

February 7, 2017

Commissioner Manning: This Is The Regular Meeting Of Board. Our First Item Of Business Is The Provocation.

Thank You Lord For The Board Of County Commissioners Giving Wisdom And Guidance And Lead Us And Guide Us And Direct Us And Teach Us In The Way We Should Go. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.

Commissioner Manning: Please Remain Standing. (Pledge Of Allegiance)

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. Okay. Next We Have A Ceremony Presentation, I'll Open The Floor To Commissioner Pendergrass.

Commissioner Pendergrass: We Have A Special Guest This Morning. If You Didn't Meet Gaiter Yet, This Is Gaiter, He Is The Pit Bull Mix And One Of The Sweetest Dogs I Have Seen. He's One Of The Ones Who Likes To Lean On You If You Pet Him. I'm Not Going To Ask You To Pick Him Up, He's A Little Big.

I Think You Should Ask Him. Next Tuesday, This Is Gaiter, He's A Super Senior, Nine Years-Old, He Will Chase A Tennis Ball Like Nobody's Business. The Only Thing That Shows His Age Is His Hair. If You're Looking For Loyalty For Valentine's Day, Come Out To Animal Services. We Have A Promotion, All Dogs Over 30 Pounds Are \$14 And Cats Are Adopt One Get One. Meet Gaiter And His Friends.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Hopefully People Take Advantage Of The Special This Year. Bring Home A Lovely Pet For Their House.

He's Working The Crowd.

Commissioner Manning: Roger, I Think You Have Met Your Match.

I Would Love To Have A Dog, It's My Wife.

Commissioner Manning: You Have Said That For Two Or Three Years.

What's Wrong With The Salt And Pepper Hair?

Commissioner Pendergrass: Hopefully Some Of Our Get Guests Will See What We Have Out There And Come And Bring Home A Good Pet.

And Gaiter Has His Own Business Card.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Commissioner Pendergrass. Next, The Recap. No Items That Have Been Deferred, No Corrections, No Walk On Or Carry Overs. Two Commissioner Items, No County Attorney Items. A Comment On Consent Or Administration -- I Have A Lot Of Cards But Probably For The End Of The Meeting. We'll Go To The Consent Agenda. I'll Entertain A Motion. Motion Carriers. We Have The Two Items On The Administrative Agenda -- Motion By Commissioner Mann On The Administrative Agenda. And Seconded By Commissioner Kiker. Go Ahead.

Commissioner Mann: This Is The Homestead Road Improvements In Lehigh, I'll Remind Folks Following This, This Project Was Improved By The Mpo In '05. We Had Patient Residents In Lehigh Acres. Took Us A Long Time, The Process With The Recession Everybody Is Familiar With That Made It Difficult To Bring Online. It Had Some Of The Worst Condemnation Issues. All Kinds Of Properties Large And Small To Deal With. Our Staff Did A Great Job And Mr. Loveland Toted The Ball For Most Of This Stuff. It's Been A Long Time Coming, And A Lot Of People Deserve A Lot Of Thanks, The Lehigh Residents Deserve A Special Award For Patience And Understanding, We're Finally Getting The Contract On This And I Move This Happy Contract.

Commissioner Manning: Motion To Approve Item Two By Commissioner Mann Seconded By Commissioner Hamman. Motion Carriers. Next, The First Public Hearing At 9:30.

Michael Jacobs I Have Your First And Only, Review The Affidavit Of Publication. I'll Enter It Into The Record Now. This Is The First Of Two Public Hearings For The Campus Agreement For Ftcu. We Ask You To Move It To The Second Public Hearing At 9:30 On The 21st Of February.

Commissioner Manning: Questions By The Board. Public Comment? Seeing None, Back To The Board, The Motion --

Commissioner Kiker: I Would Like To Approve It And Move It On.

Commissioner Manning: Motion To Approve And Move It On To February 21st, 2017. Discussion? Objection? Motion Carriers. Okay. Now, We Have -- No Walk Ones Or Carry Overs. We Have Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Hamman: Quickly, I Sent A Note Earlier This Week To You And Notify The Other Commissioners, The Mpo Executive Committee Usually Meets Wednesdays Once A Month, I Have Been Serving On That As The Chairman For The Past Year, Now That I'm No Longer Chairman, I Wanted To Put It Out There In Case You Want Somebody Else To Serve On The Committee, It's Open And Free And Anybody Who Enjoys Talking About Sales Tax Initiatives Would Enjoy That.

Commissioner Manning: Would You Like To Serve?

