

November 1, 2016

Frank: Ladies And Gentlemen, The Hour Is Upon Us. We'll Begin Our Deliberations With An Invocation With Rabbi Marc Sack. We Were Trying To Remember If He's Been Here Twice Before Or Three Times Before. You Will Stand Please And Remain Standing For The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Master Of The Universe, Please Help Us Live With Our Eyes Wide Open To See The Struggle And Strength Of The People Around Us. Help Us Live With Our Ears Open To Hear The Words Of Others Speaking. Help Us Live With Our Hearts Open To Consider Ideas And Beliefs Different From Our Own. Help Us With Our Minds Open So That Even When We Disagree, We Can Remember That We Are All Here To Build A Community Of Peace And Prosperity For Everyone. We Ask For Your Blessings For Our County Commissioners That They Have Wisdom And Insight To Reach Decisions That Will Benefit The Greatest Number Of People. We're Grateful For The Blessings Of Freedom And Opportunity This Great Country Gives Us Every Day. Amen.

Frank: Thank You. (Pledge Of Allegiance) Thank You And Be Seated. Let Me Mention For The Record, That Commissioner Pendergrass Is Doing Double Duty This Morning, Serving As Our Designated Appointee To The Election Canvassing Board And The Week Before The Election, They Have Plenty To Keep Themselves Busy And He's Making Sure They Do It Right. That's Where He Is This Morning. We Have Some Happy Ceremony Presentations This Morning, Beginning Commissioner Hamman I Believe With You.

Brian: Let's Have The President And Vice President Of The 4-H. And Do Have You Other Folks? Why Don't You File In Behind Them And I'll Read The Ceremony Proclamation.

Frank: All You Guys Stand In The Middle And Show This Great --

Brian: Stand Right Behind Her. Okay. After I'm Done Reading This, We'll Jump Up Here And Take A Picture And Then I'll Let You Guys Say A Few Words. How Does That Sound? We're Getting The Groove Up Here. Glad To See Everybody Here Today. The Resolution, Whereas 4-H Is A Community Of Young People Across America Learning Leadership And Life Skills And Where The County Program For Ages 5-18 And Served Young People In Our State Since 1909 And Whereas The 4-H Program Has Molded Itself To Focus On Rural, Urban Youth. Young People Through The Program Have Volunteer Mentors And Faculty And Staff Whereas 4-H Provides Lee County Youth The Opportunity To Provide Relationships, Attitudes And Competency To Assist Them In Making Good Choices In Their Lives To Meet The Challenges Of Becoming Productive Citizens. There For Be It Resolved That The Lee County Commissioners Of Lee County Florida Proclaim The Week Of November 7th As 4-H Week In Lee County. Congratulations You All (Applause) Let's Get A Picture.

Frank: Everybody Come Up Here And Let's Get Our Picture Took.

Brian: And Then We'll Have The President And Vice President Say A Few Words After The Picture.

Frank: Any Mommies With Cameras, Come Do Your Thing.

Brian: You May Return Back To Your Seats, Except For The Couple Who Are Going To Speak For Us. All Right. Who Is Going To Start Off? Go For It. Introduce Yourself.

I'm Lane Stettler. A Family Friend Of Mine Encouraged My Mom To Sign Me Up At The Age Of Six As I Was Interested In The Stories I Have Heard From Families. As A Result, I Have Grown Up In 4-H. In My First Two Years I Took Care Of A Rabbit With Hopes Of Showing It In The Fair. The First Year It Was Too Large For Me To Hold And I Had To Borrow One From A Friend. The Second Year I Had To Put My Rabbit Down Due To A Broken Leg. When I Thought There Was Nothing Left To Do, I Found Other Opportunities, Photography, Finances And Fishing, Each Project Book Has Given Me The Opportunity To Learn Hands On Completing Activities. 4-H Has Given Me The Chance To Meet Some Of The Most Amazing People. It Has Improved My Public Speaking Greatly And I Have Participated In County Events Where 4-H Members Compete By Demonstration And Over The Years I Have Completed In County Events And Moved Along To District Events. At Each Competition I Received Feedback And Worked To Improve My Public Speaking Skills For The Next One. Once A Senior In 4-H I Was Able To Go To Competition At The University Of Florida. Seeing The Best In The City Compete Was Very Beneficial To Me. 4-H Has Given Me So Many Opportunities And Experiences Many Other Children Don't Have. I Have Spent Weeks At College Campuses In Florida In Legislation And Business. Community Service Is Very Important To Me. I Have Seen The Importance Of Giving Back To The Community Through 4-H And What A Difference It Can Make. From A Stuffed Animal Drive To Help Children And Packing Foods For Meals Of Hope And Escorting Children Around The Fair. It All Makes A Difference. 4-H Has Changed How My Life Works, I Want To Thank The County Commissioners For Funding 4-H. (Applause)

Very Nice. Thank You.

