

March 7, 2017

Commissioner Manning: Today Is Tuesday March 7th 2017. Our Invocation With Pastor Matt Booher.

We Thank You For The Day And The Great County We Live In, Especially This Time Of The Year It's So Beautiful. Thank You For Blessing Us With That. We Pray For The Activities Going On Today And The Commission With Wisdom With Every Line Of Business They Have. We Pray It Will Be A Health And Blessing To Our County And Pray For Their Families. We Know The Stress Can Lead At Home. We Pray For The People Of Lee County. We Pray That You Help Lee County To Be Good People And You Bless Them Accordingly. In Jesus Name, Amen. (Pledge Of Allegiance)

Commissioner Manning: We Have The Pet Of The Month, First, Turning It Over To Commissioner Pendergrass.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Thank You Chairman. We Have A Very Excitable Friend This Morning, His Name Is Sam. He's Adorable White Faced Here. You All Can Tell Us What's Going On In Animal Services And Then Maybe Show Sam Off.

It Is Dr. Seuss Month, We're Celebrating His Birthday. He's Sam I Am. Children Books Will Be Donated To The Pet Therapy Program. And We're Having The Kennel That We Did Last Year, On The 25th, Any Other County Agencies That Want To Compete, We're Decorating Kennels After Dr. Seuss Books And We'll Pick Winners. 25th Is The Voting Day.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Hopefully Someone Will See Sam This Morning And Want To Give Him A Great Home. He's A Cute Dog Great For A Young Family.

Commissioner Hamman: Does He Like Green Eggs And Ham?

I Think He Likes Everything Right Now.

Commissioner Pendergrass: Thank You For Everything You Do.

Commissioner Kiker: Isn't It Customary For The Person In The Chair To Take The Dog Home.

Commissioner Pendergrass: It Would Be Great If You Take That Dog Home. Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Commissioner. Next, A Presentation Recognizing Believing In Girl's Month. Commissioner Hamman.

Commissioner Hamman: Thank You Mr. Chairman. I'll Call Up Anybody Here To Support Pace. I'll Read A Ceremony Proclamation To You And We'll Take A Picture And Ask Someone To Say A Few Words. Good Morning. The Resolution Reads As Follows, Whereas March Is Women's History Month In The United States, A Time When Our Nation Reflects On The Contribution Women Make To Our

Society And Whereas It's Very Important To Provide Young Women Access To The Resources And Opportunities They Need To Reach Full Potential And The Pace Center For Girls Is Instrumental To Promote A Better Future In Collaboration With The Children And Families, Department Of Education And Juvenile Justice And Whereas Women Are Dynamic And Valuable Contributors To Society And Whereas February 6th, 2017, Marks The 10th Anniversary Of Pace Center Girls And March 14th Is The Grand Dame Tea And Honoring Three Local Women For Their Life Long Impact In Community Engagement And Promoting Awareness For Pace Center Girls Of Lee County. The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County Florida Proclaims That March 2017 Shall Be Known, Designated And Set Aside Believing In Girl's Month In Lee County And We Encourage All Residents To Participate In The Grand Dame Tea. The 7th Day Of March 2017 By Our Honorable Chairman, Commissioner John Manning. Congratulations You All. Happy Believing In Girls Month. (Applause) We'll Take A Picture. And Then Whoever The Group Spokesperson Is Can Say A Few Words. (Background Noise)

We'll Take About 20 Minutes.

Commissioner Manning: You Have Three Minutes. (Laughter)

Mr. Chairman, We Launched This Month With The Girls Getting Off The School Bus Coming To The Center With The Red Carpet And We Had Supporters Line That Red Carpet And Celebrate Them, Their Successes And The Challenges They Face Every Day. We Also As You Mention Have The Grand Dame Tea And I Know Several Of You Here Are Very Supportive Of That And We'll See You There Celebrating The Female Spirit As Well. And We Have Girls Traveling To Tallahassee, We Do That Every Year. We Have Pace Day At The Capitol And The Girls Compete And Become Educated Locally And Qualify Through Writing And Essay And There Will Be Four Girls Traveling To Tallahassee This Month Meeting With Our Legislatures And Talking And Advocating About Pace Center For Girls.

