

**June 26, 2007**

I'm Trying To Sort Out The New Cards By Subject Matter As Best I Can.

Let Me Say On The Waterway Estates Issue, We Will Consider, We Will Let You Speak Publicly, Or The Appropriate Time For You Which Is Not What We Usually Do.

When We Consider That Item Which Is A Blue Sheeted Item, I Believe Walk-On Three.

At That Point, I Will Let Public Comment, Then You Can Come And Speak On It, So When We Have The Regular Public Comment Period You Won't Speak At That Point You Will Speak When We Call The Issue Up.

I Think That Will Keep Everybody Together On That Issue.

Other Than That, I Guess, I Will Call The Meeting To Order.

We Will Proceed With The Agenda.

The First Is Our Invocation By Pastor Don Hamilton From The International Worship Center, Followed By The Pledge Of Allegiance, If You'll Please Stand.

Thank You For The Opportunity To Do This.

Proverbs 4 And 7, Wisdom Is The Principle Thing, Therefore Get Wisdom, With All Your Getting, Get Understanding.

Father, Give Us Wisdom, We Realize Through Wisdom We Will Gain The Understanding Necessary To Make The Right Decisions, Not Only Today But Everyday.

Be With Us, Guide Us, Guard Us And Keep Us, We Thank You For It, In Jesus Name, Amen.

Amen.

I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag, Of The United States Of America And To The Republic, For Which It Stands, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty And Justice For All.

Thank You Very Much, Pastor Hamilton.

Appreciate It.

We Have A Couple Of Ceremonial Presentations To Make Today.

Which I'm Happy To Be Able To Make.

The First I Will Call On John Yarboro To Come Up.

And Here He Comes.

This Is A Proclamation That Declares That The Parks And Recreation Month Is July.

But I Just Want You People To Know I'm Extremely And I Know My Colleagues Are Too, Extremely Pleased To Present This To John Yarboro.

Our Parks And Recreation System Is One Of The Best, If Not The Best In The U.S.

If You Haven't Been To Our Regional Parks, This Resolution Will Try To Encourage You To Go Out And Give You The Motivation To Go Out.

Please Celebrate The Beauty And Enjoy The Beauty Of These Parks.

We Are Nationally Rated, My Friends, On Our Park System.

This Is Extremely, Extremely Complimentary Thing For Us To Be So Recognized.

Our Park System Is Great.

Please Enjoy It.

Let Me Read The Resolution If I Can.

Whereas The National Association Of Park Recreation Recognized July As Parks And Recreation Month, Where As Lee County Parks And Recreation Touches The Lives Of Individuals, Families, Groups, And The Entire Community Positively Impacting The Social, Economic And Environmental Quality Of Our County And Provide A Welcome Respite From Our High-Paced Lifestyles While Protecting And Preserving Our Natural Environment.

They Make Communities Attractive Desirable Places To Live.

Provide Opportunities For Young People To Live, Grow And Develop And Be Contributing Members Of Our Society.

Whereas Agencies Provide Outlets For Physical Activities, And Stress Reducing Experiences Be It Resolves The Board Of County Commissioners Proclaim July And Parks And Recreation Month In Lee County And Urge All Citizens To Visit The Parks, Especially On The Weekend Of July 28 And 29 When All Parking Fees Will Be Waived At The Lee County Regional Parks And Boat Ramps And Will Be Free Admission At The County Pools.

If That's Not Incentive To Enjoy Those Parks, I Don't Know What Will Be.

That Wasn't Part Of The Resolution.

Duly Executed This 26th Day Of June.

John, I'm Proud To Present This To You.

[Applause]

Let's Get Your Pretty Picture, Johnny.

On Behalf Of All The Employees Of Lee County Parks And Recreation We Certainly Want To Thank The Board Of County Commissioners As Well As County Administration And All The Other Departments That Support Us.

We Would Like To Think That Every Month Is Parks Month.

Not Just July.

But We Certainly Look Forward To Introducing New Folks To Our Facilities That Haven't Seen Them.

So Thanks For Bringing This Forward.

Thank You.

Thanks Very Much.

The Next One I Have Is Also Very Important And It's Kind Of Something That We Really Must As A Public Spend More Time Doing.

The Title Is Called Stay Alive, Just Drive.

And I'm Sure All Of Us Know The Problems As We Watch Other People Not Ourselves Drive Down The Road Watching Them Talk On Their Cell Phones, Watching Them Do Everything But Drive.