Good Morning. I'm Megan Mahoney, This Is My 9th Year In 4-H. I Am 16 Years-Old And A Junior At North Fort Myers High School. 4-H Has Been Such A Big Part Of My Life. In My First Two Years, All I Thought It Was Attending Monthly Meeting And Showing My Horses And Chickens At The Annual Fair And Doing Service Here And There. I Have Heard About Team Leadership But Never Had The Drive To Go. My Mom Said You're Going To Team Leadership A Couple Years Ago And It Opened My Eyes To Everything I Could Be Doing. From Then To Now I Have Been Getting Involved In Every Opportunity I Can. Today I Am Secretary Of My Club, Southern Pride, Lee County President, District 12 Reporter And Member Of The State Executive Board. I'm Doing More Today Than I Could Have Imagined I Would Be Doing Nine Years Ago. In The Past Nine Years I Have Been Changed From A Follower To A Leader. I Am Now Teaching And Helping Younger 4-Hers That I Used To Be, Planning County, Club, District And State Events And Putting

My Time To Where It's Needed. I Have Learned Proper Animal And Work Ethics, Responsibility, Time Management And The Ability To Speak In Front Of All Of You. 4-H Has Given Me A Family Of Friends Across The State And Memories I Will Never Forget. Without 4-H There Would Be No Way I Could Possibly Be Standing In Front Of You And Up Here Talking Today. Without It, I Would Not Have Been Able To Make The Memories For The Rest Of My Life And My Life Would Be Totally Different. With That Being Said, Thank You For The Funding You Continue To Provide For Lee County 4-H. Without Your Funding 4-H Would Not Exist. You Have Made A Difference In My Life And Other Youths As Well. Thank You Again For Your Support. (Applause)

Thank You For Your Words. You Guys Have Gifts? This Is Great. Thank You.

Frank: I Look Forward To This Part Every Year.

Brian: Thank You For Coming Down Today. Mr. Chairman, Back To You.

Frank: This Is Always A Special Event With You, We're So Proud Of You. Thank You For Coming Out And Being With Us This Morning. We Have A Serious One Now Mr. Manning.

John: Thank You. If I Could Ask The Board Members To Come Up. I'll Read The Resolution And Then We'll Take A Photograph. Good Morning.

Good Morning.

John: This Recognizes Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Month In Lee County, Whereas There Is An Estimated 2300 Homeless In Lee County And Whereas The Primary Cause Of Homelessness Is Poverty And Lack Of Housing That Is Affordable To Very Low Income People, Further Complicated By Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse And Mental Illness, Whereas The Commission Of The Lee County Homeless Coalition Is To Advocate, Educate And Promote Awareness Of Issues And Obstacles Facing Homeless Individuals Through Community Collaboration And Implementing Solutions And Whereas The Month Of November Is Designated As Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Month To Educate The Public And Bring Awareness To The Needs Of The Homeless And Where The Lee County Homeless Coalition Will Sponsor Several Events To Promote Awareness In The Community And Support For Homeless Assistance, Service Providers And Whereas The Lee County Homeless Coalition Will Sponsor The Homeless Challenge Walk A Mile In Your Shoes As An Education Program Providing Awareness To Those Who Participate. The Challenge Will Take Place November 12th. During The Event, Participants Will Become Familiar With The Social Services Networks, Methods Of Every Day Survival For Those Who Live On The Streets. This Challenge Will Provide An Experience That Has The Power To Effect Change. The Lee County Board Of Commissioners Declares The Month Of November Homelessness And Hunger In Lee County And Encourages All Citizens To Recognize That Many People Do Not Have Housing And Need Support From Citizens In Private And Public And Non Public Services. Signed By Our Honorable Chairman, Frank Mann. Congratulations.

Frank: Thank You Guys For What You Do In This Important Mission And Now Get Your Picture Taken. That May Be All The Compensation You Get. Good To See You. Thank You Guys.

Short People In The Front.

Frank: That Will Work. Now We Don't Have To Worry About Status. Any Mothers In The Crowd Who Want To Take A Picture? (Laughter) One Of You Is The Designated Spokesperson? Two Of Us. Girls Don't Sit Down. I Didn't Mean To Say Girls, I'll Get In Trouble For That. Stay With Us While They Speak.

Good Morning. I'm Janet, The Executive Director Of The Lee County Home Of Coalition. I Want To Thank You For Taking Time This Morning To Present Us With The Proclamation And For Recognizing That Homelessness Is A Very Serious Issue That Needs To Be Resolved. I'd Like To Thank You For Your Continued Support Throughout The Years, For Your Funding, And I Look Forward To Seeing Those Of You Who Will Be Coming To Our 12th Annual Dinner And Silent Auction This Saturday. Also Invite You To Participate In The Homeless Challenge. It's A Great Opportunity To Learn About The Provider Agencies In Our Community. And We're Also Having An Event November 17th, We're Showing A Screening Of The Film "Tiny The Life Of Aaron Blackwell" And Then Have Community Discussion Regarding Homelessness. Thank You For Your Support. We Appreciate It.