Commissioner Hamman: Do You Still Offer The Mentoring Sessions At Pace?

We Do. We Have A Multitude Of Programs And Mentoring Is One Of Them. Absolutely.

Commissioner Hamman: Just As A Personal Testimony, I Have A Chance To Take Part In That. I Wasn't Sure Who Was Mentoring Who. To Hear The Stories Of The Girls To Get Their Lives Back On The Right Path And Move Towards Graduating From High School And A Higher Education Is So Impressive. I Thank You For What You Do To Change Lives In Lee County. Thank You So Much.

Thank You. And Cecil And Brian, You Have Attended The Pathways To Pace And I'll Be Extending An Invitation For The Rest Of You To Show Us. We Have A Calendar To Give You And Then Will Slide On Out.

Commissioner Manning: Give Them To The Clerk, She'll Hand Them To Me Unless She Tries To Take Them. (Applause)

Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You Commissioner Hamman. We Have The Presentation Of The 2016 Paulette Burton Citizen Of The Year Award.

Good Morning Commissioners. It Is My Honor Today To Present The 26th Annual Paulette Burton Citizen Of The Year Award, Paulette Burton Was A Leading Civic Activist And Devoted An Incredible Amount Of Hours And Energy To Improve The Quality Of Life In Lee County. Tragically In May 1991 She Died In A Motor Vehicle Accident. Her Good Friend And Fellow Activist Steve Maxwell Encouraged The Board To Sponsor This Award. We Received Nine Nominations This Year. The Board Appointed A Committee Who Narrowed The List To The Finalists. The Selection Review Committee Was Composed Of -- They Are Here Today, I Would Like To Ask Them To Stand As Their Name Is Read. Melissa, Amy, Dusty, Steve, Bob, Connie, And Nathan. We Thank The Committee For Their Valuable Assistance With The Award. (Applause) The Board Of County Commissioners Selected The Award Winner Of The Year. We're Happy Members Of The Burton Family Could Join Us. They're Here With Us Today. At This Time, I Would Like To Ask Sandy To Come Forward And Say A Few Words.

Good Morning. It's Hard To Believe It's Been 26 Years, But It's So Good To Be Here. My Sister Has Been Here And I Haven't Been Able To The Past Few Years. I Just Wanted To Thank The Board And The Citizens Of Lee County For Continuing This Award In Recognition And Encouraging Citizens To Be An Integral Part Of Their Community. I Know That's What My Mom Believed In So Strongly And I Know She Would Be Very Happy To See This Good Work Is Going On Here. Thank You Very Much. (Applause)

Commissioner Manning: Thank You.

I Would Now Like To Ask The Board To Please Come To The Front And The Burton Family And Dusty Gardener, The Brother Of Last Year's Recipient Tim Gardener To Join Them So They Can Shake Hands With The Award Recipient.

I Will Call The Runners Up To Receive Their Certificate. Captain Bunch Saint James City. As The Founder Of Operation Open Arms, John Bunch Has Helped Provide About 2,500 Active Duty Military Personnel With More Than \$13 Million In Vacation Benefits To Enjoy All Of What Southwest Florida Has To Offer From 288 Partner Businesses. A Long Time Fishing Captain From Pine Island Has Been Featured Three Times On Nbc's "Today Show" And Awarded Service Medal By The Joint Chief Of Staff United States Army. Thank You Captain John. (Applause) Allen Mando, Fort Myers. (Applause) Allen Is The Ceo President Of Good Wheels, Providing Transportation To The Disadvantaged In Lee And Glades. He's Part Of The Metropolitan Planning Organization. He Has Served As Mayor, Vice Mayor And Council Member For The Town Of Fort Myers Beach. He Continues To Be An Advocate For Water Quality For The Gulf Of Mexico And Estero Bay. Thank You Allen. (Applause) And The Winner Of The 2016 Paulette Burton Citizen Of The Year Award Is Cynthia Shaffer, Fort Myers. (Applause) During The Past 16 Years Cynthia Shaffer Has Delivered Beds,