So This Is To Remind Us We Ought To Just Stay Alive And Just Drive.

I'm Going To Have This Presented, It Will Be Accepted By Jay Anderson, The Founder Of This, Jay.

Are You Here?

Come On Up To The Podium.

Mark And David.

You Will Come Up To The Podium There.

I Have One Of These For Each Of You But I Will Read The Resolution At This Point.

Whereas Most People Today Consider Inattentive And Unsafe Driving By Others As A Major Personal Threat To Themselves And Their Families.

Stay Alive Just Drive Campaign Encourages All To Support The Effort To Curb Distracted Driving.

Regrettably Lee County Continues To Experience High Numbers Of Fatalities, Life-Altering Injuries And Costly Property Damage As A Result Of Motor Vehicle Collisions On Our Road Ways.

Whereas Traffic Crashes Are The Leading Cause Of Death For Children And Young Adults Ages 3-34 And Leading Cause Of Long Term Disability Including Brain And Spinal Cord Disabilities For All Ages.

Whereas It's Important That Motorists Take Driving Seriously, Learn To Share The Road, Develop A Mind Set That Will Help Them Drive Less Aggressively And Keep Their Eyes On The Road And Hands On The Wheel.

Ultimately We Would Like To Reach Every Motorist Of Lee County With At Least One Message On The Average Every Single Day Of The Year Regarding The Dangers Of Distractive Driving And Practice Safe And Law Abiding Driving Habits And Follow Simple Philosophy Of Stay Alert, Stay Focused, Stay Alive, Just Drive.

Be It Resolved We Proclaim July 2nd To July 7th 2007 As Stay Alive, Just Drive Week.

Executed This 26th Day Of June, 2007.

Pleased To Present This Resolution To You.

[Applause] We Will Take A Picture First.

And You Can Go To The Podium.

Would You Like To Say A Few Words?

Good Morning, David Canered, I Work For Lee County Public Safety.

I Heard Jay Anderson In This Program In Its Infancy Speak At The Community Safety Traffic Team.

I Chair The Coalition For Injury Prevention For The County And Mark Heads Up The Coalition For The Health Department.

I Said This Is A Good Idea.

I Personally, As A Family Have Experienced Distracted Drivers, My Wife And Daughter Were Rear Ended By Someone Eating.

And My Other Daughter Was Rear Ended By Someone Going For Their Cell Phone.

I Said This Just Makes A Lot Of Sense.

I Invited Jay To The Injury Prevention Coalition, I Said We Need To Write A Grant And Get This Promoted County Wide.

I Did The Research And Statistics In The Grant.

Talking To Law Enforcement Found Out That Probably Over 50% Of The Accidents Are Caused By Distracted Drivers.

If We Can Get This Message Out And It Prevents One Accident Or Injury It's Well Worth It, But I Know It Will Prevent Hundreds If Not Thousands.

The Florida Department Of Health, Office In Tallahassee Has Their Eye On This Program And It's A Program They Would Like To See Replicated Through The State.

Which I Will Probably Come To You Sometime Next Year With Another Grant So We Can Take This On The Road And Take It Through The State And Get It Replicated.

I Want To Thank You Very Much.

I'll Let Jay Say A Few Words.

Thank You.

Good Morning.

I'm Jay Anderson, Founder Of The Stay Alive Just Drive.

I Would Like To Take A Few Moments To Recognize People That Have Made The Success Of The Program Paramount Today.

There Are Members Of The Task Force, Doug McGregor From The News Press.

Chief Chris From Fort Myers Shores Fire Department.

Ashley Younger, P.I.O. For E.M.S. And Dan Moezer, Professional Bike Ped Coordinator.

Who Has Definitely Given Me A Lot Of Advice And Been A Good Friend And Helped Bring The Program To Where It Is Today.

Thank You.

Thank You, Appreciate It.

[Applause]

My Name Is Mark, I Work With Lee County Health Department's Injury Prevention Program.

I Want To Thank The County In General For Supporting And Recognizing The Importance Of This Issue.

I Want To Defer My Time Over To My Boss, Mr. Mallett, Our Chief Financial Officer Over At The Lee County Health Department.

Thank You, Mark.

Thank You, Board.

Over A Decade Ago Lee County Health Department In Accordance With Community Fire, E.M.S., Law Enforcement, Now Florida Gulf Coast And Now Lee Memorial Hospital Created The Coalition.

We Have Done Many Things To Help People Who Drive Not Be Distracted.