Commissioner Hamman: I Would Be Happy To But If You Want To.

Consider It Done. I Move He Continues.

Commissioner Manning: Second. Discussion?

Commissioner Hamman: I Was Volen-Told I Would Do That.

And You Can Take Gaiter Home With You.

Commissioner Manning: Commissioner Kiker You Have None But Go Ahead -- You Have One.

Commissioner Kiker: I Had One. I Actually Turned Mine In Correctly. I Thought You Would Give Me Kudos For That. When We Did The Strategic Session One Of The Things We Talked About, Our Involvement As A County And In This Past Week, I Had An Opportunity To Talk To The Mayor From Estero And Bonita Springs And They Have Both Kicked Off An Initiative To Work Within Their Municipalities For What They Can Do For Bicycle And Pedestrian Trails. As It Turns Out, Cape Coral Has Already Gotten Money Or Grants From The State, As It Turns Out, The State Actually Has \$25 Million A Year That's Available To Folks In The State Of Florida For This Program. And Right Now There's Two Original Projects Going On. The \$25 Million, They're Splitting It In Thirds. One For Each Of The Two Projects Going On And Then The Other \$8 Million Distributed Throughout The Rest Of Florida Which Has Helped Get Some Money. So There's The Two Projects, One Of Them Going East To West From Tampa, And Then The Other One That Goes North And South On The Other Coast. And We Do Not Have A Regional Project Identified Yet. But The Work Being Done Right Now, The Project That Goes East To West Is Supposed To Wrap Up In The Next Three Years. There Will Be A Trail From The East To The West Side Of Florida, When That Wraps Up, Then There Will Be An Additional \$8 Million Available. What We Need To Do, I Believe As A County Is To Pursue A Regional Type Project So That We Can Qualify For The \$8 Million When It Becomes Available In Three Years. Even Though It's Three Years Away, The Time Frame For Making It Happen Is Just About Over. I Think We Have Until June, Roger, To Put Together --

June 30th.

Commissioner Kiker: To Put Together The Program To Submit. Not Only Is It Going To Be Regional Within Lee County, Which Means We'll Get The Municipalities Together To Help Them Do What They Do, But We Need To Pull In All The Other Counties. If You Go Up North To Sarasota, They Have Implemented The Program To Some Level. But We Have To Establish Some Kind Of Connectivity Between This Whole Area. And We've Had The Regional Summit Meetings With Other Counties. It's Time To Pull Those Folks Together And I Think It's Time That We Work With The Mayors In The Town -- In The County To See What We Can Do Locally. I Just Wanted To Bring This To Your Attention And Let You Know This Is Going On. I Think At Some Point In Time We Need To, If You Will, I Think We Need A Directive From This Board. I Don't Think It's Something I Can Do By Myself. I Think It Needs To Happen.

Commissioner Manning: Let's Make That Directive Today If We Can. I'd Like You To Go Ahead --

Mr. Chairman, Also, A Great Place To Start Might Be At The Mpo Levels. You Have All The Groups Together At One Table You Just Spoke About. Be Glad To Support You.

Commissioner Kiker: I Think The Mpo Was Involved -- Was It Don Scott That Presented? I Think It Was Don. Last Monday We Had The Meeting, None Of Us Obviously Could Make That. But I Agree With You And That's Where The Work Needs To Take Place.

Commissioner Manning: We Don't Need A Motion. If There's Consent Upon The Board That Commissioner Kiker Work With Staff And The Mayors.

Commissioner Pendergrass: And We Received The Connectivity In Lee County And East Part. Maybe We Could Look At That Grant And It's Still Being Constructed Today.

Commissioner Kiker: We Have Some Meetings Or Trips Planned To Washington Dc Next Month I Believe.

This Month.

Commissioner Kiker: Okay. We'll Be Leaving Here Pretty Quick Then. And To Tallahassee. Thank You For Your Trust And Confidence And I'll Report Back.

Commissioner Manning: Any Objections.

Commissioner Kiker: The Volunteers Are Heavy On This End.

We Have Noticed That.

Commissioner Manning: Okay. Last Item I Have, The Possible County Contribution Of \$100,000 To The Southwest Florida Economic Develop Alliance. Roger.

I Know Representatives Have Been To Visit With You To Request The \$100,000 Contribution For The Current Year To Keep The Organization Moving Forward. We've Had Conversation About This In The Past. If You Like, I Can Ask Gwen To Give You A Quick Report If They Have Been Able To Meet All The -- Their Contract.