Sheets, Pillows And Stuffed Animals As President Of Beds For Kids. Many Of The Children Are In The Care Of Extended Families Or Foster Parents, Because They Come From Homes They Suffered Abuse Or Neglect. And She Has Represented The Children For More Than 24 Years As A Guardian Ad Litem. Thank You Cynthia And Congratulations To All. (Applause) Now We Will Take A Group Photo And Cynthia, Will You Kindly Say A Few Words After. (Background Noise) (Applause)

First, I Want To Say Thank You. What An Honor To Be In Such Great Company As The Other Two Honorees. I'll Tell You A Quick Story. Last Weekend We Were Delivering In Harlem, In Glades County. As We Pulled In, Police Went By Us And Then A Police Car Asked What We Were Doing Pulling A Bunk Bed Out Of The Trailer. The Policeman Turned Around And Started To Cry And Said I Want To Thank You. You Delivered A Bed To My Home When We Took In A Foster Child, We Just Adopted Him In October And You Would Not Believe The Difference That Bed Made. It Gave The Child A Place To Call His Own. So I Want To Thank You For What You're Doing. Every Saturday When We Deliver, Monday Through Friday Is Tough When You Represent Abused Children. You Cry Because Of Their Situations And Abuse But When A Child Jumps Up And Down And Hugs And Kisses And Wants To Say Thank You, It Makes It Worthwhile. Thank You For The Award And The Burton Family And The Commissioners And The Other Two Nominees. (Applause)

Commissioner Kiker: If I May, Congratulations To All Three Of You. Cynthia, I Think You Forgot To Mention Someone By The Name Of John -- Is That His Name?

[Indiscernible]

Commissioner Kiker: John And Cynthia Put 2,000 Miles On A Truck Over A Weekend Delivering Beds To The Kids. Thank You For What You Do. (Applause)

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. I Have Asked Staff To Get A Smaller Podium When You're Speaking Up Here By The Way. Okay? (Laughter) Next We Have The Recap Sheet. Items To Be Deferred Or Continued. No Items. Revisions, Corrections, No Items Selected. Agenda Items To Be Pulled, C-5 And C-15 Commissioner Mann. Commissioner Items, I Believe There Is One Other And No County Attorney Items, Mr. County Attorney, Is That Correct?

Correct.

Commissioner Manning: We'll Go To The Consent Agenda Items To Be Pulled. Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: C-5. This One I Have Had Great Difficulty In Understanding The Need For Lee County To Involve Itself In This. I Was Briefed On This By Mr. Sheets From Out Of Town And Mr. Wesch And Doug I Think You Were Scheduled To Get With Me At The Last Minute But I Couldn't. You May Be Able To Help Me Understand This. First, I Didn't Understand Why This Was A County Attorney's Issue. What Is The -- How Did We Initiate This Blue Sheet In Your Office, It Seems More Of A Policy Matter. I Don't Understand The Legal Significance Of This Being Initiated.

Mr. Chairman? Several Responses. Our Office Was Contacted First. Secondly Because It Will Resolve In A Resolution To Be Adopted By The Board. And Probably Of Less Concern, The Resolution Names Myself As The Lee County Representative On The Fudsa Board Should We Go Forward. The Primary Reason Is Because It Result In A Resolution To Be Considered And Adopted By This Board.

