: Commissioner Manning, This Week All Over The Land Is EMS Week. We Had A Special Occasion Yesterday For The Phoenix Awards That Were Presented To Those People In EMS Shop That Actually Were On The Scene When Someone's Heart Actually Stopped, And By The Performance That They Were Able Through Their Training And Commitment To Provide, Those People Were Brought Back To Life. That's Why It's Called The Phoenix

Award. We Are Going To Recognize EMS This Week, And Commissioner Pendergrass Has The Honor.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You, Chairman. Thank You, Rob. Bring All Your Troops Up Front Here. I'll Read This Resolution Into The Record. EMS Is A Vital Public Service, And Whereas The Members Of The Team Are Ready To Provide Life-Saving Care Seven Days A Week, 24 Hours A Day. They Improve The Survival And Recovery Rate For Those Suffering A Sudden Illness Or Injury. EMS Consists Of First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Firefighters, Administrators, Emergency Nurses. Now, Therefore, It's Resolved The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County Does Hereby Proclaim The Week Of May 15th Through 21st With The EMS Strong Call To Care Encourages The Community To Observe This Week And Appropriate Programs With Ceremonies And Activities Dually Executed This 17th Day Of May By Commissioner Frank Mann. [Applause]

Frank Mann: Proud Of You Guys. Great Work, Team. Thank You.

Cecil Pendergrass: It's A Good Day To Have A Heart Attack In The Building.

Frank Mann: Good To Meet You. Never Pass Up The Opportunity.

And They Can Deliver Babies.

Brian Hamman: There You Go.

Frank Mann: You Might Want To Ask Them --

Cecil Pendergrass: Rob, I Want To Come On Up To The Microphone?

Thank You, Mr. Chair. Thank You, Commissioners. As Commissioner Pendergrass Said, We Celebrate May 15th Through The 21st. National EMS Week Has Been Observed For More Than 40 Years, First Recognized In 1974 When President Gerald Ford Introduced National EMS Week In A Move To Recognize And Honor The Important Role Emt's And Paramedics Play In The Free Hospital Care And Survival Of Those Ill And Injured Across The U.S. Each Day. In Lee County National EMS Week Celebrates And Honors The First Responders And Medical Professionals That Provide Day To Day Life-Saving Services To Our Community. This Year's Theme Is Called "To Care." Here In Lee County Public Safety We Have Nearly 400 Dedicated Providers And Support Staff Who Care Deeply For Our Patients, Our Community, And For Each Other. It's What Gets Us Up In The Morning. It's What Keeps Us Focused On The Work Of Providing The Exceptional Care We Do Every Day. Even When Often That Work Can Be Very Difficult. As The Director Of Public Safety For Lee County, Let Me Thank All Of You For Your Continued Support, Public Safety, And Exceptional EMS System You Provide To The Residents, Visitors, And Businesses Here In Lee County. To All The Dispatchers, First Responders, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emt's, Paramedics, Pilots, Nurses, Physicians, Health Professionals Everywhere. Thank You For The

Incredible Work You Do Each Day, And Thank You For Your Dedication To The Community, And Happy EMS Week.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Very Nice. [Applause]

Cecil Pendergrass: I Just Want To Say That As A Member Of The Board We Have A Lot Of Good Things In Lee County, But One Of The Main Services We Should Focus On Is Es. You Provide Great Service To Our Residents And Visitors. You Don't Think About Them Until You Need Them, And When You Need Them, They're There. Thank You For Everything You Guys Do.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Before You Leave, Commissioner Hamman Would Never Ask For This, But I Think Most Of The World Knows That The Last Two Weeks His Wife Has Been Threatening To Have Their Second Baby. It Would Mean A Lot To Him If You Could Have One Of Your Vehicles Stationed At Their House. Thank You, Guys. Congratulations. [Applause]

Thanks, Commissioner. Always Looking Out For Me.

