

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners**

**Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20050036

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Request BOCC approve the establishment of two full-time Engineer Technician II positions related to driveway/utility permits for the Department of Transportation. Also, approve budget amendment resolution in the Transportation Trust Fund in the amount of \$265,000.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** New position request requires BOCC approval.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Allows DOT to hire additional personnel to meet the increasing residential and commercial permitting inspections.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**

COMMISSION DISTRICT #

**A9A**

**3. MEETING DATE:**

**02-08-2005**

**4. AGENDA:**

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN.
- CODE
- OTHER

**6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

- A. COMMISSIONER: All
- B. DEPARTMENT: Transportation
- C. DIVISION: Administration

BY: Scott Gilbertson, Director

**7. BACKGROUND:** Lee County Department of Transportation is respectfully requesting two additional Engineering Technician II positions at this time to assist in our residential and commercial permitting effort. Total revenues so far this fiscal year has reached 50% of the total year's projected revenues. Please refer to the attached graph showing the numbers of both residential and commercial permits issued yearly since 1999. Each of the 4,128 permits issued in 2004 (both residential and commercial) represent at minimum three trips from the office, unless an additional trip is required because of a failed inspection. These 12,384 inspections, currently performed by 5 employees, require on average 10 stops countywide each day (considering our range from Boca Grande to Pine Island to Alva to Bonita and a 250-day work year). The rapid increase in the past 3 years has been handled by our capital projects inspectors pitching in during slack times on their projects and contracted labor at \$11,000/month. Furthermore, this trend appears to continue into the foreseeable future. If we don't hire these positions, not only do we keep paying the \$11,000 per month but we will also have less available time for our project inspectors to cover our large road projects, and will have to pay higher rates for outside consultant inspectors.

The county is currently contracting with a local consultant to assist in this permitting effort costing \$11,000 per month or \$132,000 per year for one technician.

The costs for two additional positions is estimated at \$174,552 (which includes costs associated with vehicles) for the first year and approximately \$134,552 each year thereafter. The expenses are offset by revenues generated by the sale of driveway and right of way permits.

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>1/27/05</i> <i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	OA <i>[Signature]</i>	OM <i>[Signature]</i>	Risk <i>[Signature]</i>	GC <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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Date: 1-21-05  
Time: 4:00  
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Admin 1-21-05

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COUNTY ADMIN  
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# RESOLUTION #

Amending the Transportation Trust Fund #17500 Budget for unanticipated receipts into estimated Revenues and Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the Florida Statutes 129.06(2), it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, to amend the Transportation Trust Fund #17500 budget for \$265,000 of unanticipated receipts from various permit fees and an appropriation of a like amount for salaries, equipment, rolling stock, vehicle maintenance and reserves;

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Trust Fund #17500 budget shall be amended to include the following amounts which were previously not included.

## ESTIMATED REVENUES

Prior Total:		\$46,046,246
Additions		
PC5400017500.322000.9013	Driveways/Culverts Permits	\$250,000
PC5400017500.329000.9005	Street & Utility Permits	15,000
Amended Total Estimated Revenues		\$46,311,246

## APPROPRIATIONS

Prior Total:		\$46,046,246
Additions		
PC5411917500.501210	Salaries Full-time Regular	\$104,272
PC5411917500.504030	Motor Pool Charges – Variable	8,280
PC5411917500.504110	Telecommunications	2,000
PC5411917500.506410	Furniture & Equipment	10,000
PC5411917500.506430	Vehicle & Rolling Stock	50,000
GC5890117500.509910	Reserve for Contingencies	90,448
Amended Total Appropriations		\$46,311,246

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, that the Transportation Trust Fund #17500 budget is hereby amended to show the above additions to its Estimated Revenue and Appropriation accounts.

Duly voted upon and adopted in Chambers at a regular Public Hearing by the Board of County Commissioners on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

ATTEST:  
CHARLIE GREEN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

DOC TYPE YA  
LEDGER TYPE BA

**NEW POSITION REQUEST FORM - FY 03/04**

Position Name: Engineering Technician II (2)

Position Group Number: 50890 Budgeted Salary Amount w/o fringes \$ \$ 36,000

Position Justification: SEE ATTACHED TOTAL \$72,000

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Total Position Costs: List below the total costs associated with the new position (detailed by object code). These costs could be for additional equipment, uniforms, computer, vehicles, etc. that are needed by the new employee to perform his/her job.

These amounts should not be inputted into One World. The amounts will be added to your proposed budgets by the Management & Budget Analyst if the position request is approved.

<u>Object Code</u>	<u>Object Code Description</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
<u>5012XX</u>		<u>\$36,000</u>
	<u>New Position Fringe Benefits Total</u>	<u>\$16,136</u>
<u>6410</u>	<u>Laser Level &amp; Rod</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<u>6430</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>4030</u>	<u>Vehicle Charges</u>	<u>\$4,140</u>
	<u>TOTAL NEW POSITION COSTS</u>	<u>\$87,276</u>
		<u>\$174,552</u>