We Installed Safely, Thousands Of Child Seat Safety Seats Which Allows The Mom Or Dad Driving Not To Have To Worry About Children Going Around The Car, Running Around The Car.

We Also Set Up A Bicycle Safety Program.

What That's Done Is Kept Some Distractions Off The Road By Teaching Young Children How To Safely Ride Their Bicycles.

We Put Up Lights In Crossroads.

We Got A Grant And Put Up A Light At Tice Elementary.

We Know That Particular Area Is Dangerous.

A Lot Of Hit And Runs.

And We've Gotten Grants Through E.M.S. To Provide Bike Safety To Our Hispanic Population.

We Have Provided Reflectors And Caps So When They Are On The Roads It Gives The Drivers A Better Chance To See Them And Avoid Injury.

And We Do Thank The County Board Of Commissioners.

You Have Helped Us With This Program By Funding Some Of Our Positions In Injury Prevention And We Are Greatly Appreciative.

Thank You Very Much.

[Applause]

The Recap Sheet, We've Got Several Items On There.

Consent Item 4b.

Request To Add Some Language To Provide 30-Day Written Termination Notice.

Consent 7d.

To Add The Following Language To The Beginning Of The Action Requested Purpose Section, It Goes This Way, Authorize Staff To Provide The 30-Day Termination And Terminate.

Consent 14 F, Revise Following Language To Read Approve Budget Transfer In The Amount Of \$2,150,000 To Capital Improvement Reserves.

9:30 Item We Will Pull Because We're Not Able To Work That Out Today With Our Crowded Agenda.

We Will Hear That Another Time.

We Were Talking About An M.M.P. Meeting.

We Will Have Our Lobbyists Come In And Tell Us.

I Hate To Use The Word Accomplishments.

About The Activities Of Our State Legislature At This Time.

John, It's Really Not That Funny.

It's Kind Of Sad.

Can I Have A Motion?

So Moved.

Moved By Commissioner Hall, Second By Commissioner Bigelow.

Discussion?

All In Favor?

Opposed?

The Aye's Have It, Changes So Noted.

We Have Three Walk-Ons And One Carry-Over Item.

That Concludes The Recap Section.

We Are Now Coming To The Public Comment Portion On The Consent And Administrative Agenda.

Remember If You Want To Talk On The Waterways Issue That We're Going To Do That When We Take Up That Item.

I Have Those Cards Pulled Aside Here To Call You When That Item Comes Up For

Discussion.

But Anyway We Will Proceed With The Balance Of The Consent Agenda.

Stephen Brown?  
Administrative Item 3a.

Followed By Gordon Brandt.

Will Speak On The Buckingham Community Plan.

Good Morning Stephen.

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, The Reason I Wish To Speak Today Is On Item A Under Administrative Agenda.

This Has To Do With Buckingham Communities Request For Funding To Conduct A Community Plan.

As Environmental Policy Specialist For The Conservancy Of Southwest Florida I Would Like To Lend My Support To The Buckingham Community And The Conservancy Support For This Effort At Self Determination.

And We Are Supportive Of Any Such Efforts.

With That, I Can Answer Any Questions.

But We Just Think It's A Good Thing They Are Attempting To Do.

Okay.

Thank You Very Much.

Gordon Brandt, Followed By Jimmy.

Gordon Brandt, Skate Circle, Buckingham.

I'm Here To Ask You To Please Approve This Request For Grant For The Developing A Plan.

We Were Kind Of Leaders In Community Plans Back In The Day.

And We Finally Decided It's Time To Update It And Catch Up With The Rest Of The County.

Your Approval And Support Would Be Greatly Appreciated.

Thank You Very Much.

Jim English?

I Don't See Jim Here.

I Have A Blue Card But I Don't See Jim.

He Was.

He May Have Stepped Out.

We Will See If He Happens Back.

Bill Berdette.

Good Morning.

I'm Bill Berdette, President Of The Buckingham Community Planning Panel.

For The Last Year We Have Encouraged To Improve The Community Plan For That Area.

Appreciate Your Support.

The Community Has Responded.

The Buckingham Community Planning Panel Is Incorporated.

Planners Were Interviewed.

Johnson Engineering Hired.

We Have Had Excellent Support And Guidance From County Staff In This Process.

Website Has Been Online For A Couple Of Months.

We've Conducted Community-Wide Surveys By Mail And Online.

We've Had Numerous Public Meetings, Well Attended Productive Meetings.