Frank Mann: Well, Ewe The Youngster On The Crowd. I Figure We Have To Pay Special Attention Here. Now, It Is My Honor And Pleasure To Read Two Resolutions That Are What We Refer To From Time To Time As Bittersweet. These Are Honoring People Who Have Worked For Lee County For Many, Many, Many Years, And Are Taking Retirement, Dog Gone It. They Deserve Even More Than A Resolution, But It's Certainly The Least We Can Do. I Was Going To Call At This Time For Marilyn Rawling. Bless Her Heart, After Pushing 30 Years Of Great Service To Us, She Can't Be With Us This Morning. But She's Retired. She's Leaving. We're Going To Read The Resolution Anyway Into The Record, And I Hope We'll Get A Chance To Bring Her Back Out Here And Do The Picture First Chance We Get. Let Me Recognize Fleet Management Lady Who Has Meant So Much To Our County For So Many Years. The Resolution Reads As Follows. Whereas, Marilyn Rawlings Has Served Lee County Since 1987 And Has Been More Than 20 Years Providing Lee County Departments With Safe, Reliable, Economical, And Environmentally Sound Transportation And Whereas Rawlings Became Director Of Fleet Management In 1994, Later Serving As The First Female President Of The Association Of Equipment Management Professionals And, Whereas, Under Her Leadership, Lee County Has Won Numerous Awards For Its Fleet, Including Being The First Governmental Fleet To Achieve Platinum Level As A Green Fleet And To Achieve Non-Generating Status For Hazardous Waste By The E.P.A. Of The United States Of America, And, Whereas, Rawlings Was Selected As The First Female In The Fleet Managers Hall Of Fame In California, And Has Been Nominated For The Fleet Manager Of The Year On Numerous Occasions, And Whereas, Marilyn Rawlings Has Announced Plans To Retire As Of June 3, 2016, And Looks Forward To Spending Time With Family, Continuing Her Work In Ministry And Enjoying Riding Her Motorcycle In The Mountains Of North Carolina. Good For Her. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee

County, Florida, Does Hereby Convey Our Grateful Appreciation For Her Service And Outstanding Contributions To Lee County, And Thanks, Marilyn Rawlings, For Her Hard Work And Commitment To Our Community. Signed And Dually Executed This 17th Day Of May And Signed By Myself, Proudly, As The Chairman, Frank Mann. Let's Hear It For Marilyn Rawlings. Marilyn, We Love You. We're Going To Miss You. Come Get Your Picture Taken With Us, First Chance. Now Another Honor And Pleasure. Ann Arnall, Would You Bring Your Family And Friends And Have Them Surround You Right There? We Love This Lady Too. Come On, Bob. That's The Husband. Kin Folk. Staff. Supporters. Is This Your Event? Father Browning. You Can Sit Up Here And Be Proud With Them. I Already Recognized You. Ann Arnall, We All Know So Well, And I've Known Her For Many Years Before I Came Here On The County Commission, And I've Known Her Husband Who Has Contributed To This Community In So Many Ways. Both Of Them Have. Ann, If There's Anybody That Ever Lived The Motto Of Above And Beyond The Call Of Duty, You Are That Person. We Are Proud To Read This Even Though We're Sad To Lose You, And We Got Your Home Phone, So Just Stand By. The Resolution Reads As Follows. Whereas, Ann Arnall Has Dedicated Her Entire Professional Life To Serving Lee County, And Helping To Make It An Even More Caring, Supportive Community And, Whereas, She Has Energetically Served Lee County Human Services For 26 Productive Years And Provided Exemplary Leadership, And, Whereas, She Was Part Of The Team That Founded Lee County's Mental Health Court, And, Whereas, Ann Was Instrumental In The Beginning And Beginning The Crisis Intervention Team, Training For Local Law Enforcement Officers, And, Whereas, She Played A Key Role In The Establishment Of The Bob James Triage Center And Low Demand Shelter Which Has Been Recognized As A National Leader In Providing Alternative Resources To Individuals With Mental Health Issues. Easing Demand On Law Enforcement Resources And Local Acute Care Facilities, And Whereas, Ann Has Many Times Over Earned The Opportunity For A Happy And Healthy Retirement, And Whereas She Has Announced Her Plans To Take Advantage Of That Retirement Opportunity, June 1st, Of This Year. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida, Does Hereby Convey Our Appreciation For Her Service And Outstanding Contributions To Lee County And Want To Thank Ann Arnall For Her Hard Work And Commitment To Our Community, Dually Executed This 17th Day Of May, And Signed Proudly By Me, Your Chairman, Frank Mann. We Love You, Ann. Good Luck. [Applause] Let's Take A Picture With You Two Guys, And Then The Rest Of You Gang Come Up Here Too.

