

April 4, 2017

Commissioner Manning: First, The Invocation. We'll Hear From Pastor Clint Cottrell Followed By The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Friends Let Us Pray. Gracious And Loving God, We Thank You For This Beautiful Day And For The Opportunity For Us To Gather Together. Lord, We're Watching As Many Of Our Friends And Family Are Heading Back North And We Pray For Safe Travels For Those Who Are Snowbirds They Have A Nice And Enjoyable Summer And We See Them Next Fall. We Pray For Us Who Remain Here All Year Round We Can Go Out And Enjoy Dinner. Thank You For That Opportunity. We Pray For The Commissioners That You Take Care Of Their Worries And Anxieties, Watch Over Their Families And Keep Them Safe So They May Focus On The Work At Hand. Lord While We're Here, We Pray You're With The People Who Serve The County, My Our Fire, Ems And Police Department Have A Boring Day. As We Seek To Serve You, We, The Citizens Of Lee County In Christ Name We Pray. Amen. (Pledge Of Allegiance)

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Pastor.

Next On The List, Happy Time. The First Is A Ceremony Presentation, Presentation Of The Pet Of The Month By Animal Services. Commissioner Pendergrass.

Commissioner Pendergrass: We Have A Special Guest In The Lobby, Not A Baby In The Stroller I Believe. I Think It's Puppies In There. I Haven't Gotten To Meet Them. I Think Marian -- Come Up And Help Them.

You Guys Fight Over The One Dog We Bring, Today, No Fighting, We Have One For Each Of You.

Commissioner Mann: Oh My. This Is Unfair. These You Can Fall In Love With. Awe, Yeah Baby, You Want To Go Home With Frank, Yes, You're Not Going Home With Frankie, No. Pick Them Up Chairman.

Thank You Guys. Do We Have The Right Puppies With The Right Owners? (Laughter)

Commissioner Manning: Owners?

Commissioner Mann: Just Keep Them For The Meeting.

Wouldn't That Be A Great Meeting. It Would Be More Relaxing.

Commissioner Mann: Little Fellow, You Can Come Up And Visit But We Ain't Going To Live There. No. What A Special Treat.

Commissioner Manning: Those Pups Are Hired By The Way. Roger Ran Out Of The Room. There He Is.

Commissioner Mann: Smart Move.

We Have The Spectacular Adoption Event This Month, Pick Your Price, From 5-30 Dollars From An Easter Egg. The Puppies Aren't Included, They Are Six Weeks Old. We Have Two More At The Shelter. They'll Be Ready The End Of April For Adoption. I'm Sure They'll Go Quickly. Last Month We Had Dr. Seuss Month, We Had Books Donated To The Advocacy Center. We Had A Large Donation Come In.

Commissioner Pendergrass: And Next Month, A Few Rabbits?

We Have Two Rabbits And Two Chickens.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Give Them Out For Easter And Quick Recovery To The Animal Service Member Who Got Injured Last Month.

This Is Troy Trudeau, He's Our New Field Manager.

I Came From The Ranger Unit For About 20 Plus Years And Now With Animal Services.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Welcome Aboard. Stop By The Office, I'm Sure They'll Enjoy Seeing Them Down There.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Commissioner Pendergrass. Next, A Presentation For Bike Month. Commissioner Hamman.

Commissioner Hamman: I Think We Should Keep At Least One Puppy In Here At A Time, If You Get Riled Up You Have To Hold A Puppy.

Commissioner Manning: Hear That Commissioner Mann?

Commissioner Mann: Why Are You Looking Over Here?