And We Are Well On Track To Deliver A Draft Of An Improved Community Plan To Your Staff This Summer.

We Would Appreciate Your Approval Of This Agreement For Financial Support And Allow Us To Complete This Task And Again Thanks For Your Support.

Thank You Very Much.

Kevin, I Think It's Fiernes.

It's A K.

That Looks Like An F To Me.

But We Could Be Wrong, Of Course.

We're Together.

I Got You Right Afterwards.

Kevin, Okay.

Kearns.

Sometime We Will Sit Down And Have Kevin Draw An F And A K For Me.

We Are Bringing Ken Thompson But He Didn't Fill Out A Card Because He Was In Court.

We Have Come As A Set.

I Will Call On You From Family Health Centers.

Thank You.

Ken Thompson Is A Member Of Our Board But He Is Also Representing Lehigh.

He Is The Chairman --  
A Little Closer To The Mic.

We Don't Want To Miss A Word.

Ken Is Also The Chairman Of The Lehigh Regional Hospital Board Of Directors, He Is An Attorney In Town In Lehigh.

Kevin Acts As Our Ceo In What Spare Time We Have.

He Also Serves On The Governor's Regional Health Information Organization Of The State.

And He Has Sat On The Committee Meetings And Has Reviewed The Type Of Grants We Are Requesting.

Bob Johns Back Here.

We Are Here To Ask You To Consider Our Request, The \$200,000.

Which Must Come From The Public Money To Draw A Match That Will Make Us Receive In This County And In Lehigh Specifically A Million Dollars For A New Facility.

This Was Specifically Set For Community Health Centers.

You Have Known Me A Long Time, I'm Never Nervous But After 40 Years This Is The First Time We Have Come To The County For Financial Support And Of 44 Years We Have Never

Done This.

But This Is An Opportunity That Only Comes Through This Channel, This Way For Us.

You've Had The Information We Can Tell You How Many Kids We See Out There, What The Statistics And How Many People We Are Seeing, But We Are In A Little Facility We Moved In, In 1997.

And It's Very Much Inadequate For Our Needs.

We Have Two Positions In There.

At One Time We Have Had Three, Just Because The Staff Cared About Seeing The People And They Were Just All Over Each Other.

We Decided When That Position Left And Brought A Private Practice In Lehigh, She Is Across The Street From Us, And We All Get Along Well Together, We Couldn't Put Three People In There.

So The One Physician Now That Is Seeing Adults Is Having To Send The Overflow Downtown To Broadway.

Or To Lehigh.

We Have An Office In Labelle.

We Can Improve On Data, What We Are Seeing And The Need To Be There.

This Is An Opportunity For The County To Help Us Build A Good Health Facility In Lehigh.

That's Our Request.

Thank You.

We Will Call On Kevin.

And The Gentleman Who Was In Court.

Thank You For The Opportunity To Just Say A Few Words Here.

I Want To Add On As Ceo For Not For Profit, One Challenge Is To Identify Funds, We Don't Have Profit Built Into Our Budget.

There Is \$7 Million Available This Year For Community Health Centers.

To Do Projects Like This.

To Create New Centers Within The Community.

The Mechanism That They've Created, There's A Match By The State And A Match By The Federal Government, Without Getting Too Much Into Details The \$200,000 We Are Requesting Turns Into \$950,000 From The Low Income Pool Dollars Out Of The Medicaid Program.

Leili Mentioned I Sat On The Panel A Few Years That Reviewed These Applications Across The State.

It's Always Been Disappointing We Haven't Had The Opportunity To Get The Millions That Have Gone To Miami Dade, Pine Hills And All The Other Counties.

We Haven't Had One Opportunity And This Is Our Opportunity To Do It With A Great Cause.

My Name Is Ken Thompson.

I'm An Attorney And Resident In Lehigh, I Practice There And Live There.

I Actually Use The Facilities From Family Health Services And Their 12-14 Years.

I Believe I Serve On The Advisory Board For The Lehigh Advisory Council, We Have Written A Letter For Our Hospital.

We Need The Services.

We Appreciate Any Help You Are Able To Give Us.

Thank You, Appreciate It.

Did Jim English Ever Come In Again?

No, I Think He Left.

By Golly.

He Will Be Back At 5:00 Though.

That Concludes The Blue Cards.

Anyone Else Want To Speak On The Consent Agenda At This Point?

Notice I Didn't Say You Have To Have A Blue Card, Just Anyone Else Want To Speak On Some Item?