Frank: Thank You. And You Have Another Spokesperson.

Good Morning. I'm Sharon, The Vice Chair Of The Coalition. And On Behalf Of The Board I Want To Thank The County Commissioners For Proclaiming November 2016 Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Month. Our County Commissioners Are Representatives Of This Community And We Thank You For That. (Applause)

Frank: Thank You Commissioner Manning. I Need One Item Omitted On The Recap -- I Do Have One More. We're Not Used To Receiving. Via. Mike Is Still Back There. He Retired Three Years Ago And There He Is. Let's Get Your Gang Up Here Around You. Who's Your Spokesperson? Go For It.

Bob Bassett. I'm A Little Hesitate To Follow The Two Young Folks Who Spoke Earlier. They Were Great And Gave You Gifts. I Don't Know. Good Morning Again. On Behalf Of Builders Care We Would Like To Acknowledge The Partnership And Support Of The Lee County Commissioners And The County Development Department In Helping Homeowners In Need With Emergency Home Repairs. Recently Builders Care Achieved A Milestone. Providing More Than \$4 Million In Construction Services At No Cost To Deserving Homeowners In Lee County. Services Included Wheelchair Ramps, Handicap Accessible Bathroom, New Roofs, Electrical Repairs, Air Conditioning And More. Throughout Our Partnership, Builders Care Has Worked Closely With All Departments In Community Development. And We Would Like To Recognize The Staff In Planning, Building, Permitting, Inspections And Code Enforcement. They Have All Played An Integral Part In Helping Local Citizens In Need. A Special Thank You To The Lee County Board Of Commissioners For Taking The Initiative To Partner With Nonprofit's To Help With Emergency

Home Needs. We Look Forward To Continuing The Effective Partnership. We Would Like To Present You With This Plaque Which Reads "In Recognition Of Your Out Standing Contributions And Continued Support Of Lee Builders Care, Helping Provide \$4 Million In Construction Services To Homeowners In Need In Lee County." We Thank You. (Applause)

Frank: We Thank You. Before You Come -- Anybody Else, Please Feel Free To Join Me In This, I Want To Make Sure The Public Understands Who Builders Care Is, It's A Creation Of The Building Industry Association Here In Lee County. You All Been -- I've Been To Three Or Four Of The Projects Where We Were Doing The Building And Hammering. They Find Handicapped And People In Need That Cannot Fix The Parts Of Their Houses That Are Literally Falling Down Around Them And Without Cost, They Go In And Fix Them Up And Do A Great Job And Now You Have Hit \$4 Million. Our Hats, Collectively Off To You. One More Big Hand. (Applause) Mike, You Have To Get Up Here And Work The Crowd Here. Welcome Back Buddy.

Frank: Very Young Mother. And There's Grandpa Down There. Thank You Guys So Much. We're Deeply Grateful. (Applause) We Know You'll Keep Up The Great Work. Now, Can I Do The Recap?

Yes, Sir.

Frank: I Keep This Young Bright Fellow Beside Me To Keep Me On The Straight And Narrow. Item 26, We Need A Motion To Omit This Item.

Motion.

Second.

Frank: Adopted Without Objection. But With This One Comment, I Am Here By Nominating, I'm Sure There Won't Be Objection, Doug Muer For The Diplomat Award Of The Year To Pull This Item And Get Rid Of It. (Applause) Randy Played No Small Role In This Either And A Lot Of Other Staffers, Thank You Guys So Much. No Corrections. Items To Be Pulled, At Least Item 6 And 12. Mr. Manning?

John: None.

Larry: None.

Frank: Just A Quick Explanation By The Staff On Item 13. I Will Pull That One. Members Of The Public Wishing To Speak, I Have Two Cards. Tom Grant, Let's -- Well, Let's Take Up Item 6 Right Now. That Would Be Tom Grant Here To Speak On That. Tom? And We've Got Jessica Rehat Speaking On The Item Too, Item 12. Tom, Welcome. Introduce Yourself Officially, Your Title And All.

Good Morning Mr. Chairman. I'm The Regional Director Here In The Southwest Region For The Florida Wild Life Commission. I Appreciate Your Efforts Working On Us With This Important

Conservation Initiative And We Look Forward To Meeting With Staff And Helping Out And Answering Questions Any Way We Can Moving Forward.

Frank: Thank You For Coming Down From Lakeland. Did You Take The Red Eye Special?

I Took 75 South. I Don't Recommend That.