Frank Mann: Groupie, Groupie, Come On, Group. Congratulations. One More. One More. Reverend. Reverend, Reverend. Guard Your Tongue. Ann, We Would Be Honored To Hear A Word From You. [Applause]

I'm Thankful For The Opportunities I Have Been And The Confidence That's Been Placed In Me By The Board Of County Commissioners And County Administration During My Tenure With Lee County. I Have Enjoyed Working With So Many Terrific And Talented Individuals Over The Past 27 Years. The County Is Fortunate To Have Dedicated, Hard-Working

Employees In Human And Veteran Service Who's Provide Needed Supports And Services To The Citizens Of Lee County On A Daily Basis. I'll Miss My Lee County Family, But I'm Excited About What The Future Holds For Me And My Family, And I Look Forward To Serving The Community In Other Ways. Thank You All. [Applause]

Are You Still On The Payroll? We'll Milk Her Until The Last Minute. She's Too Valuable To Let Loose. Thank You, EMS Too. Thank You All, You Good Folks, For Being Here With Us This Morning. A Quick Explanation From The Chair On The Gender Recap. We're Going To Take The Public Hearing Number Two Since It Was Advertised And We Will Actually Open And Listen To Any Public That's Here, But I Will At That Time Ask For A Moment To Defer When We Are On That Item. I Do Need A Motion To Defer Item 12. Motion By Pendergrass. Second By Manning. Discussions, Objections? Show It Passing Without Objection. Excuse Me. Do We Need A Date Certain That You Are Going To --

Mr. Chairman. If I May.

For The Ease Of Handling Going Forward, If We Just Postpone It, And Then We Will Re-Advertise Through Normal Channels So You Don't Have To Worry About A Date Certain And Opening That Public Hearing Today. We'll Just -- If It's The Will Of The Board, We Will Prefer To Just Postpone It To A Future Date. We'll Readvertise It And Renotify It, And Then We Can Conduct It All At One Time.

Frank Mann: It's A Regular Consent Item. It's Not A Public Hearing. Right?

Brian Hamman: Correct. It Was To Be A Public Hearing, But Your Request Motion Is To Postpone That To A Future Date So That This Way You Don't Have To Worry About Opening The Public Hearing Today And Taking Public Comment.

Frank Mann: Doug, Can You Give Us Some Hint Of When You Think -- We've All Been Briefed On It Fairly Intensely.

Yes, Mr. Chair. Our Intent Was Simply To Bring It Back At The First Meeting In June. We Just Need To Lay Some Issues Out And Get Some Questions Answered.

Frank Mann: Okay. With That On The Record, Is That Okay? Thank You. Good Point.

Thank You, Commissioners.

Frank Mann: All Right. Commissioner Manning, Items To Be Pulled?

John Manning: None.

Cecil Pendergrass: None.

Brian Hamman: I Have None.

Frank Mann: I Have None.

Larry Kiker: I Have None.

Frank Mann: My Goodness, How About That. I Don't Have Any Kids. The Public Want To Speak On Items Other Than Public Hearings? Moving Right Along. Do I Have A Motion To Approve The Agenda?

Cecil Pendergrass: Move.

Brian Hamman: Second.

Frank Mann: Motion By Manning. Be Second By Hamman. We Have Completed The Agenda. Show It Adopted. Without Objection. Public Hearings? Well, We're There. Let's Take Up Numero Uno. Counsellor, Introduce Yourself On The Item?

Good Morning. John, Assistant County Attorney. I Have Your 9:30 A.M. Public Hearing Agenda Item Number One. I Have An Affidavit Of Publication For This Hearing. I Have Reviewed It. It Is Legally Sufficient With Respect To Form And Content, And I Am Going To Enter It Into The Record By Giving It To The Clerk. Very Briefly, This Is An Amendment -- An Ordinance To Amend Existing Re-Donald Trump Ordinances 009 And 0506 That Are Known As The Lee County False Alarm Ordinance. Simply Changes The Existing Ordinance, Change In The State Statute No Longer Requires A Permit To Install, Maintain, Inspect, Or Replace A Wireless Alarm System. As A Result, We Need To Amend Section B Of -- Subsection B Of Section 11 Of The Lee County False Alarm Ordinance.