Commissioner Mann: Okay. On The Blue Sheet It Says The County Desires To Become A Member Of Fudsa, F-U-D-S-A. Florida Utility Debt Security Authority. I Was Told It Was Created By The Legislature To Provide Local Utilities. Including That Of The County Access To Used Uccb's. More Cost Effective Effort Of Financing Utility Project. All This Seems To Talk About Our Administrative Staff And Miss Key's Department And You Guys. That's Why Thought It Should Have Been Initiated By You All But It's Before Us. So Doug, Let Me Ask You To Try To Answer These Questions. I Think After My Briefing Yesterday That Lee County Is Eligible If We Wanted To Get Into The Uccb's, Whether Or Not We Are The Sponsoring Agent. That Any County In Florida Can Do This. My Question Here Is We're Creating Government Agency Here And We're A Part Of It, But I Don't Think There's Any Need On Our Part As A County To Take Advantage Of This Newly Created Agency And The Low Interest Bonds They Offer Because We Already Have Thanks To Commissioner Kiker Adequate Reserves, We're Getting The Best Rates I Think Available. I Asked The Question On The Briefing Yesterday, Why Are We Creating This, Why Are We Becoming A Member. It's Creating Another Agency Of The Government And We Don't Like More Government When It's Not Needed. I Don't See The Need. Help Me. What's In It For Lee County?

Let Me Start With, The Original Involvement Is As A Host County And Having Representation On The Fgua. It Became Connected To Fgua And That's Been Part Of Our Involvement. It Offers Services To A Broader Spectrum Of Utilities State Wide, Whether They're Large, Small And At Fgua As A Participant We Do Make Decisions Regarding Other Utilities Outside Our Boundaries Here And This Is Really Just Simply An Extension Of That. As Far As Specifically For Lee County Utilities, It Would Provide An Option, We Currently Have I Believe --

Commissioner Mann: Excuse Me To Interrupt You, It Would Provide An Option Whether Or Not We Were A Sponsoring Agent.

That's Correct. Everybody Would Have Access To This Particular Mechanism In Order To Be Able To Get A Higher Bond Rating And Potentially Savings With The Issuance Of Bonds.

Commissioner Mann: I Asked Miss Keys Yesterday And Again This Morning, Will We Be The Ones Taking Advantage Of This, And I Think The Answer Was -- The Way I Understood It, We Don't Center An Immediate Need To Call On This Newly Created Agency. We Are Enjoying, Did I Say It Correctly, The Best Rates When We Do Bond Or Refinance Bonds, I'm Still Trying To Understand The Selfish Interest Of Lee County. Why Are We Getting Involved In Creating This Agency Of Government And Could We Take Advantage Of It Even If We Didn't Do This. I'm Trying To Figure Out The Agenda. What's In It For Us.

I Would Really --

Commissioner Mann: I Would Be Happy To Hear From Anybody.

I Would Defer Some Of The More Specific Questions Like That To Go To Mr. Wesch. He's Been More Involved As The Point Person. It Gives Us An Additional Option Regardless Of Participation.

Commissioner Mann: I Asked Yesterday At The Office, That's Why I'm Asking Today, The First Question I Asked Mr. Wesch, It Sounds Like I'm Almost Making Fun Of The Process But I Said What's In It For Us. What Is The Advantage For Lee County To Be The Sponsoring Agency When This Could Be Any Other County And I Didn't -- I Wasn't Satisfied With The Answer You Gave Me As Far As Convincing Me That We Needed To Move Forward With This, Since We're Not Taking Advantage Of What It Creates, Are We Going To Have Any Bond Refinancing On The Immediate Horizon That We Might Be Looking Into It, What's In It For Lee County. Why Are We Creating A Government Agency If There's Nothing In It For Us. I'm Starting To Repeat Myself. Mr. Wesch If You Want To Try One More Time.