Good Morning Commissioners. You'll Recall That The Last Contract Expired At The End Of The Prior Fiscal Year, There Were Some Metrics Associated With That In Terms Of Prospect Generation And Delivery. We Can Send All That Around To You, And Let You See Exactly Where That Came In If That's Helpful.

Commissioner Hamman: Can We Just Ask, Did They Meet The Goals?

I Think In Terms Of Qualified Delivery It Came Up Short Of What We Had Hoped For Sure. Now, That Said, They're Still Working Their Way Through Getting Up And Running To Some Extent. But, Yeah, We Would Be Looking For Robust Productivity Going Forward. In That Regard, I Would Recommend If There's A Want To Go Forward, We Would Talk About Working With Their Director Here And Their Board To Perhaps Restructure A Bit In A Way We Think Could Be More Productive For Lee County.

Commissioner Hamman: Before I Hand It Back To You Mr. Chairman, I'm Not Comfortable With The Way It's Been Going.

Commissioner Manning: Commissioner Kiker.

Commissioner Kiker: I Think We Agree On This And We Did Have Meetings Before Talking About Where We Are With The Program And Just From My Perspective, I Thought That The Metrics, The Performance Criteria That Is Being Used Is Probably More Adaptable To Qualifying To Make This Program Happen. Now That They've Been In Business A Little While, I Would Think We Change Our Focus More To What's Happening, What Are We Getting For Our Money. I Appreciate The Fact There Are A Lot Of Leads Handled By Them, But I'm Not Sure We Wouldn't Have Had Those Anyway. I Would Like To Find Out What We Get For The Dollar. I Don't Know If We Need To Have More Discussions In That Area. I Think You're Doing That -- I Would Hope To Press Forward

Commissioner Manning: I Think The Discussion Is A Good One. If You Sit Down And Talk To The Parties Involved, Especially The Horizon Foundation If That's Okay. I Think It Will Be Contingent On The Agreement On Both Sides Of The Leger. We Could Hold Off Until Next Meeting Or Meeting After That.

Frank: I Supported This Initially -- It Was A Feel Good Thing, A Regional Effort, Who Can Be Against The Concept But The Idea Was The Group Would Grow And Bring In Private Sector Participation And Then Financially, About That Time They Would Start To Be On Their Own. That's Why I Got Into It And It's Not Something I Have Adopted For Life. I Will Be Interested To See What We Come Up With Additional Conversations And From What I Have Studied And Heard So Far, I Could Continue One More Year But The Jury Has To Come In After That With A Verdict.

This Is A Long-Term Project. I Know The Staff And Board Have Been Working Hard To Bring Leads To Lee County. But I Would Like To See If That Board Wants To Adapt And Work With To Encourage More Leads In The Area.

Commissioner Manning: All Set.

I Understand.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. Next We Have Committee Appointments. Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: Yes, She Is With Us This Morning, The Human Services Council, We Have Three Appointments. I Appreciate The Willingness To Serve, Diane Zergrosski.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded By Commissioner Pendergrass. Motion Carriers.
Commissioner Hamman.

Commissioner Hamman: I Have None.

Commissioner Kiker: I Have Two, Community Action Agency And Ray Blake For Coastal Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Manning: Discussion? Objection. Motion Carriers. I Have None. No County Manager Items Or Attorney Items. We'll Go Into Presentation Matters By Public -- I'm Sorry, I Lost My Script.

Commissioner Mann: Could I Ask The Attorney A Question, The Case Was Concluded In The Courts This Week From What I Read In The Paper, There's Expenses, Are You Going To Report Back To Us With A Recommendation?

It Was The Intent Of Our Office To Try To Make The County Whole As The Result Of The Expenses Occurred In That Case If There's Contrary Direction From The Board, Please Advise, If Not, We'll Move Forward For Recoupment Of Funds.

Commissioner Mann: And We'll Hear Back From You In A Week, Month?

As Circumstances Warrant. We'll Report Back On How We're Proceeding In That Endeavor.

Commissioner Manning: No Further Questions, We'll Go Into Public Presentation Of Matters By Citizens. The First Card, Jeff -- I Can't Pronounce The Last Name. Come On Up. Just Like That.

I Was Told I Couldn't Bring Nothing Down Here But Set Up Something For Later. I Have Been Trying To Get Ahold Of Commissioner Mann But I Never Got A Call Back, A Problem With Lee County Utilities Out There. And They Want Me To Pay An Impact Fee --

Frank: Wait A Minute, I Don't Think You Left Any Messages At My Office. I Have A Pretty Confident Lady. She Was Out Several Days But We Answer Our Calls. I'm Sorry You Didn't Connect But Go Ahead With Your Issue.