Frank Mann: Questions Of Council? Members Of The Public That Would Like To Be Heard On This Public Hearing Item? Hearing None, Back To The Board. I Have A Motion By Commissioner Manning. Second By Commissioner Hamman. Is There Further Discussion? Is There Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. Now, Who Is Going To Introduce For The Purposes Of The Hearing Number Two?

Commissioners, As You Know, Public Hearing Number Two Was Just Continued. It Will Be The One That Will Be Coming Back At The First Meeting In June.

Frank Mann: We Deferred Item 12. We Have Yet To Continue -- I'm Going To Take A Moment. I'll Let You Introduce Its Public Comment.

It's The Public Hearing For Adoption Of The Solid Waste Collection Disposal Program Special Assessment And Fees For 2016-2017. We Are Requesting That Be Continued Until June 7th. We Will Readvertise And Bring That Forward At That Time.

Frank Mann: Are There Members Of The Public That Would Like To Be Heard On This? Hearing None, I Would Accept A Motion Back At The Board To Defer This Until June 7th.

Cecil Pendergrass: Motion To Postpone.

Frank Mann: Motion By Manning. Second By Pendergrass. Hearing No Objection, It Passes. The Last Public Hearing, Is That Tonight? Or Do We Have One More Here.

Brian Hamman: One More.

Frank Mann: Counsellor.

Michael Jacob, Assistant County Attorney. This Is The Public Hearing To Consider Adoption Of A Resolution With The 2020 Conservation 2020 Referendum Language. The Resolution Also Provides Direction To Put It On The 2016 Ballot.

Frank Mann: Council, I Have One Card From One Member Of The Public That Would Like To Speak To This. Mr. Caroso.

Good Morning. It's Mary Coroso With The Conservancy Of Southwest Florida. We've Been Following The Process For The Draft Referendum Language, And We're Very Committed To Supporting The Passage Of This Referendum. As We Spoke About In April There Were Two Essential Elements That We Felt Needed To Be Reflected In The Referendum Language, And Those Elements Were Mentioning Continuing The Program In The First One And Mentioning The Ordinance, Specifically Referencing The Ordinance In The Last Line. The Language That We Have Before Us Today That Those -- Both Of Those Elements Are Reflected, And The Reason We Feel That Those Are Important Is That Continuing Highlights The Fact That This Is An Existing Land Acquisition And Management Program And Not A New Program. The Reference Ordinance Gives Those Of Us Involved In The Education And Outreach Campaign The Ability To Talk About The Different Provisions And The Ordinance, Including, For Example, The Funding Mechanism, And To Cover In Detail Topics Which Can't Really Be Captured In 75 Words Or Less. So The Conservancy Has -- This Is A Very Critical Program For Lee County In Balancing Continued Growth With Environmental Establishability, Protecting Our Water Resources, Wildlife, Habitat, And Providing Recreation For Lee County Citizens And Visitors. Since We Have A Very Short Time Frame Between Now And November, We Would Support Moving Forward With This Resolution Today. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mrs. Caroso, And Thank You To Your Organization For All The Hundreds Of Hours That You All Participate In All Discussions For 2020 As This Whole Saga Has Proceeded. Are There Others Of The Public That Would Like To Speak On This Public Hearing Item? Seeing None, Back To The Board. Asking For A Motion.

Frank Mann: Motion To Approve, Mr. Chairman.

Second.

John Manning: Motion By Manning. Second By Hamman. Further Discussion? Objection? Show It Adopted. And Our Public Hearing, The Next One Will Meet Shortly After 5:00 This Afternoon.

Cecil Pendergrass: Yes, Sir. In These Chambers.

Frank Mann: See You Then, And There We Are Now At Appointments. Commissioner Manning.

John Manning: I Have A Reappointment Of Cathleen Wicker To The Parks And Recreation Services Committee.

Frank Mann: Okay. Second By Commissioner Pendergrass. Discussion. Objection. Show It Adopted. Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Have Two Reappointments. Bob Rifel And Virginia Jenson Of -- Improvement.

Frank Mann: Motion By Pendergrass. Second By Manning. Is There Discussion, Objection? Show It Adopted.

Brian Hamman: I Have One Appointment. Gloria Tate Had To Resign From The Class Act Committee. We'll Definitely Miss Her On That Committee. Albert Griffith From Cape Coral Is The Person I Would Like To Appoint.

Frank Mann: Second By Commissioner Manning. Show It Adopted. Is That It? Commissioner Kiker.