Commissioner Hamman: I Would Like To Present Proclamation Recognizing Bike Month. Whereas Many Lee County Residents Own Bicycles And Surveys Indicate That The Majority Of Drivers Ride A Bicycle At Least Once A Year, Over One Third Do Once A Month And Over 25 Million Florida Residents And Tourists Ride Each Year, A Bicycle Is Recognized As A Vehicle And Viable Means Of Transportation For Many Trips And Destinations And National Health Organizations And Physical Fitness Activists Believe In Increased Bicycling To Be Of National Increases For Health Purposes And Whereas Increase In Use In Bicycles In Place Of Cars Will Help With Greenhouse Emissions In Lee County And Promoting Safety And Awareness That Our Roadways Are Shared By Bicycles And Cars And Whereas, Since 1998, Lee County Has Invested Millions Of Dollars To Construct At Least 1400 Miles Of Bicycle Roadways. And Whereas The Board Of County Commissioners Adopted A Complete Streets Resolution In 2009 And Whereas The Month Of May Is Being Promoted By The

League Of National Bicyclists And Bike To School Day And Bike To Work Week And Bike To Workday. Therefore Be It Resolved That The Board Of County Commissioner Of Lee County Florida Declares May 2017 To Be Bike Month And Wednesday 10th Bike To School. Then Bike To Work Week. It's Executed This Fourth Day April 4th, 2017, And Signed By Our Honorable Chair John Manning. Come On Up. (Applause)

Happy Bike Month.

Commissioner Hamman: And Would You Like To Say A Few Words For Us?

I Appreciate The Opportunity To Be Able To Speak With You Guys. We're So Blessed To Live In An Area Where Any Month Could Be Bike Month And May Is Right Around The Corner. I Encourage Everyone To Put Your Helmet On And Your Thinking Cap As Well, There Are Drivers Out There Just As Scattered Brain As You And I. This Past Year D-Pac Has Included Around The Tune Of \$14 Million To Increase The Overall List Project Funds To Around \$75 Million. Over The Past Five Years, The Five Year Cip, We've Only Spent About 40% Of The Funds. The Squeaky Wheel Has Been Heard, I Think Dot Has Increased Staff To Allow Us To Oversee Some Of The Projects And Hopefully, We're Excited To See Some Of The Projects Being Constructed. On That Note, I Have Heard Through The Grapevine There's A Bit Of Excess Funding In The Reserve Funds And I Would Encourage You -- I Know You Wanted To Have Some Projects That Improved The Citizens Of Lee County And So We Have A Few Of These Projects That Are Lengthy And Costly That Would Probably Eat Up Two To Three Years Of Our Funds, So One Or Two Of Them Would Be Greatly Appreciated.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Sir.

Commissioner Hamman: Thank You For Coming In. (Applause)

Commissioner Manning: And A Presentation To Veterans Services From The Combat Infantry Men's Association. And Our County Employees And His Deligation To Come Up To The Podium, I Would Appreciate It.

We Range From The World War Ii To The Gulf War --

First, I Want To Tell You, We Wanted To Show Our Appreciation From Veteran Services In Reference To Helping Veterans In Need. As A Combat Infantry Man And Many Of Us Combat Wounded, We Understand The Horrors Of War When People Come Back, Sometimes They Need Additional Help. These Are The Guys Who Give That Help. Like I Say, We're World War Ii Guys Hold Your Hands Up. Graduated West .1948. His Name Is Jack Benny. Korea War Vets, Put Your Hands Up. The Rest Are Vietnam If I'm Not Mistaken, Yes. We Appreciate Everything You Guys Do. It's Important To Us That We Know Those Who Come Back From The Horrors Of War Face Obstacles. Some Of Us Do Well And Others Need Help. Grateful Appreciation Of Your Help We Want To Present This Plaque, In Recognition And Appreciation, The Combat Infantry Men's Association Of Southwest Florida Honors Lee County Services For Your Support And Assistance To Veterans In Lee County. Your Assistance Has Given Many Veterans An Avenue For Help With Information For The Betterment Of

Their Future, With Great Respect. Executive Staff And Membership April 4, 2017, And I'm Extremely Proud To Be Afforded The Opportunity To Be With All My Heros And They Are My Heros And I Just Want To Thank You Guys For Affording Us The Opportunity To Do This. If You Would Like Me To Pass The Plaque Or Present It --

Commissioner Mann: Get Your Picture Taken With It.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Jack. (Applause) (Background Noise)

Commissioner Manning: Thank You.