Frank: Our Staff Will Be Telling You What The Hopes Are To Resolve This Whole Thing. We Hope You Can Stay After The Meeting For A Little Meeting Of Staff On Staff.

Absolutely.

Frank: Appreciate It.

Thank You.

Frank: Jessica Rehat?

Hi. Good Morning. On Behalf Of The Conservancy. When We Examined The Available Data From The District Reports Over Multiple Years, It Is Easy To See Why These Areas Were Selected For The Proposal. Continue Over Years, The Six Areas Make Up A Big Proportion Of Bird Nesting Activities. There Are Other Islands That Are Also Important To Conservation, However, Of The Approximately 150 Islands Considered, There's The Strongest Scientific Support For These Islands To Be Designated. This Leaves The Remainder Of The Area Available To Access For Those Who Use The Island For Recreation. It Will Help Reduce Human Disturbances, Minimize Flushing Of The Birds. This Is One Tool To Help Relieve Disturbance For The Birds So They Can Breed And Forage. People Travel Far And Wide To See Our Wild Life Here In Southwest Florida And Many Of The Places Designated Are Considered To Be State. They Are The Central Part Of The Management Plan For The Species. Given A Conversation Today Between The County And State And Public Comment On Both Sides Of The Issue, We're Confident Fwc Will Continue To Work With You And How To Redesignate In The Future. We Do Want To Express Concerns For The Last Sentence Of The Draft Proposed Letter. It Seems To Outright The Cwa And On The Discussion At The October Work Session. We Respectfully Request You Continue To Work Through Staff Meetings And Not Send The Proposed Letter As Drafted. Thank You For Considering Our Comments.

Frank: Brad, You Know The Drill. You Should Sit Closer To The Front.

Mr. Chair And Commissioners, I'm Brad Cornell. I Appreciate The Opportunity To Address You. I Just Want To Encourage You In The Robust Discussion You're Going To Have With -- Your Staff Is Going To Have With The Wild Life Commission. This Is Vital For The Recovery Of Species. I'm Looking At The Data For Pine Island Sound, We Have 281 Coastal Water Bird Nests On Hemp Key, 208 On Broken Island. Likewise For The Three In Sterile Bay, These Are Essential. That's A Very Busy Place With Boats, A Lot Of Folks Rent Boats And Love It And Love The Birds But Don't Realize It's A Hazard To Them To Get Too Close. I Think This Is Reasonable And Something Fishermen, Boaters And The Public Can Live With. I Hope You Embrace The Strategy As Your Staff

Comes Up With A Consensus Moving Forward And Thank You For Your Earnest And Honest Work With Swc And On Behalf Of The Species.

Frank: Other Members Of The Public Who Want To Speak To The Issue? Seeing None, Let Me Say, We Were Going To Be Sending A Letter To The Wild Life Commission Expressing Our Concern About Certain Components Of The Cwa Proposal. News Travels Fast Around This State. I Received A Call Late Last Week From The Former Chairman Of The Fish And Wild Life Commission, Dick Corbett Who I Have Known Back 30 Years Ago, He Serves As The Chairman Of The Fish And Wild Life Foundation, Expressing His Concern And Hope We Could Work With Them In Making Something Good Happen Here With The Designation Of Cwa And Then A Follow Up From The Present Chairman Of The Fish And Wild Life Commission, We Had A Very Pleasant Chat, And During Which Time I Found Out After The Two Conversations That What We Have Here Is A Lack Of Communication, A Failure To Communicate I Believe Is The Way It's Put. And We've Kind Of Come Up With A Way To Move Forward Without Sending Letters That Misunderstand Some Of The Points Each Side Is Making. One Other Thing, I Invited Mr. Odlenie And His Top Staff To Come Inform Me Of Their Top Concerns And I Heard And They Make Sense And I Don't Think The Game And Fish Folks Really Understand Some Of The Concerns. We Have Mr. Yablonski On The Phone, Is It Possible To Get Their Staff People In The Same Room Before Taking Action In Tallahassee. And See If We Could Resolve Any Misunderstandings On This, To Be Partners Instead Of Combatants. He Was Good To Go On That. Roger, Where Do You See Us Headed Now?

Thank You. This Afternoon, The Staff Resource Will Meet With The Staff To Discuss For Lack Of A Better Way To Describe Difference Of Opinion And Hope To Come Top An Understanding Of Which Of The Islands May Be Really Good Candidates For The Program. And We Should -- I Would Expect It Should Take But One Meeting To Get It Squared Away.

Frank: So, With That, I'm Asking For Consensus By The Board To Allow The Meeting To Go Forward, Does Anybody Have Trouble With That? Let It Be Written, Let It Be Done And Thank You For Being Here. Will You Be Able To Stay For The Get Together I Hope? Thank You Very Much. And Thank You, The People Who Have Called And Written And Participated In This. Now, I'd Like To Take Up Item 6 And Just Get It Out Of The Way. Can I Do That Councillor? Item Six Requires Us To Convene As A Legislative Corporation For Lee County. We Are So Structured At This Point, Councillor, You Want To Announce The Item?