Larry Kiker: I Have None.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Items?

Cecil Pendergrass: We Were Talking About The Rpc Meeting. I Believe You're Going To Be At The Rpc Meeting This Week, And Just Want The Board To Be Aware On The Agenda One Of The Items Is I-11 Or 11-I. It Talks About The Agreement, And There's Some Policy, I Think, Some -- By Certain Council People To Increase Our Fee That We Pay To Rpc From A .30 Capital To The Fund Rpc And Some Studies Prefer Not Pay For That. I Think The County Manager's Office And County Attorney Will Be Coming To The Meeting Too, And Hopefully They'll Be In Attendance To Speak Up On That. I Just Can't See Why We Should Be Paying More For The Services That We Don't Use Of The Counsel And The Change Of The Councilmembers There From Other Cities. They're Not -- They're Not Really Worried About The Original Venture Of Rpc. They're Worried More About Global Warming. It's Going In A Different Direction. From A Fiscal Standpoint As A Conservative How Much More Are We Going To Be Paying For The Services?

Brian Hamman: Thanks For Bringing That Up, Commissioner Pendergrass. That's The Sad Thing That Happens In Government A Lot. You Get A Little Government Agency That Gets Built, And When Its Purpose Has Been Serbed, No One Wants To Let It Die. They Find

Some Way To Just Keep It Going And Going And Going. I Appreciate You Speaking For The Commission On That.

Frank Mann: That It?

Cecil Pendergrass: I Was Making Sure That On Consensus When We Talked About This Six Months Ago That We Did Not Support An Increase Of The Fees That We Pay. Make Sure It's Consistent. This May Change Their View On That.

Frank Mann: Haven't Heard The Discussion At The Rpc Or What The Justification May Be, What Interaction Is Going To Be Between Our Relationship With Us And Our Cities That Are Here And How That Works And What's Expected. I Just Want To Hear What Has Got To Be Said Essentially, Yeah. I'm With You. I, Too, Worry About The Mission Of The Rpc And As It Lingered And Strayed From -- I'll Be Watching That Closely.

At Some Point In Time I Know That, Commissioner Pendergrass, You Mentioned This Before, And We Did It With The Regional Planning Council, If You Will, That -- We Have, What, Seven Or Eight Counties That Are Represented In Our Summit, And There Is A Conversation We Talk About Whether Or Not They Would Like To Discuss Whether Or Not Rpc Should Even Exist At This Point In Time. I Know That You Mentioned That One Time. I Don't Know If We Need To Have That Discussion When It's Appropriate. I Think We Might Want To Consider That.

Cecil Pendergrass: Yesterday All The Counties In Rpc Was Consistent By Wanting To Opt Out As Far As The Funding Part Of The Mechanism. We Had Total Support From All The Counties Involved In Rpc. Okay. Thank You.

Frank Mann: I'm Only Going To Say That I Don't Remember Exactly That Way As Far As All The Counties Are On The Opt Out. Some Of The Discussion -- Some Of The Guys Get Pretty Heated As You Talk About How Important It Is And We, By Gosh, Are Going To Be Listened To And That Sort Of Thing. Anyhow, The Rpc Meetings Are Friday? Thursday. Thursday. This Will Be Fully Vetted Again There. Particularly The Part That Has To Do With What We Are Obligated To Pay For Cities. Stand By For The Next --

Larry Kiker: I'm Assuming That You Are Going To Discuss What The Mission Is At Some Point In Time? I Mean, That Is How --

Cecil Pendergrass: They've Been Doing That, And It's A Very Broad Spectrum Of What Their Goals Are And How They Measure Their Goals.

Frank Mann: It Does Seem To Be Ongoing, Commissioner Kiker, As To The Mission. We Are Established, As You Know, By The Legislature. The Legislature Opted Not To Monkey With Them This Year, Like They Have The Last Couple Of Years. We're Status Quo From What It Has Been The Last Year At This Point, But I'm Looking Forward To A Vigorous Conversation Down There.

Brian Hamman: I Have No Items.

Frank Mann: Okay. We're Done.