Okay, I Don't See Any Hands Waving, So Going, Going, Gone.

We Will Proceed With The Consent Agenda.

The First Will Be Items To Be Pulled By The Board, Commissioner Hall?

4b And 7a.

Thank You.

Commissioner Mann?  
14f, 9e.

Commissioner Bigelow?  
None.

None?  
I Knew It Would Shock You.

Fantastic.

And I Have None To Pull.

Move The Balance.

Motion By Commissioner Hall To Approve The Balance.

All Those In Favor?  
Is There A Second?  
Commissioner Mann?  
Further Discussion?  
All In Favor Signify By Saying Aye.

Opposed?  
The Motion Is Adopted.

We Will Take Item 4b.

Commissioner Hall?  
Thank You Mr. Chairman.

Jim, Could You Give Me An Explanation, I Realize This Temporary Parking Was For Jurors?  
We Decided To Hold Off On The Paving.

Discussion?  
All Those In Favor Signify By Saying Aye.

The Motion Is Adopted.

7a?  
Thank You Mr. Chairman.

The Reason I Pulled This, Earlier This Year We Took Up A Capital Consideration For Swathis.

I Felt Family Health Centers With The Match They Had Should Have An Opportunity To  
Move Forward Into Our '07-'08.

I Felt It Was Important We Should Consider Family Health Centers Request Also.

The Reason I Pulled It Is To Explain, We Didn't Give A Grant Out Of This Budget Year, We Put Them In The '07-'08 Budget.

I Would Like To Be Consistent, Before I Make A Motion, I Know Commissioner Janes You Had Comments.

I Would Like To Be Consistent And Put The Family Health Centers In The '07-'08 Budget Also.

The Only Comment I Wanted To Make On This, I Would Like To Include In The Motion To Ask Our Human Services Staff To Review And Come Back With Us, If There Are Any Remaining Funds That Could Be Used As A One-Time Local Match To Pull That \$800,000 For The Project And Ask The Human Services Staff To Develop A Plan, Present It To The Human Services Council And Bring Back Recommendations For Capital Funding From Non-Profit Agencies.

I Hope We Can Address This In A More Orderly Fashion.

I'll Make A Motion We Move Family Health Centers Request To The '07-'08 Budget.

And I Have Something Under Discussion.

Second.

I'm Comfortable With A Second.

Now Discussion?

It Was My Understanding, Commissioner Janes, That The Human Services Council Was Reviewing Capital And Would Try To Get Back With Us, There's A Process At Hand.

I Know It's Taking Time.

I Think They Will Present That To Us In The Fall.

Commissioners, Karen Has A Prior Commitment But I Can Handle That.

The Human Services Council Has Been Talking About The Whole Capital Issue.

I Can't Speak For Them, But I Did Attend The Meeting Last Wednesday.

They Have Some Concerns About Capital Funding Competing With Operational Dollars In The Partnering For Results Pot.

The Way They Left It Last Wednesday Was Kind Of On Hold Based On The Timing Of Property Tax Reform And The Concerns About It Eating Into Operational Funding But They Certainly Can Address It Again At Some Point.

I Will Incorporate That Into, Are You Still Chairing Human Services?

Or Liaison?

Yes.

I Want To Include That, Commissioner Janes, You Bring It Back To Them And Possibly Look At A Different Funding Mechanism.

Let You Coordinate With Them, Because I Think There Needs To Be Some Dialogue, Especially When These Kinds Of Opportunities Present Themselves.

Thank You.

Further Discussion?

A Little Clarification, If I Might.

I'm Trying To Understand If The Motion And Second Now Includes All Of What You Had Suggested, Such As If We Got Left Over Dollars In The '06-'07 Budget.

Then We Would Not Have To Consider This In The '07-'08 Budget.

But We Won't Know That Until The Department Has Researched That, Was This All Within The Spirit, Inclusive?

I'm Trying To Be Consistent With Something We Are Doing That's Inconsistent.

I Think It's Important To Treat These, We Made A Policy Decision And I Would Like To -- If Staff Comes Back, If They Want To Walk Something On In August Or September They Are Welcome To Do That.

If We Start Pulling These Out And Doing Different Things I Think We Are Opening A Door.

I Would Like To Put In The '07-'08 Budget Request.

If Something Changes In There, Our Processes Are Fluid, It Could Always Come Back.

If There's A Possibility Of Funding This Year, I Think We Are Trying To Say We Will, If Not It Go In The '07-'08 Budget.