One More. Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Give That To Them. (Background Noise)

Commissioner Mann: Let Me Say Mr. Chairman You Guys Embarrassed Us With This, You're Giving Us The Award And We Owe You Guys Everything. Thank You For This Upside Down Compliment. (Applause)

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Jack. Next, Recap Items To Be Deferred Or Continued, I Have None. Revisions And Corrections I Have None. Agenda Items To Be Pulled, I Did Not Get Any. Walk-On And Carry Overs I Don't Have Any. And We Have One County Attorney Item We'll Take Up Later On. The Next Item Is Presentation Of -- By The Auditors On The Comprehensive Financial Report. Marty, Come On Up.

Good Morning. Joining Me Is Chris Kesler He Managed The Audit And I Would Like Him To Run Through The Results First And Then I'll Pick Up After That.

Good Morning. Going Through The Presentation, The Brief Agenda Of What We'll Touch On, Results And Features And Emerging Items. Our Audit Was No Different Than In The Past. We Covered The Financial Statements That Included The Port Authorities Financial Statements As Well And Did Our Audit Over The Federal Compliance With The Port Authority Facility Charges And State Compliance The State Of Florida Requires As Well. We Issued Reports Typical With The Prior Years, Independent Auditors Report, Our Single Audit Report, Our Management Letter Required By The Auditor General. Our Auditor Report There Were No Issues. We Had Unmodified Opinion On Compliance, Four Findings Over Compliance In Internal Control, No Question Costs Noted With The Federal Funds. Our Management Letter Had No Suggestions For Improvement For Items In The Prior Year Corrected And The Independent Reported Had Unspecified Appliance.

Commissioner Mann: Before He Goes On, I Don't Understand Your Code. What Is -- I Think That Said We Did Good. Would That Be The Bottom Line Summary?

Correct.

Commissioner Mann: What Does Unmodified Mean?

There Were No Changes, It's A Clean Opinion. We Noted No Material Misstatements Within The Financials.

Commissioner Mann: I Was Hoping That's What It Meant.

You Wanted That In English, Right? Clean Reports Throughout. Other Than A Couple Of Comments But Overall Good Results. Other Communications Under The Standards Are Coming Up Next. You Remember The Audit Is Segmented Where They're Audited By Another Auditing Firm And They Do A Great Job And The Communication Between The Two Firms Is Good. There Are Estimates Embedded And No Surprises There. No Difficulties Encountered Throughout The Audit And That's Every Where. We Do A Lot Of Different Departments Throughout The County, Everyone More Than Happily Complies And Helps Us Through The Audit. No Disagreements With Management Throughout The Audit. And Then The New Item. If You Recall A Couple Years Ago We Talked About The Pension Standard And The Impact On Financial Statements. There's Another One Right Around The Corner That Deals With Post Employment Benefits And The Liability Related To That, And Its Reporting Is Going To Change And Mirror What They Have Done With The Standard. The Liability Will Be Put On The Financial Statement As The Pension Liability Was And It Will Have An Impact. This Is A Year Or So Away. We Didn't Want You To Be Caught By Surprise. It Won't Look That Unusual Now That You Have Seen Kind Of The Results Of The Pension Standard In That Reporting. As We Talked About In The Past, There Is Not Something New And Unusual In The Bond Market. They Are Aware Of This And Probably Considered It In A Lot Of The Bond Writings Anyway, But Just So You Understand It Is Coming And The Impact And The Fact That The Rating Agencies Are More Than Aware Of These Things. Other Than That, We Wanted To Extend Our Thanks To All Those Who Work In The County Who Helped Us Through And Especially The Clerk's Finance Office That Puts Forward A Big Effort To Have Things Ready To Get It Done.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Marty And Chris. Any Questions?

Commissioner Mann: You Say This Included The Airport Authority As Well?

Yes Commissioner.

Commissioner Mann: To Roger, Somebody In Your Staff Needs A Thank You, Is There A Name That Comes To Mind Or Several That Can Take Credit For The Good Work That Your Guys Have Been Doing?

We'll Start With Our Cfo. The Audits Are About The Performance Of The Entire Organization. The Heads Are The Ones That Deserve It. (Applause)

Commissioner Mann: Thank You Marty.