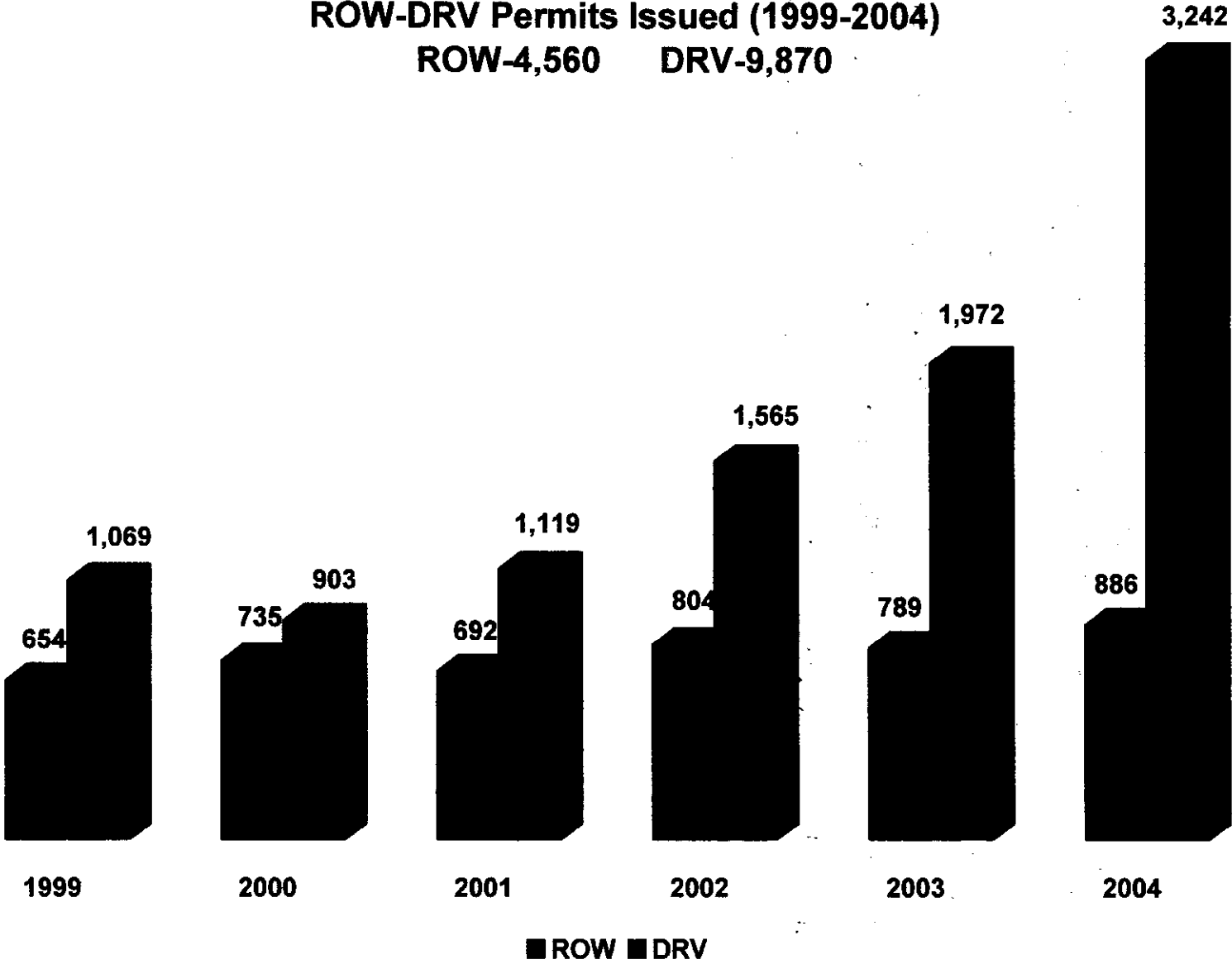
Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Division Director Date

Please call your Management & Budget Analyst with any questions or if you wish to receive a copy via e-mail.

**ROW-DRV Permits Issued (1999-2004)**

**ROW-4,560    DRV-9,870**



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**TROUT ARE ALWAYS  
NEARBY ON WATER**

■ GO C8

**FAMILIES MOVING BACK TO  
THE TABLE AT MEAL TIME**

■ LIFESTYLES E6

**SUSPECT BEHIND BARS**

MAN ARRESTED IN SLAYING OF LABELLE BUSINESSMAN

■ LOCAL & STATE B1

## Lee building permits top \$3 billion

2004 growth spurs need for more county agency staff

BY DICK HOGAN  
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Officials announced Wednesday.

Building permits worth more than \$3 billion were issued in Lee County in 2004 as construction of homes and commercial buildings alike surged to new heights, county offi-

The total value of construction excluding Fort Myers and Cape Coral was \$3,028,496,807, up 53 percent from 2003's \$1,969,276,120. Single-family-home permits increased 48 percent from 4,802 to

7,124.

Total construction value wasn't available in Cape Coral but was \$340 million in Fort Myers in 2004 — the 2003 figure wasn't available. Cape Coral saw a 33 percent increase in single-family permits, from 4,263 to 5,664.

"It's been really busy. September was our busiest month," said Tim Rose, president of Arthur Rutenberg Homes/Lyons Housing Corp. in Lee County. "Especially with the hurricanes, you would have thought people would have given it a second thought but they came in, they were more excited than ever" to be

buying a house.

Mary Gibbs, director of the county Department of Community Development, said it is hard to tell whether the trend will continue this year — especially for residential permits. "So many external factors affect it. Are there going to be materials shortages pushing prices up? Are interest rate increases going to push

people out of the market?"

But she noted that with Gulf Coast Town Center mall being built at Alico Road and Interstate 75 and Coconut Point Town Center being built on U.S. 41 south of Corkscrew Road in Estero, commercial construction should be in for another robust year.

Her staff has been meeting regularly with the mall

builders to avoid permitting crunches, Gibbs said but she still intends to add about a dozen more people in addition to the 233 she has now. More than half of new positions would be building inspectors and the rest would work the front counter.

■ See PERMITS A2