I Was Just Trying To Find Out, When I Tried To Get The Situation Straightened Out, They Couldn't Find No Records Where I Even Ever Had The Water Meter In My Name And Then After Years And The Time Of Looking, I Found Some Old Water Bills And Then Now It Went To Another Thing, Every Time I Find Something New Or Go To Something New It's Another Adopted Order By The County Why I Can't Do It And Now It's Subdivided The Property And Not The Mother Piece --

Frank: We Don't Need To Take The Commissioner's Time On This. Pam, Are You Familiar With It? Can You Meet With Him Immediately After This Meeting And Then Get Back To Me And We'll Get To The Bottom Of It.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You.

Commissioner Mann: I Hope You Understand This Is The Best Way To Approach It --

She Won't Give Me Answers.

Commissioner Mann: We'll Get To The Bottom Of It.

Commissioner Manning: Next Card Michael Hannon.

Good Morning. I'm A Resident, A New Resident And Pleased To Be Here And I'm A Plaintiff In The Lawsuit Filed Against Cape Coral For The Annexation Of Properties With The Civic Association And Residents Of Cape Coral. I'm Here To Speak On Behalf Of The Civic Association, The Folks Who Feel As If We Need To Have Some Additional Communication With You Folks To Have Representation In This Matter. What The City Has Done, We've Indicated In Our Lawsuit, Purchased Properties In Lee County Outside The City And Then Use The Annexation Statute To Bring Them Into The City. And That's Unprecedented And We're Quite Concerned That We're Not Getting Assistance From You Folks To Look Into This Because It's Something That Many People Have Predicted Could Continue. Through Matlacha Passing On. We Have Great Concern About That, Commissioner Manning, I See You Shaking Your Head, But All We Are Asking Is An Opportunity To Communicate With You Folks And Direct Your Attorneys To Find A Way To Support Us In The Process. The Other Thing We Have Alleged In The Lawsuit Which I Think Is Of Great Significance To The County, The City Of Cape Coral Has Amaas Parcels That Are Residential That They're Doing Nothing With But Holding And We Allege They Have Purchased The Parcels Without Proper Constitutional Authority And No Municipal Purpose And Each Comes Off The Lee County Tax List. I Think That's A Serious Problem That I Would Ask You To Turn To Your Very Competent Legal Staff And Ask Them To See What They Could Do To Assist Us In Both Opposing This Annexation, Investigating The Issue Of The City Of Cape Coral Taking Properties Off The Tax Roll And Try To Figure Out A Way This Won't Happen Again. Commissioner Mann I Know You're Going To Come Out To One Of The Meetings. Commissioner Hamman, I Saw You At A Meeting, You Need To Come Across The Bridge.

Commissioner Hamman: I Would Be Happy To.

I Have Had Other Conversations And I Really Believe That This Matter Could Use A More Careful Scrubbing By You Gentlemen Along With Your Council And We Have Florida Council Engaged In This Matter And We'd Be Happy To Bring You Up To Speed On Things. We Consider It A Very Big Problem And We're A Unique Part Of Lee County, We Have A Diverse And Interesting County Which Is What Brought Me And My Family Here. And We Need To Maintain The Historical Nature Of Matlacha And Pine Island And Let Those Folks Know They're Are Embraced By You.

Commissioner Manning: Richard?

If I Can Add -- I Want To Bring The Board Up To Speed, Myself, Richard, The County Attorney Facilitated A Meeting That Mr. Hamman Participated On The Phone With The Stakeholders And We Had Like A Two Hour Meeting With Their Attorney, It Was A Great Meeting And After The Meeting We Set Up A Meeting With The City Council, Members Of The City Of Cape Coral And During That Time Before The Next Meeting Was Actually Conducted, The Legal Lawsuit And They

Filed The Lawsuit, All The Conversation Stopped. There Was Communication. Richard, You Can Pick It Up There As Far As Where Lee County Is On The Issue.