Commissioner Pendergrass: I Would Like To Recognize Linda Doggett As Well. It's A Well Oiled Machine.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Marty And Chris. Next, The Consent Agenda, No Items To Be Pulled And No Comment From The Public. Does Anyone From The Public Wish To Speak To Any Item On The Consent Agenda. Next We Have The Administrative Agenda, I Have No Items By A Commissioner To Wants To Pull The Item. We Have One Administration Item. Is There Anybody In The Public Who Wants To Speak.

Commissioner Hamman: I'll Move It.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers. Walk-On, Carry Overs. Appointments Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: Roger Bradley.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Second.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers.

Commissioner Pendergrass: One Reappointment.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded By Commissioner Mann. Motion Carriers.

Commissioner Hamman: I Have None.

Commissioner Kiker: I Have Two New Appointments To The Preservation Board And The Affordable Housing Committee.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded By Commissioner Pendergrass. Motion Carriers. I Have Six. Historic Preservation Board, Bill Caldwell To The Same. Rebecca Seal Patterson To The Same And Tom To The Waterways Advisory Committee And Susan Wear To The Improvement Committee And Morgan Porter To The Same.

Commissioner Hamman: So Moved.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded By Commissioner Pendergrass. Motion Carry. County Manager Items, I Have None. Will You Speak On The Cancellation Of This Afternoon's Meeting?

We Have Asked You To Forego The Work Session. We Wanted To Come Back In Two Weeks With A Robust Discussion About The Revenues And Expenses In The Upcoming Budget Year And Talk About Priorities You Might Have At That Meeting.

Commissioner Manning: Any Questions? Seeing None, County Attorney Item. Richard.

(Indiscernible). (Indiscernible).

Commissioner Manning: Questions By The Board? Seeing None, Thank You.

Commissioner Hamman: Can You Clarify The Devices. Small Wireless Devices. For Anybody Watching, What Do You Mean By That?

Technology [Indiscernible] --

Commissioner Manning: Any Other Questions, Comments. Seeing None, Going To Public Presentation By Matters Of Citizens. I Have One Card, Rachel Singletary. We Had The Work Session Update. Go Ahead.

I'm Rachel Singletary, I Have Been Here Before Due To Several Cases. Because Of The Newspaper Article Last Week About The Vr Lab, I Felt I Wanted To Speak Again On The Cases. In March, The Economic Development Case Was Lost By The County By Three Whistle Blowers And Today I Understand There's A Mediation For The Fourth Employee That Was Fired From Economic Development. And The Reason They Were Fired Was Because They Supposedly Whistle Blew On The Vr Lab. My Question To You Is What Lee County Employee Did The Research On The Lab And Are They Still Employed, Have They Had A Promotion, We've Got \$5 Million That Was Wasted. There Were No Bid Contracts Put Out And Even Though The County Manager Was Not Here When That Vr Lab Contract Was Signed, He Was Here When The Four Employees Were Fired And I Believe He And The County Manager Were A Large Part Of That Whistle Blower Case By Firing The Employees. I Just Don't Understand Why 70% Of High Up Lee County Administrative Employees Have Been Gone By Being Fired, Laid Off, Left On Their Own Accord Since Roger Desjarlais Has Taken Over. My Husband Is One Of Them. We're In Good Shape. I Know You All Wonder Why I Keep Coming, I Have Given My Life To Lee County, I Volunteer In Schools, Parks And Rec, Lee County Extension And I Care About The County. And I'm Wondering When Is The County Going To Be Responsible To Its Citizens For All Of These High Expenses. One More Comment In The Paper, Fort Myers Beach Spokesman Said Larry Kiker Told Him The Property At The Beach Next To His Proposed New Project Is Not Off The Board Yet. I Don't Know If That's A True Statement Made By Mr. Kiker But It Was Quoted In The Paper. And Mr. Crowder Is Wondering Why The County Did Not Vet The Gals Better, He Lost \$360,000. It Put 20 Of His People Out Of Business. I Think You As A Board Need To Wonder When Is This Going To Stop.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. Anyone Else In The General Public Who Wishes To Speak On Any Matter Coming Before Us? Seeing None, We're Adjourned.