I'll Take A Better Shot At It This Go Around. Lee County Was Solicited To Be A Participant In The Authority Because The Statute Requires No Less Than Three Local Governments For The Board. The Board And Authority Will Operate In The Sunshine Law With All The Same Rules And Regulations We Operate As A County. They're A Union Of Local Government, I Believe We Were Asked To Participate Because Of Previous Involvement In The Fga And This Is A Continuation Of That Type Of Relationship. Can We Participate For Bond Financing Without Being A Member Of The Authority, Certainly. I Would Leave It To Your Discussion, Wisdom To If It Would Make Since To Have A Seat On The Authority If We're Going To Utilize It In The Future. I Think There Are Benefits To Be Found In That Respect. Likewise, If The Authority Is Not Successful In Getting Participating Members, Then The Authority Never Springs To Life. We Were Asked As A First Course Because Of Our Previous Actions With The Fgua. I Would Point Out They Can Have Bonds We Can Use In The Future Of Existing Debt. I Think It's Important To Note There's No Exposure Or Expense To Lee County Other Than Perhaps My Time. Any Bonds Issued Become The Obligation Of The Authority And None Of The Host Governments. Therefore There's Not A Down Side To Being Part Of The Authority Other Than The Investment Of My Time Which Would Be In Addition To My Duties As County Attorney.

Commissioner Manning: Commissioner Kiker.

Commissioner Kiker: Are You Finished? I Would Like To Comment.

Commissioner Mann: I Heard You Answer And Say There Are Benefits, I Didn't Hear You Articulate On Them. There Might Be Inherent Benefits Later On. My Simple First Question Is What's In It For Lee County. The Fact That We Have Been Associated With Fgua, Why Come To Lee County Florida. I Asked One Of The Questions In My Briefing Yesterday, Who Might Take Advantage Of This. They Said Dade County Might, Good, Ask Them To Be A Part Of This. And The Implication Was They're All Screwed Up For A Number Of Reasons. I Still Don't -- We're Being Asked To Create An Agency Of Government Here Of Which There Are No Immediate Plans Or Plans On The Horizon For Us To Take

Advantage Of It. What's In It For Us, Why Are We Doing This? If I Can't Find A Clear Agenda, I'm Suspicious. I Look For A Hidden Agenda. I Can't Figure Out Why We're Being Asked To Do This And I Appreciate Your Additional Effort And I'm Still Scratching My Head.

Commissioner Kiker: Maybe We Want To Look For Hidden Opportunities Instead Here. Maybe That's A Better Direction. First, I Don't Think This Costs Us Anything. The Second Thing, A While Back, I Go Back Two Or Three Years, This Board Set Policy And The Policy Was We Wanted To Try To Save As Much Money As We Could Going Forward In Our Budget And Pete, I Think It Might Be Appropriate To Ask You, In The Past Two To Three Years, How Much Money Have We Saved By Refinancing And Renegotiating Loans?

Commissioners And Commissioner Kiker, In The Past Four Years We Have Saved \$41 Million At Present Value By Refinancing Bonds. One Thing I Want To Clarify, Commissioner Mann When I Talked To You This Morning, I Wasn't Aware That The Assessments Are A Separate Line Item On The Utility Bill. They Can Get A Higher Rating Than -- That Speaks To The Cost Of Issuance.

Commissioner Kiker: And The 41 Million We Saved Was Based On An Aa Rating I Believe?

That's Correct.

Commissioner Kiker: And We Have The Opportunity To Go To Aaa Perhaps. I Would Suggest We Would Have More Significant Savings Going Forward. What We Have In Front Of Us, I Think It May Be A Live Case, The Minute We Recognize To Finance In The Category Of Aaa, The Sooner It Takes Effect. I Am Totally In Favor Of Passing The Resolution And I Would Make A Motion.

Commissioner Manning: There Is A Motion. I Have To Get Public Input.

Commissioner Hamman: I Second It.

Commissioner Manning: I Don't Have Cards On The Issue. Does Anyone Wish To Speak On The Item. Seeing None, We'll Go Back To The Board. I Will Abstain From Voting On The Issue And I Filled Out Form 8-B And I'll Pass That Into The Clerk.