Board Members, As You're Aware, Our Office Has Been Involved In The Matter For Almost Two Months Now And We Have Previously Communicated To You That We Don't Think There's A Substantial County To Be Advanced In The Cause. Not Saying The Plaintiffs May Not Have An Interest In Being Advanced But We Don't Believe For The Board Of County Commissioners At This Time. And As A Point Of Fact, I Would Be Somewhat Concerned Given Our Office's Previous Stance If We Now Be Directed To Participate In The Litigation. I'm Certain That The First Two Pieces Of Evidence Used Against This Would Be The Opinions Of Our Office In This Matter. If The Plaintiffs Believe They Have Substantial Interest Affected, They're Well On Their Way Of Protecting The Interests But The County Does Not Have The Same Interests And Therefore I Believe We Would Have A Standing Issue As Well As A Statute Of Limitations Argument That Might Be Fatal.

Commissioner Manning: Next Card I Have, Russel Bombgardener, Followed By Robert Caniban.

Thank You For Your Time. I Live On Gary Street In Matlacha With My Lovely Wife Elizabeth. We Have Lived There For Seven Years And I'm Here To Ask For Your Support In Opposing The Annexation By Cape Coral. We Came To Florida For Several Years, Vacationing And Decided Pretty Nice Place To Live Probably. We Looked At Cape Coral And Tampa And We Decided Matlacha Is A Unique Place To Live. Nothing Against Cape Coral But It Didn't Meet Our Needs. Any Way You Could Support Us.

Commissioner Manning: Okay Thank You.

Thank You For Letting Us Have The Opportunity Again. We Have Some Pictures We Can Show You Later On. That's Why We're Here. It Is Important To Notice How Many People Are Really In A Situation, Not As Big As A Cape Coral Situation. My Name Is Bob Caniban I Have Lived In Pine Ridge For Many Years, Before That I Have Run For Election And Been Elected And President Of The City Council, In Saying That, I Want You To Think Of Another Perspective Of The Problem We're Having. That Is, If You Say We Have 462 Units In Pine Ridge, Summertime, Self Standing Homes, Some Are Condos, All Of Them, We Pay Approximately All The Same Square Footage. They All Pay About The Same Price, \$1,000 A Year Taxes To Lee County. That's Probably \$500,000 A Year Into The Budget. How Do We Use The Money As Citizens? You Know As Well As I Know, The School Budget Takes Up Most Of The Expense Of The Budget For Lee County. Occasionally We Use Public Safety But Other Than That, We Hardly Use Anything. We Don't Impact On Lee County's Budget At All. I'm Coming Away From Not Reading This Because I Can Do It Better Without Reading It. We're In A Situation That Needs To Be Corrected. As You Are Going To See With People Coming To Speak To You On That, The Situation Has Gotten Worse Instead Of Better. I Know As Well As You Know Because Of The Time I Spent In Politics, If Any One Of You Gentleman Lived In Pine Ridge, To Leave And Come Back As Often As People Do, This Situation Would Be Resolved In No Time At All. I Know It Can Be Done Politically. I've Done It. I Know You Guys Can Do It And We Really Appreciate You Doing It. Thank You Very Much.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You.

Commissioner Pendergrass: I Think What He's Talking About, South, There Are Houses That Back Up To The Road And The Fence Has Been Falling Apart, To Dot For The Fence, I Know Roger Has An Update On That Now. When I Talked To The County Attorney Office, You Couldn't See It Every Day -- I Drive By Every Day. Buckingham And Other Places Of The County, Commissioner Mann's Office Has.

Commissioner Mann: I Have Walked It Myself.

Commissioner Pendergrass: The Problem Is Some Of The Fence Is On The Private Yards. Roger Can Maybe Bring Up On The Speed Where The County Stands With The Issues Now. Are They Still Working On It Roger?

Mr. Chair? Thank You Commissioners. I Know They Have Collected A Lot Of Data And The Cost To Replace All Of The Fencing, The Issues We're Dealing With Of Course, Some Of The Fence On Private Property And Code Enforcement Can Cite The Property Owners And Have The Fence Taken Down. We're Not Sure What's On The Other Side. It Could Be Less Attractive Than The Fence. We're Not Sure. And Then The -- Part Of The Fence Is In Lee County, We Can Remove That Fence. We Have Never Built Privacy Fences In Our Road Projects That I'm Aware Of. I Think Sound Barriers In A Few Places But Certainly Not On Private Property. We Haven't Had A Chance To Finish Vetting This Whole Thing Given The Holiday Schedule And All The Other Projects We Have Going On. We Haven't Finished Talking About It Internally.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Could The Fence Be Taken Down Right Away If It's Falling Down, On The County But Not The Personal Property.

We Can Do That, Yes.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Richard?