Item Six Is The Annual Requirement For The Board To Convene In The Lee Government Leasing Corporation For The Sole And Exclusive Purpose Of Approving The Filing Of The Tax Return And Related Documents To The Corporation.

I Move Item 6.

I Second But With Public Hearing As Well.

Frank: Would Members Of The Public Like To Speak On This Exciting Motion? Gosh, No One. Is There Objection To It? Adopted Without Objection. Now, I Asked For Item 13. Can You Give Us A Quick -- I'm Sorry We Are Reconvening To Talk About Other Things. Roger, You Want This Or Glen? Explain Number 13.

Glen?

Mr. Chair, Commissioners, If The Contract Were Modified Under This Proposal We Would Task Sarah Blakely As Acting On The Day-To-Day Lead On All Issues Affecting The County In Tallahassee. Former House Speakers Who Are Stepping In On Senator Saunders Behalf For Gray Robinson Would Be Asked To Utilize Their Contacts To Advocate On Behalf Of The County's Highest Priorities. That's Essentially How We See This Working.

Frank: So Miss Blakely Would Become The Lead. Somebody Has To Coordinate What We're Doing In Tallahassee, That Would Fall On Her. That's All The Justification For The Change In Compensation On Her Contract.

Yes, Sir. The Committee Meetings, Day-To-Day, Etc Cetera, Yes.

I Will Move Item Number 13.

Second.

Frank: Seconded For The Discussion. Is There Objection?

Public Input.

Frank: I Have Two Coaches And I Need Them Both? The Public? No. Show Adopted Without Objection. Thank You As Well. Now That Takes Care -- I Need A Motion To Approve A Balance.

Move Second.

Frank: Move Kiker, Second Manning. Show Adopted Without Objection. Can I Do Public Hearings? How We Doing?

Yes, We're Ready To Proceed To The First Public Hearing If The Board Is So Inclined.

Frank: So Inclined.

Assistant County Attorney, I Have Your First Item For Your 9:30 Agenda, To Vacate The Affidavit Of Publication, I Have Reviewed It Is Legally Sufficient With Respect To Form And Content And Enter It Into The Record Providing It To The Clerk. Before You Take Action On This, I Need To Ask The Board To Respectively Consider Continuing This Public Hearing To Tuesday November 15th At 9:30 A.M. Or Soon After As May Be Heard, Again In These Chambers And The Reason For Doing So, There's Requirement To Vacate, The Property Taxes Have To Be Fully Paid And Current. Taxes Became Due This Morning, November 1st. The Amounts Are Not Yet Available. The

Additional Time Will Allow The Petitioner To Get The Amount From The Tax Collector And Pay It And Provide Proof And Claim And Then Take It Up Again On The 15th. The Request Is For The Board To Open The Hearing And Continue It To 9:30 On The 14th.

I'll Move To Accept It.

Frank: I Am Not Going To Accept It Until The Public Can Speak. Amen. Now To Move. I Have A Second For The Continuation To November 15th. Great Work Councillor, Objections, Discussions, Show Adopted Without Objection. I'm A Slow Learner But Getting There. Councillor Hearing Number Two.

The Accounting Office. I Reviewed The Affidavit Of Publication, Sufficient. This Matter Will Be What We're Going To Need From You Today, A Motion To Move The Item For A Second Hearing On November 15th At 9:30. However, Before You Do That, There Are Minor Changes That The Developer Is Requesting In This Case. We'll Go Over The Minor Changes, So We'll Need A Mowing And Then Need That Motion To Include A Corporation Of The Minor Changes And Agreement.

Frank: You And Mr. Sharp Discussed This --

Yes. And They Are Minor Changes And County Office Is In Agreement.

Frank: Can You Put Them On The Record Or Need Mr. Shop To Do It. Come Forward And Earn It While Your Meter Is Running. Yes.

Thank You. It Makes It Easier To Justify My Bill.

Frank: Yes, Yes.