Commissioner Pendergrass: The Only Comment I Have, Doug Wasn't There Yesterday, But There's No Cost To The County For This, Correct? Okay. That Was My Concern Of Burden Or Cost To The County. Is It The Payers Fee In The Future If There Was A Bond Under This Legislation? There Would Be For The Rate Payer To Pay The Water Bills, Correct?

Yes, The Debt Service Is On The Utility Bill, That's How It's Paid And All The Fees For Issuance Is Contained Within The Bond Itself.

Commissioner Pendergrass: That Was My Concern. It's Nice To Hear My Colleagues Are Looking At Getting Rid Of The Government Agents. We Don't Get Anything Back From Lee County. We Don't Benefit Lee County. It's Great To Have That Conversation. Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Further Discussion On The Motion? Is There A Vote On The Motion Either Way, Yes Or No?

Commissioner Hamman: No Opposition.

Commissioner Mann: The Chairman Showed Me Opposition.

Commissioner Kiker: Can We Thank The Chairman Who Drove Down Here To Meet With Us.

Commissioner Manning: C-15, Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: Let Me Ask Commissioner Hamman, Just To Put A Couple Points On The Record, I Pulled This Because The Low Bid Did Not Receive The Recommendation From Our Staff, It Was The Second Low Bid, The Difference Was \$166,000. And There Was Nothing In The Blue Sheet That Was Clear As To Why The Low Bid Didn't Get It. I Spoke To Miss Keys This Morning And She Explained It To Me. I Think It Would Be Helpful Since It Wasn't Mentioned To Put The Two Points On The Record She Shared With Me. Are You Here Pam?

Let Me -- I'll Take The First Shot. This Was A Fairly Simple Project, To Clean Sludge Out Of A Pond Created During The Water Treatment Process. There Are Certain Requirements That Require Specifications In How They Access The Site And Expose Of The Sludge. Two Of The Bidders Conformed To The Specifications, The Lowest Was Non Conforming, So Based On The Specifications And The Decision Of The Members, The Lowest Qualified Conforming Low Bid Received The Award.

Commissioner Mann: But I Truly Wanted The Two Points That She Had Made -- I Understand They Are Non Conforming But It Didn't Point Out -- I Need To Understand A Technicality That Qualifies As Non Conforming When It's Costing Me \$166,000 To Reject That Bid. I Need Something More Than A Technicality And What Miss Keys Shared Helps Me Understand That. I Just Want That On The Record.

Good Morning. Pam Keys Public Utilities. As Doug Mentioned, We Received Three Bids, The Bid Found Non Conforming Does Not Follow The Entry And Exit Points We Had Specified And We Required There Be --

Commissioner Mann: For Trucks Coming Off And On The Property, Pick Up The Sludge And Get Rid Of It.

Correct.

Commissioner Mann: And The Other Point.

They Needed To Have An Fdep Approved Disposal Plan And At The Time The Bids Were Open, They Did Not Have That In Hand. The Other Two Did.

Commissioner Mann: It Was \$166,000 Difference That Caught My Curiosity. I Move The Item.

Commissioner Manning: Seconded By Commissioner Pendergrass. I Do Have One Card. Chris Alexander. That's All The Cards I Have On The Item. We'll Go Back To The Board For Further Discussion On The Motion --

Commissioner Hamman: Commissioner Mann, I Appreciate You Bringing Up The Issue For Further Discussion And I Think It Was Worthy Of Discussion. I Understand Why We Have To Go The Way We Have To Go Because Of The Permitting And Obviously Because Of The Non Conformance To The Bid. In The Future When Someone Brings A Good Idea That Looks Like It's Going To Save Us A Lot Of Money, I Would Like For Us To Have More Flexibility To Entertain The Ideas. I Know Bids Are Very Important To Follow The Legal Rules Set Out There, But I Would Appreciate An Opportunity To Enjoy The Savings For Citizens Of Lee County If Someone Brings Us A Good Idea. I Understand The Permitting Wasn't In Place But Could Be Put In Place At Some Point. If That Does Happen In The Future, I Wouldn't Be Opposed To Revisiting The Idea To Possibly Save Our Rate Payers Money.