We Would Be Happy To Work With The County Manager's Office And We Would Want To Provide A Notice Of Our Intent To Remove The Fence So We Don't Have Issues Along Those Lines, But As Roger Desjarlais Pointed Out, We're Working On It And Try To Come Up With A Strategy And Report Back To The Board.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Maybe Randy Could Research The Development Stages, Landscape, Fence, Building Of The Road, The Last Improvements. The Residence Do Back Up To The Road There.

Commissioner Manning: I've Seen It. Wait A Minute, You'll Be Followed By John Henry. Ed.

Thank You Gentlemen For Letting Our Group Come Up Here And Speak Today. My Name Is Edward Ricky. I Have Lived In East Lee County For 28 Years As A Permanent Resident. All Of Them At Pine Ridge In Fort Myers. I Lived At Pine Ridge Which Is A Beautiful, Well Maintained 55

And Over Community Off Of Orange River Boulevard. Unfortunately To Get To Our Property, We Have To Drive By This Deplorable Looking Fence That Has Gotten Terribly Worse Over The Years. God Knows How Many Times I Have Passed It In 28 Years And People From The Surrounding Area That Have To Drive By It Every Day. We Have Spoken To Perspective Buyers In Our Community Who Love Our Community But Are Turned Off By The Sight Of The Fence Leading Up To Our Property. We Think This Is A Very Negative Approach To Our Property Values At Pine Ridge. We Have Spent Well Over \$100,000 In The Past Few Years Making Our Community More Beautiful. Our Total Property Values At Pine Ridge With 462 Units Is Over Approximately \$50 Million. If These Values Deteriorate By Even 1%, That Is A Terrible Burden Our Community. Commissioner Mann Has Been Out And Seen The Fence In Question And Stated That It Is Ugly And Something Should Be Done About It. We As The Community Have Signed A Petition Of Over 300 Signatures And Had The Nbc News Look At Said Fence. I Have A Letter From Cracker Barrel. I Would Like To Read Part If I Could. From A Regional Manager Of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store On The West Side Of Orange River Boulevard. They State They Fully Support Our Cause With All The Requirements That The County Placed On Our Company When We Needed To Install A Security Fence To Prevent Trespassers From The Nearby Hotel On To Our Property. I Can't Believe They Would Allow The Residence, Whose Property The Fence Borders To Use Plastic Tarps, Plywood And Cardboard To Patch The Damaged Areas And We Have Someone Who Walks This Extension Picking Up Trash And Parts Of Broken Fence, He Has Been Told By Other Residents In The Community They're Appalled When They Drive By It Every Day. The Situation Has Festered Well Over A Year And The Only Thing That Has Changed Is The Fence Has Gotten Worse.

Commissioner Manning: Wrap It Up Ed. >

Thank You For Your Time. And I Hope We Can Do Something With This.

Commissioner Manning: John Henry And Followed By Rachel. No Applause, I Appreciate It. Thank You.

Good Morning. I'm John Henry, I Live Here On First Street. I'm Here Representing Pace, Property Assessed Clean Energy. My Job As A Solar Consultant Here In Fort Myers Represents The East And West Coast And There's A Really Exciting Development. In 2016 We Met With You Guys Individually, It Was A Real Education For Me As A Citizen That You Guys Don't Really Talk To Each Other Until You're In This Room. Individual Meetings, We Found Out There's A Lot Of Good Hearts Here For The Solar Clean Energy North Fort Myers Do A Great New Economic Zone Benefitting From Property Assess Clean Energy, Down On The Beach We're Environmental Warriors For The Water And Pulling Boats Out Of The Sand. I Know You Guys Are Strong For Clean Energy And The Environment. I Thank You Guys For That. I Want To Tell You A Story With My Time Of Success. In The Past 90 Days, Pace Has Been Approved By The State, You Guys Don't Have To Invent It Or Approve It, You Just Have To Implement It. They Did. In The Past 90 Days We've Had Over 80 Inquiries, People Qualify With Their Properties And The Self Imposed Tax Assessment That Stays With The Property For Years. We Put Two More People To Work Up There, The Good News Is Cape Coral Is On Board, I Didn't Meet With John Manning But I Have Had Lunch With The Mayor

Sanibel Chamber. So To Wrap It Up, I'm Not Really Asking You To Do Anything But Another Call To Action. Some Of The Concerns Were Addressed By Fanny And Freddy Mac So Funding Fears Would Be Reduced. For Those With A Vision Likely County, It's A Beautiful Day For Solar And Clean Energy. Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You John. Mrs. Singletari. A Blind Squirrel Finds A Nut Every Once In A While.