For Your Record, Russel Shop, Representing The Developer And Parties To This Development Agreement. This Is The Companion Document Tracking With Zoning And The Changes Hearing In The Next Couple Of Months And Has To Deal With The Position Of The Prepaid Transportation Mitigation That Was Paid For The Project Back In 2005. It Will Result In The Issuance Of Impacting The Credits For The Previously Made Payments Made By The Developers. There Are Three Relatively Minor Changes I'll Read Into The Record And Ask They Be Forwarded Along For The Second Public Hearing. The First Is On Paragraph Five, We Simply Request That This Is The Notice Provision For The Parties And We Simply Requested The Name, Alexander Roads Be Deleted And Go To The General Council Rather Than Mr. Roads. The Second Change, Paragraph 2-B, We Would Can Request That The Credits To Be Issued, The Termination Date Be Identified. They Have A 20 Year Life Under Ordinance, So We Ask It Be Specified As November 15, 2036, For The Credits. The Last Change, I Don't Have A Specific For You, But It Has To Do With Paragraph 2-A With The Split Of The Impact Fee Credits Between The Two Parties, The Total Amount Of Credits Will Not Change. That Amount Is Set. But The Parties Are Discussing A Possible Reallocation Of The Amount Of Credits As To How Much Goes To Each. And We Should Have That Number For

You Certainly Before The Second Public Hearing. With Those Changes, I Did Review With Staff And County Attorneys Office Beforehand And Believe They're In Agreement. If There Are Questions, I'll Address Them.

Frank: Thank You. Are There Other Members Of The Public Who Want To Participate In The Discussion? Hearing None Back -- Mr. Manning.

John: The Second Public Hearing And As Amended The Paragraphs.

Frank: Second? Commissioner Hamman. Show This Adopted. See You The 15th Of November. Thank You. That Should Take Us To Carry Overs. I Think We Have One. Mr. Roger Desjarlais.

Carry Over Item One, Hire A Construction Manager To Start Pre-Construction Services For Our Trail Dairy Ems Station In Fort Myers.

I Move The Item.

Frank: Seconded By Commissioner Hamman. The Public Care To Be Heard Of This? Apparently Not. Wasn't That Exciting. Further Discussion, Objection Show It, Adopted Without Objection. That Brings Us To Appointments. Mr. Manning, Do You Have Some? I Have None. Commissioners?

I Do Have One. Mr. Chairman, I Would Like To Make A New Appointment Of Jennifer Cowbatch From North Fort Myers To The Affordable Housing Committee.

Second.

Frank: I'm Not Calling For Public Input On This One. Thank You. Objections? Adopted Without Objections. I Was Just Handed A Card Of Wanting To Speak On The Public Hearing Number Two, Which We Just Passed, So I'm Afraid That's Behind Us, But You'll Have An Opportunity Since That Was Moved For A Second Hearing If She Is Listening Somewhere, She Can Come Back And Handle It Then. I'm Sorry I Didn't Get The Card In Time. Commissioner Kiker? Appointments?

Larry: None.

Frank: We Are Moving Along. County Manager Items?

One Quick Item, Based On The Holidays And The Board Meeting Schedule Of Every Other Tuesday, I Wanted To Announce And You'll Receive By E-Mail And We'll Post On The Web, That The January 27th Meetings Will Be The 10th And 24th.

Frank: Councillor?

Nothing. Thank You Sir.

Frank: Public Presentations By Folks On Items Dear To Their Heart. I Have Lea? Robitao. Am I Close?

You Are.

Frank: And This Is The Helper. She Has To Be 21 To Speak. You Can Certify She Is.

I Am.

Go Ahead Leah. She's Prepared A Statement Here.

Hi. My Name Is Leah I Live In Cape Coral And I Want To Speak Because They Are Trying To Have Baby Chickens. Thank You.

Frank: You Are So Welcome. Thank You Very Much For Coming All The Way In This Morning. For Some Of You Who May Not Heard All, She Was An Advocate For Chickens In Your Backyard. Thank You For Being With Us. Teresa Park You're Back. Getting To Be A Regular.

We'll Be A Regular For A While. Mr. Edwards Couldn't Be With Us, He's Setting Up His Farm In Another County For People To Bring Their Chickens If They Get Busted By Authority. I Have Been Here At The Past Six Meetings And Been Talking About The Lee County And It Was Exciting To See Them Here Today. But I Wonder How Many Faces We're Missing, We're Not Allowing Others To Be Part Of The Hen Program. I Wanted To Get Their Curriculum And All That. The Kids That Came Up Here, They Were Poised And Spoke Eloquently And Had Amazing Opportunities For 4-H But One Of The Ways They Can Really Excel Is Find Something They Love. I'm Glad Sarah's Daughter Joined Us, She Has A Heart For Backyard Hens But They Don't Own Agriculture Property. Last Month, The County Attorney Said There's No Way To Create A Variance For A Temporary Part Of Time But Fort Myers And Bonita Springs Has Done It. There's No Way It Can Be Illegal If Other Counties Are Doing It. I Know We Have Some Support From Some Of You, But I Would Like To Have The Opportunity For Six Months Of Time For The Responsible Chicken Owners, But They're Doing It Illegally. Most Of Their Neighbors Don't Know They Have Chickens Because They're Being Responsible With It. I Want Opportunity To Sit Down With Staff And Discuss How To Make It Happen Like Other Counties. It Can't Be Illegal If Other Counties In The State Of Florida Are Doing It Successfully. We're About Leadership, And Education Opportunities, People Not Relying On The System, This Gives Opportunities For Those Things And Also Gives Opportunity To Be Charitable With The Excess. Mr. Edwards, Before He Got Busted With Chickens Was Always Giving Out Eggs. There Are Others Always Giving Out Eggs Doing It Illegally. We Would Like The Opportunity For People To Be Able To Do This Legally. And Not Everybody Is Going To Ask For A Permit. Only People With A Vested Interest And Who Are Going To Be Responsible With This Will Be Asking For Permission. If You Could Just Throw Us A Bone, Throw Us The Ability To Be Able To Put It On The Agenda And Have Public Meetings. There Are People Very Well Versed And You'll Be Amazed At The Diversity Of Students To Seniors Who Want Chickens. Thank You For Your Time.