Commissioner Mann: One Last Clarification, There's A Process In Which A Non Conforming Bidder Is Advised They're Not In Sync And They Have An Opportunity To Correct That. Can You Explain That So I Understand It Better? And I Presume In This Case, The Non Conforming Bidder Was So Advised.

Good Morning. Mary Tucker Procurement Director. In Any Of Our Solicitations, We Have A Question Period Where They Can Question The Documents. If They Have A Different Idea Of Doing It, They Can Present It To Us And We Can Say Yes Or No. If We Agree, We Issue An Addendum.

Commissioner Mann: That's During The Process Of Bidding. Once Found In Non Conformance, Are They Notified And Given An Opportunity To Correct.

No, Sir. They Can't Correct After The Bids Are Open.

Commissioner Mann: Okay. I Needed To Understand That Better.

Commissioner Manning: Objections? Motion Carriers 5-0. The Next Item Is Public Comment On The Balance Of The Agenda, Does Anybody Wish To Speak On Any Item? Back To The Board For Motion On The Balance. Motion To Approve The Balance On The Consent Agenda By Commissioner Kiker And Seconded By Commissioner Hamman. Discussion? Objection? Motion Carriers. Our Administrative Agenda. First To Approve A Grant Agreement And Second To Approve A Transportation Agreement Down In Fort Myers Beach. Any Discussion By The Board? I Do Not Have Cards On Either Of The Two Items. Any Motion To Approve -- Commissioner Mann, Seconded By Commissioner Pendergrass. That's The Bulk Of The Agenda For Today. No Walk-On, No Carry Overs. A Late Admission By Commissioner Kiker.

Commissioner Kiker: I Just Wanted Everybody To Know We Did A Ground Breaking Yesterday For The Lee Trans, Serving Two More Routes. We Had A Great Turn Out. Commissioner Pendergrass And Commissioner Hamman Were There As Well. I Want To Thank The Staff For All The Work They Have Done. This Represents 5.5 Acre Of Lot. It's A \$5.2 Million Investment, Of Which The State Of Florida, I Think It Was \$2.3 Million Of That. It's Definitely In Partnership With Each Other And I Think It's Going To

Serve The Community Well. And It's Scheduled For Pre-Season 2018 To Be Open. That's All. Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. Committee Appointments, Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: I Have One. Isabelle To The Street Light.

Commissioner Manning: Motion Carriers. Commissioner Pendergrass. Motion Carriers.

Commissioner Kiker: I Don't Have Any Either.

Commissioner Manning: County Manager Items. There Are None.

Nothing, Thank You.

Commissioner Manning: Public Presentations Next. First Card, Rachel Singletary Followed By Barbara Manzo.