Just A Couple Of Quick Items This Morning. First, Just Want To Report Your Instructions At The Last Board Meeting. We Have Met With The Babcock Staff To Begin Discussions Around The Motion To Create Some Deal Points And Ultimately Come Back To The Board In A Workshop Setting. We've Had Some Of Those Discussions, And The Ball Is Right Now In Court, And The Developer's Court To Come Back With Some Sort Of Document For Us To Take A Look At, So We're -- We Fulfilled The First Part Of Your Instructions, And Not Sure About The Timing For Workshop Just Yet. I Think There's -- We Don't Have Enough Information To Do That. We'll Report Back To You As Quickly As We Have More Information. If There's Any Questions -- Just Keep Going? Good. Okay. Wanted To Just Give You A Quick Budget Update. As You'll Recall, People Will Recall During The Closing Days Of The Budget Approval Process Last Year, Commissioner Manning Raised The Issue Of A Mill Rate Reduction, And All Of You Wholeheartedly Agreed, And I Have Heard From You From Time To Time In Our Individual Conversations About The Importance Of The Reduced New Millage Rate For The Next Budget Cycle, And We Have Taken That Very Seriously. The Process That We Have Used Internally Is For All Of The Departments, Major Departments, They Have Been Required To Make A Presentation To The Senior Management Team, Which Is Mostly The Folks That You See At The Table Here. By Tapping The Collective Wisdom And Experience Of This Group In Helping The Departments Better Understand Their Own Budgets And Where They Sit Within The Larger Organization Themselves, We Right Now Have A Draft Budget On The County Commission Side. All Of The Departments That The Board Is Responsible For With The General Fund Budget That Will Be Something Less Than 2% Increase Over The Current Year As Without Regard For Pay Raises For Employees That You May Consider As We Get A Little Farther Into The Process As, You Know, We Will Remember. We Usually Don't Take That Up Until We Get Towards The End Of The Budget Process. Let's Make Sure We've Got The Money To Pay All Of Our Bills, And We Were Able To Take On The Projects, Both Operationally And Capital Projects That The Board Instructs Us To Take Up. We Also Have The Majority Of The Constitutional Offices And Courts. Their Budgets Are In. We Still Have -- Are In Discussions With Two Of The Constitutionals. One Would Be The Supervisor Relation And The Sheriff's Office Where We Still -- We Still Need More Information. There Are Increases There That We Don't Quite Understand Yet. We Need More Data Before We Will Be In A Position To Make Recommendation To You. That's When We Get To Our First Workshop. What We Would Like To Do With Your Permission Is Invite Both The Supervisor And The Sheriff To A Meeting With The Senior Team And Attempt To Do A Budget Review With Them Similar To What We Do With The Departments, And I Know That's Unusual. It's Something That The -- We Have Not Done With Constitutionals In The Past, But It Sure Seems To Be Effective In Getting The Right Questions Asked And Gathering The Right Data So That We Can Make A Good Solid Recommendation To You. If There Are No Objections, That's What I Would

Intend To Do So That We Can Keep Moving With The Process, And Hopefully Like The Last Several Years Have This Budget Pretty Much Put To Bed By The Time You Go On Your Summer Break In July.

Frank Mann: Sounds Like A Plan. Everybody Okay With That? Okay. Good. Very Good. You Have Our Go Ahead.

Okay. Thank You, Mr. Chair.

Frank Mann: Honorable Counsel.

Board Members, Two Quick Items Today. First, Just To Bring Your Attention. You Might Recall The Kimberly Regenesis Land Use Matter That Was Heard By The Board And Then We Went Through The 70-51 Proceeding. They Decided To Challenge This Board's Decision, So Our Office Will Be Handling That. Just Want To Give You That Brief Update. On A Brighter Note, With The Advent Of The Summer And Law School Being In Recess, We Have Secured The Services Of Two Interns That Will Be With Us During The Summer. I Would Like To Introduce To You Ms. Jessica Rodriguez. She Attends That Law School To The North In The State Capitol. I Can't Remember Its Name.

Frank Mann: Fsu.

And Nicolas --

Is That The School That My Oldest Daughter And My Son-In-Law Graduated From? And My Wife.

It Might Be.

Richard, Would That Be Florida State? Just Checking. That School To The North. And Then Also --

We Have A Little Plaque. You Can Refer To It When You Need It.

Mr. Nicolas Berego Who Attends The University Of Florida. With That Just Showing Diversity That We Have One From Each School. Did You See Them Out And About, That's What They're Doing. They're Serving Under Michael's Tutelage, And Hopefully He Will Not Burn Them Out From The Study Of Law By The Time They Return To Law School.