Frank: Thank You Miss Park For Your Persistence. I Have Two Additional Cards On That Same Subject. Carmen First.

I Come Every Week To Talk About The Chicken. This Is To Do Something Different, The Girls Of The Boys. This Is Our Future. Have To Think About The Future. They're Little Kids, Not Doing Drugs Or Nothing Else. Chickens, Do Something Healthy. You Have To Think About This. You Have To Think About The Future. You Don't Have To Think About The People Working In The Streets, Thinking About Our Future Kids. They Love Animals. There's Nothing Wrong With Having Chickens In Your House. There's Nothing Wrong When You Ask Permission, Permission To Get Chickens Into Our Houses. Please. My Kids Love The Chickens. They Love It. I Have Six Grand Kids And They Come Every Year Because They Know I Have Chickens. They Live In Apartments And Don't Have A Lawn, So When They Come Here, They Enjoy, They Play, They Run With Them. I Talk To My Chicken This Week, I Cry For Them. Because They Want To Be Taken Away From Me. You Crazy? No, I'm Not Crazy, I Love My Chickens Like I Love My Dogs. Please Vote Today.

Frank: Thank You. And Mr. Akeen, Welcome Back.

Good Morning. Where I Grew Up I Had Chicken, Snake, Animals. I'm 65 And God Given Me The Opportunity To Have Chicken. That The Animal I Love. You Never Know. I Handle It. People Get Dogs, That's Okay For Me. They Pay Taxes, They Have The Right To Have Dog Too. I Pay Taxes, Too. I Have The Right To Have Chickens In My Backyard. That's The Way It's Supposed To Be. Sometimes We Have Chicken And We Know The Place To Get The Animal. You Have The Right Way To Do It. My Family Was Walking Last Week In The Morning And We Find Two Dog On The Street. I Say Go Back. You Never Know. Chicken, Walking, No Problem. They're Going To Run Away From You Or Take It To Your Home To See Who It Belong, If Nobody Claim, I Take It. My Grand Children Coming This Week From Texas And The First Thing They Asking To Me, Where Grandpa Are Your Chickens. Back Over There In The Coop, You Want To See It? Yes. I Want To See It. They Are Feeding And Collecting The Eggs. I Don't See Nothing Wrong With That Kind Of Animal. We're Proud Of That Little Girl, She Is Loving Something That Will Be Responsibility In The Future And Feed In The Future. Like A Dog, Snake, Rabbit, Pig, Wonderful, God Bless You For That. God Bless Me With A Chicken. I'm Going To Be 65 Next Month, This Is What I Enjoy. I Hope To Make A Decision About It And Like I Said Before, Modify It A Little Bit. That Way We Can Have Chicken In Our Backyard. Thank You.

Frank: Thank You Mr. Akeen. Are There Others In The Public Who Would Like To Speak On Any Subject Dear To Their Heart, Whether Or Not On The Agenda. Yes? No, No, You Must Approach And Be On The Record. State Your Name And Address And We'll Be Happy To Hear From You.

Davis With The Association Of Florida, I Was Going To Present Public Safety About Screening Closures, Result Of 2005 And 2006 Code Of Being Replaced, Now You Restore The Screen Enclosure By Painting It And Changing The Fasteners But There Is No Process To Ensure They're Changed To The Current Wind Code. It Wasn't An Issue Prior Because It Was Always Replaced But Now No Longer Cost Effective As A Result And When I Was Talking To Other Boards, People Were Concerned About The Accessory Structures.

Frank: Didn't We Discuss It With Building Legislation?

Yes. And They Said We Need To Talk To The Commissioner Board First. That You Guys Make The Laws.

Frank: Mr. Roger Desjarlais.

We Are Happy To Discuss If There's Action To Take.

Frank: We Look To Staff As A Recommendation For Something Needing To Be Changed In Terms Of The Public Benefit Here. If There's Something Withholding From The Public To Utilize, We'll Be Happy To Did That. Who Does He Want To See After This? See The Fellow With His Hand Up.