The Reason I'm Here As You Recall I Was Here Two Weeks Ago And John Manning Said That Lee County Has A County Charter. And Yes, I Looked Up The County Charter And I Looked Up Everything That You Eluded To And I Am Here Once Again To Tell You I Attended The Two Weeks Of The Animal Control Trial And I Am Asking You To Drop The Request Of The County Manager To Go After The Fees Against The Plaintiff. You Can Look At The Depositions Yourself, You'll Find Out Why The Charges Are So High. And I Think The County Manager And County Attorney Can Fill You In On Why The Charges Are So High. There's Obviously Severe County Administrative Problems With The County Manager, There Have Been Over 70% Of Department Directors Gone Since Roger Desjarlais Has Taken Over. 70%. And That Is Department Directors. And I'm Going To E-Mail You Each A List Of Those Directors. Some Have Been Here 27 Years, Some 21. Some Were Fired, Some Resigned, Some Left On Their Own Accord For Reasons Unknown. I'm Sure You Can Find That Out. And I'm Concerned About The Whistle Blower Cases. How Many Is Lee County Going To Endure. The Reason My Husband Did Not File One Is Because We Knew That If The County Was Willing To Spend \$570,000 Against Animal Control There Was Nothing We Could Do About The Fire Issue. I Have Found Out That Possibly Two Of Those Employees Are Going To Be Gone Now And Maybe The Fire Issue Is Not Going To Be Taken Care Of. I Respectfully Ask That You Look Into The Allegations I've Made Against The County Administration, You Have The Ability, You've Got The Four People Underneath You And I Am Asking You To Take Into Consideration That I Am A Lee County Citizen, I'm Not Here To Be A Trouble Maker, I Am Here To Make Sure That You All Understand There Is Problems. If You've Got 70 People Gone, There Are Problems. And You Have The Ability To Find Out What They Are. And I Think You Probably Already Know What Some Of Them Are.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. Barbara, Good To See You. Followed By Meredith Bernard And That's The Last Card I Have.

Good Morning Commissioners, Nice To See You. It's Been A While For Some Of You. I'm Here Representing The Eyes On Conservation 2020 Coalition. When You Brought It To Referendum, There Were Folks Who Were Worried About It Passing, I Thought The Residents Of Lee County Understood 2020, We Called Ourselves Yes On Conservation Of 2020, It Was A Political Action Committee Made Up Of About 80 Members. We Were All Concerned Citizens And Organizations And We Made It Our Mission To Go Out And Educate The Public As Best We Could About The Benefits Of Conservation 2020. It Was No Surprise To Me And Other Folks That The Referendum Passed By Almost 84% And We Want To Thank You For Bringing That Referendum Forward And Getting That From The Public, Their Concern About The Conservation Program Continuing. What We Did As An Organization, We Got Back Together To Assess How We Did And What Happened And We Really Felt Compelled To Stay Together Because After We Had Gone Out And Asked The Folks To Vote For This Referendum, We Felt We Needed To Stick With It To Be Sure We Could Be Here To Answer Questions, Follow Up On Properties That Come Up For Purchase And Review And So We Have Formed What We're Now Calling The Eyes On Conservation 2020, Put The Little E In Front Of The S. And We're Here To Thank You For Bringing This Forward, To Continuing To Support The Conservation 2020 Effort. The Purchase Of Properties So Important To This County. We All Know How Quickly We're Growing And How Important The Lands Are To Preserve. And You'll See Us From Time To Time When There Are Purchases. We Hope You Will Use The Expertise Of The Folks In This Coalition. We Have People Like The Eccl And Other Organizations. Just Want To Keep You Up To Date. I Volunteered To Stay In As The Chair Of The Organization, So Maybe You'll See Me More Often, I Don't Know If That's Good Or Bad. Thank You For The Opportunity And Your Support. And We'll See You Again.

Commissioner Manning: Thank You. Meredith. After Meredith, Is There Anyone Else Who Wishes To Speak On Any Matter. Seeing None. Go Ahead Meredith.

Behalf Of The Conservancy. Thank You Commissioner Kiker For Your Presentation To Estero County. Lee County To Acquire One Of The Most Ecologically Important Properties For The Region. Please Consider Us As A Resource On The Matter. I Have Brought A Handout I Would Like To Provide As A Reference. Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak Before You And Your Consideration.

Commissioner Manning: Work Session Update.

Commissioners At The Work Session We're Going To Assess The Fiscal Policies And Assumptions Going Into The Development Of Fiscal Year 17/18 Budget.

Commissioner Manning: Any Questions? We'll Go To Public Comment On Work Session. Anyone Wish To Speak On The Work Session? Seeing None, We're Adjourned. Thank You.