I'm Here Today Because I Attended The Animal Control -- I'm Very Nervous. I Attended The Animal Control For Two Weeks. You Have Seen Me Regarding The Fire Issues In The County Buildings, Ironically, The First Morning Of The Trial, A Fire Alarm Went Off. And Instead Of Being Evacuated Out Of The Courtroom, We Sat There Waiting To Find Out If It Was A False Alarm, And If It Had Been A Fire, I Guess We Would Have All Burned Up. And Then Right Outside The Elevator For Two Weeks, If You Look Up, There's A Missing Ceiling Tile And A Fire Alarm Covered With Blue Tape. And That Happened During Construction But It Was There For Two Weeks And Only Until Nbc Notified Lee County Was That Repaired. But The Real Reason I'm Here, I'm So Upset About The Trial. I'm Begging You To Investigate And Discipline Roger Desjarlais And Richard Walsh. He Was In The Courtroom The Whole Trial And For Anyone Who Has Been In A Trial Or Jury, You Know Witnesses Are Not Allowed To Be In The Courtroom. So He Had Privileged Information He Should Not Have Had. I Read Roger Desjarlais's Deposition He Gave In The Summer And It's An Outrage What These Two Men Did To Those Two Employees And As I Told You Two Visits Ago, There Are Over 100 Good Employees That Have Left This County Because Of This Man's One Team Approach He Calls It. And The Lady That Was All Involved In This Case Was A Felon. And Mr. Welsh Gave A Basket Of Rats Back, Animal Control Were Going To Get Rid Of The Rats But He Ordered Animal Control Who Had The Ladies Interest In The Best Of Ways And Roger Desjarlais, All He Could Talk About Was The Woman Being Defenseless And Prosecuted By Code Enforcement In Cape Coral And The State Attorney's Office And These Two Admitted Going To The State Attorney's Office To Try To Get Them To Drop The Case. That's In The Testimony. So When The Trial Testimony Comes Out, You'll Be Able To See. And I Think Roger Was Proud That They Went. So I Cannot Go Into Detail In Three Minutes But I Will Be Back.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You.

There's A Lot Of Information You'll Need To Know.

Commissioner Manning: Lee-Anne And Then Steve.

Gentlemen, Thank You. I've Been A Resident At Pine Ridge For 10 Years. I'm Going To Be The Voice Of The People Here And I Had Them Write Out Notes, Motions, Cards. I Won't Bore You With All These But Let Me Read A Couple. Defence --

Commissioner Manning: Are They Clean? The Adjectives?

I Picked The Good Ones. I Picked The Good Ones. We Have Dangerous, Deplorable, Embarrassment, Ugly, Ashamed, Unsightly, Threatening, Unsanitary And Slums. I'll Put This Aside. I Do Have Some To Read You. Living In Pine Ridge, A Beautiful Community We Have To Get A Permit To Install A Window, Outside Our Community They Build A House Or Shed Or Fence With Plywood, How Did This Get Inspected. Are There Ordinances Or Regulations About Maintaining Our Property. I Was Picking Up Litter Today, There Are Many Pieces Of Fence Laying In The Ditch With Nails Sticking Up. This Gentleman Got People To Stop And Thank Him For Cleaning Up. What Are The Basic Maintenance Requirements, In Violation Of Code And Regulations. The Front Entrance Is So Distracting When Driving By I Can't Help But Look At It And Then I'm Not Paying Attention To My Driving And That's Dangerous To Everyone. Safety Is A Major Concern, Not Only People Walking Through To The Road But So Are The Chickens, Children, Etc Cetera. My Community Of Pine Ridge Is Beautiful With Lovely Landscaping And Inviting Entrance, I'm So Disgusted With The Fence And Brush Along Orange River Boulevard. I'm Ashamed To Direct Visitors Through There. If The Owner Of The Property Is In Violation Of The Code, He Should Be Fined. Are There Obligations We're Not Meeting And Laws Not Enforcing. This May Affect The Quality Of Life, It Could Attract Rats Which May Become A Health Problem. Beyond Being Unsightly, There Are No Sidewalks And People Are Forced Into The Streets To Avoid Debris. So My Summary Is A Statement That I Just Got Last Night From One Of The Residents. As A Concerned Citizen We Don't Want To See Our Area Deteriorate. We Turn To You For Guidance, We Want To Work With You To Resolve The Situation.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You.

Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Last Card -- Folks. No Clapping In The Audience Please. Go Ahead.