Mr. Loveland.

Frank: Thank You For Being With Us. I Need You To Fill Out That Card To Be On Record. Any Other Members From The Public Who Want To Speak? I'm Doing My Best Chicken Folks To Be Clear And Not Misunderstood. I Thought We Clarified Where We Stood At The Last Meeting When You Guys Were Here. Let Me Ask One More Time To Address The Complications With Trying To Adopt A Pilot Program For Chickens In Backyard And Residential Areas.

Mr. Chairman And Board Members. It's Not Necessarily With The Pilot Program. Any Land Use Classification Would Be Applicable County Wide, That Lies The Issue.

Frank: Whether It's A Pilot Program Or Full Change In The Ordinance.

That Is Correct. We Have The Same Central Issue Whether It's A Pilot Project, Or If It's A Long Standing Order.

Frank: And The Commission Would Be Applicable County Wide Whether It's A Pilot Program Or Permanent Change. This Is Not A Debate. I'm Trying My Best. Some Folks Don't Want To Hear What I'm Saying. But I'm Saying There Has Not Been Expressed A Willingness On The Part Of A Majority Of The Board To Pursue That. No Matter How Many Times You Have Come. I Don't Know If In The Future Your Persistence May Change The Thinking But Right Now We Don't Have A Majority, In Fact We Don't Have A Minority That Is Willing To Pursue What You Have Been Asking For. And I Don't Know How -- I'm Trying To Say It As Kindly As Possible. This Might Be Something You Need To Let Rest, Work With Your Individual Commissioners Perhaps After The Election And Then Try It Again Some Time In The Future. But Right Now, There Is No Willingness I Can Find On This Board To Pursue What You're Asking. That's All I Have To Say On That. Now, Work Session Update, I Have One Person Who Wants To Speak On The Work Session.

Thank You Mr. Chair. This Afternoon We'll Discuss With You The Legislative Agenda For The Upcoming In Tallahassee And Washington Dc.

Frank: Workshop Comments. Amber Crooks, Pop Up Here. Like I Said Brad Cornell, We Need To Sit Near The Front.

Can I Do The Handouts?

Frank: Yes. Give One To Her. Yes.

Thank You.

Frank: Thank You Roger. That Was In The Fine Print In Your Contract.

Thank You. On Behalf Of The Conservancy Of Southwest Florida, After Reviewing Draft Documents We Want Include Oil And Gas As Part Of The Priorities And Suggest Minor Modifications To Strengthen The Intents Of The Actions. Hydraulic And Acid Fracturing Are Riskier Than Conventional Methods, Using More Fresh Water Chemicals And Have Not Been Studied To Determine The Potential Impacts. Calling On The Legislatures To Immediately Suspend These Activities And Conduct An Independent Study Of Their Affects. We Ask That You Write A Suspension Until It Is Completed. We're Aware Of A Nearby Drilling Products That Will Use These Techniques. We Condition To Find Risks, It Is Imperative To Include A Moratorium On The Activities Until We Can Make Meaningful Reform. And Another Minor Modification, In Regard To The C-43 Reservoir. We Join In Lee County For The Support Of This Project, However It Would Be Greatly Enhanced If The Water Quality Component Was A Top Priority. We Ask That You Consider Identifying As A Lee County Priority. As You Know, The River Is Currently Impaired For Nutrients, A Treatment Component Needs To Be Added For The Quality Of Water Discharged Back In The River To Minimize Water Quality Issues. And To Impose The Water In The United States Rule, Clarification Of Existing Law And Result In Better Protection Of Wetlands With The Amount Of Development In Lee County, We Use Rules That Will Better Protect And Preserve Our Lands For Supplied Benefits And Natural Filtration. On That Note, We Have Other Similar Recommendations On The Handout. I Knew I Wouldn't Have Time To Go Over All Of Them. You Can See It Ranges From Storm Water Updates, Everglades And Others. We Ask You Add It To The List And Make The Changes To Draft Language, Particularly Extraction Techniques And Inclusion Of The Water Component Item.

Frank: Thank You. Are There Any Other Members Of The Public Who Would Like To Speak On Agenda Or Non Agenda Item? Councillor, Is This My Last Meeting As Chair?

Barring Reelection, Yes, Sir. Reelection For The Chairmanship.

Frank: Well, We Have A Good Habit Here Of Passing It On From Time To Time. So I Just Want To Thank Larry, This Little Fellow Here, My Conscious, My Guide. Brian, John And I'm Sorry Cecil Is Not Here. I Really Appreciate Your Support, The Orderly Way We Have Conducted Ourselves, It's Been A Great Year. I Was Honored To Serve As Your Chairman And Honored For Your Confidence. We'll Reconvene At 1:30 At The Workshop. We Are Adjourned.