Good Luck To Both Of You Under Michael's Tutelage.

Nothing Further.

Frank Mann: Good To Have You, Ladies And Gentlemen.

Cecil Pendergrass: You Don't Have To Worry About Any Conflict.

We Have Nothing Further, Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: Good. We Are At The Point Where -- I'm Sorry.

If I May --

John Manning: Someone Might Have Mentioned This, But I Think It Is Worth You, Our Chairman, And Myself Will Be Accompanying Staff This Monday Going To Washington D.C. On Behalf Of The Board Of County To -- We Pass This Today That We're Going To Be Talking About Water Quality, Fema Insurance, And Mapping And Transportation. Those Are The Four Subject That Is We're Going To Be Talking About In Washington. We Leave Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Glen Sawyer And Rohland Will Be Along With Us. Wish Us Luck. That's It.

Frank Mann: Thank You For Bringing That Up, Commissioner Kiker. I Had Intended To Suggest If Anybody Has Any Other Item That They Would Like For Your Two Delegates To Speak To While We're Up There, Let Us Have That In Writing. Hopefully This Week Since We -- When Do We Leave? Monday? Monday. Wish Us Well.

Larry Kiker: Plane Leaves At 2:00 In The Morning.

Frank Mann: 2:00 In The Morning. Nothing On The Tv Lately Except Bad Flights From Place To Place. I'm Not Really Looking Forward To This One. Okay. Now We're On -- Members Of The Public, Roger, I'm Seeing A Stack Of Cards On Your Corner. Something Else? Members Of The Public, You Want To Come Forward. Mr. Edwards, Would You Like To Start? Are Y'all Here Not Just To Enjoy Good Government, Or Do You Want To Speak To Chickens? Others In The Lehigh Crowd That I Recognize From Last Night Have Any Comments You Would Like To Offer Up? Well, Since We've Got This Time Agenda, Let Me Just Simply Say That There Was A -- Y'all Have Listened To Discussions By The Media This Last Couple Of Weeks On Chickens And Mr. Edwards Was Here At Our Last Meeting To Talk About His Difficulty With Having Bought Chickens And Found Out He Couldn't Have Them And Had To Get Rid Of Them. There Was A Group That Approached The Community Council In Lehigh Last Night. 30, 40 People That Were Supportive Of Making Some Exception To The County Ordinance That Doesn't Allow Chickens In Residential Areas. This Issue Is Before Us Three Or Four Years Ago. The Commission That Didn't See Fit To Take Any Action At That Time. These Folks Are Going To Be Doing A Little More Study. They've Got A Little Partnership And A Committee From The Citizens And The Council. They're Going To Look At Bonita's Ordinance, Fort Myers Ordinance, And Some Others And See If There's Something They Can Agree On, And Then If They Can't, The Council Might Recommend It Back For Our Consideration, And That's Where This Stands At This Point. I Do All Right In Describing That? Thank You For Being Here This Morning. Roger, Work Session Update?

Thank You, Mr. Chair. This Afternoon We Have A Couple Of -- One Very Quickly Is The Hurricane Response And Responsibilities. We Haven't Done That In A Couple Of Years, And

Each Of Us Have A Role To Play During A Disaster And Including The Board Of County Commissioners. We Just Want To Review That With You Very Quickly. We Haven't Done It For A While. Seems Like The Right Thing To Do This Time Of Year. Secondly, A Review Of The Unincorporated Lstu Fund And The Status, As You'll Recall. We've Been Working With A Deficit The Last Few Years. The Picture Continues To Improve. We Like To Share That Information With You Today. If You Have Other Instructions Or Other Information You Would Like To Have As We Get Deeper Into The Budget Cycle, You'll Have The Information Sooner Rather Than Later. Thank You, Mr. Chair.

Frank Mann: Well, We'll Then See Everybody At The Workshop, And Then We Will Reconvene Here Shortly After 5:00.

You're Talking About The Meeting. I Had Some Friends And Family There. Public Supportive Of The Chickens Or --

Frank Mann: There Was Virtually No Opposition To Having Chickens. The Whole Entire Group Was In Favor Of It. I Sat There The Entire Meeting, But The One Heated Was Well Organized. The Council Was Well Behaved. The Public Was Well Behaved. Thank You. We'll Reconvene At 5:00.