Good Morning. I Moved From Minnesota And Became A Florida Resident Five Years Ago And I Live At Pine Ridge. I Want To Extend My Thanks To You For Taking The Time To Hear The Concerns On The Fence. I Promise For At Least Today I'm The Last Speaker On This Topic. Commissioner Mann I Wanted To Pay A Special Tribute To You, Extending Thanks To You And Your Executive Assistance For All The Help You Did When The Marathon Gas Station Closed Down And Became A Littering Dump Site. It Was Horrible. And Thanks To Your Help, It Was Cleaned Up. I'm The Guy Cleaning Up The Street. I Do It As A Community Service. My Perspective Relates To There Are Lee County Codes In My Opinion Are Not Being Enforced. In 2012, The Fence Was Bad But Not As Bad As Now, But Not To Code. Five Years Ago When I Bought, The Fence Was The Way It Was Today, I Would Not Have Bought A Property In Pine Ridge. So I Researched Online And Found The Code For Fences. It's Section 34-17-42. I Have Highlighted Certain Segments Of It. Let Me Hit A Couple Of Points. Fences Must Be Uniform Materials Designed In Color. Those Pictures Don't Confirm That. All Fences And Fence Walls Must Be Constructed And Maintained In A Manner Not Detracting From The Neighborhood And Community. Must Not Contain Missing Materials And Components For Which It Was Built And Stand Vertical So It Serves The Function Or Aesthetic Purpose For Which It Was Built. Last One, Under Section D, Fabric Sheets, Nets, Slabs

Should Not Be Used For Part Of The Fence Or Attached By The Fence. I Think You Can See From The Pictures And My Understanding Of The Code Is, Clearly Anybody Who Owns The Fence Is In Violation, Including Lee County. You Own Half And Then The Other Half Is Owned By 15 Parcels. The Good News, Two Have Put Up New Fences In The Past Couple Of Weeks, One Because A Car Drove Through It. If The Code Is Accurate And You Agree The Photos Demonstrate The Fence Is In Violation, What Will It Take To Get The Property Owners In Compliance. I Think It's Your Job To Get Them To Be In Compliance, Who Will Be The Contact Going Forward And Can We Get An Action Plan Bringing All Up To Code In 60 Days. If This Is Not Possible, Please Explain Why Not. On Behalf Of All The Residents Of Pine Ridge And Cracker Barrel And The People Who Said Hello To Me Cleaning Up Garbage, Thank You For Your Time.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You For Everyone Who Came For The Pine Ridge Fence Issue. We Have Directed Staff To Work With The County Attorney's Office To Resolve The Situation. Hopefully We Can Do It Soon. Anyone In The Audience Who Wishes To Speak? Yes, Ma'am. Come Forward. Please Fill Out A Card -- Good.

Good Morning. I'll Make This Brief And Up Beat Note Going Out Of Here Today. First, I Do Want To Thank You For The Appointment To The Human Services Council. I'm Hopeful That It Won't Be Just An Appointment That Today You Voted On And Then Forgotten About, Later Look Back And Say That Was A Good One. The Second Thing Is The Gentleman Standing Here Next To Me, Most Of You Know, Which Is Matthew. He's One Of Your Special Olympians, Back In December There Was A Resolution Passed And Adopted Recognizing Lee County Special Olympics. This Is What It Looks Like. Matthew Has Been Involved With Track Since He's Been Down Here And Basketball And Stand Up Paddle Board. This Is What You Support And I -- As A Parent And For The Community This Is One Of The Wonderful Things That You Do. Now, One Thing That's Going To Be Happening And I Don't Know If It's In March Or April But I'll Send Out A Personal Invitation To Each Of You, Area Track And Field Special Olympics Will Be Taking Place, Last Year It Was In Naples, It Is Not Far Away. I Would Invite You To Go And Watch. You Have Participants That Are In Wheelchairs, You Have Walkers, You Have People That Are Actually Walking Rather Than Running And You Have The Runners Like Matthew. So, Again, Until You Have Experienced It, You Don't Know What You're Supporting And Again, Get Behind This. I Appreciate Everything You Do In Support Of Special Olympics. Let's Keep It Going And Have A Great Day.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Diane.

Commissioner Mann: Congratulations Matt.

Commissioner Manning: No Further Business Except For The Fact That We Have A Work Session Update By Roger.

This Afternoon At 1:30 Work Session To Discuss Language Plan Minutes, Today Specifically Dealing With Water Management.

Commissioner Manning: Any Questions By The Board? Seeing None, We're Adjourned.