The Staff, They Have Our Consensus To Review That And Come Back If They Can, But The Motion Doesn't Include Anything --

It Doesn't Authorize Them To Fund It Automatically.

Thank You For The Clarification.

I Want To Make Sure Leili Understands We Are Very Interested In This Proposal, The Fact We Can Pick Up Almost \$1 Million For An Investment Of \$200,000 Is One We Shouldn't Let Go By, But It Needs To Go Through The Proper Processes And Review.

Thank You.

Any Further Discussion?

All In Favor Signify By Saying Aye?  
Opposed?  
The Ayes Have It.

So Ordered.

Thank You Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Mann, 14f?  
Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

We've Got A Clarification As To The Final Dollars We Are Asking For.

I've Asked Ms.

Demur To Review This.

Here Is My Pet Peeve And You Have Heard Me Speak To This Before, Are These 17-Digit Account Numbers.

It Says We Are Taking A Bunch Of Those With 17 Digits Out Of The Budget And We Are Adding Others With 17-Digit Account Numbers Into, But They Don't Say What The Projects Are.

That's Very Frustrating To Me.

First Off, All Of These Items, I Presume Were Approved In Last Year's Budget.

Is That Right?  
Good Morning, For The Record Doug Muir.

These Were Projects For This Fiscal Year.

We Reprioritized During The Budget Process To Make Sure Our Future Cip Next Year Is Properly Funded And These Were Lower Priority Projects.

But We Are Changing This Year's Priorities And Doing It With These Account Numbers.

I Haven't Had A Chance To Review In My Own Sense Of Priorities Which Are Most Important And Which Are Not.

So I Don't Know Which One's We Are Really Dropping Out And Which One's Specifically We're Adding.

Let Me Take This Second Part First.

Can You Name The Larger Items That You Think We Need Now To Pull Forward Into This Budget Year, That Are Not There Now?  
What Are The Big Ticket Items?

These Are Really In Contemplation Of Next Year's C.

I.

P.

An Example Of A Project That Was Part Of This Transfer Was The Corkscrew Well Field.

And That's The Reason For The Reduction Of \$2 Million In This Transfer Because Actually We Got That Amended And Approved In One Of The Prior Meetings.

When We Do A Contract Or Commit To Next Year's C.

I.

P.

We Need To Make Sure We Have Adequate Funding To Back That Projected Schedule.

We Had To Modify Some Of The C.

I.

P.

Budget In Order To Make Sure We Are Backing What We Are Projecting For The Next Fiscal Year For C.

I.

P.

I'm Still Missing Something Here.

Are You Referring To Next Year's Budget But We Are Backing Something Out Of This Year's Budget.

That Seems To Tell Me We Need That Additional Flexibility Because Some Other Items Are Running More Than We Thought They Were For This Budget Year.

We Are Having To Cut Some Projects Out.

We Have Had To Cut Money From Other Projects To Cover.

But This Is To Cover Next Year's Projected C.I.P.

Why Can't We Do That During The Regular Budget Process?  
Why Is This An Agenda Item Today If It's For Next Year's Budget Which We Are In The Process Of Developing Right Now?

It's Just My Understanding We Had To Make Sure We Had Funds To Cover That And Make Those Transfers To General Capital Funds To Make Sure They Were Backing Next Year's C.I.P.

Okay.

You And I May Visit Again On This, Particularly On Those 17 Digits.

I Need A Break Out List Of Those.

You Can Provide That To Me Later.

I Think I Understand Your Explanation, We Will Have A Chance To Talk About It More In The Budget Process.

I Will Move The Item.

Motion To Approve Item.

Second By Commissioner Hall.

Discussion?

Thank You.

Doug, I Have A Quick Question.

On Your Blue Sheet, Are The 17 Account Numbers Are Total Is 97367, Is That The Total Of The 973 You Identified.

Are Those The Projects You Are Eliminating With These Items?

Yes, I Believe We Have A Listing Of Actual Projects.

I Wanted To Be Sure.

The Items You Listed On The Blue Sheet Are The Projects That Are Being Eliminated That Will Correlate With The Funds, 973,676.

I Just Want To Make Sure I Read It Correctly.

All In Favor?

Opposed?

The Ayes Have It, The Motion Is Adopted.

Now Going To Take Up The Administrative Agenda.

Nope, 9e.

I'm Sorry, You Are Quite Right.

My Fault.

Item 9e.

Here Is My Question, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners.

Is This A -- One Of Those Mandated By The Legislature Things That We Have To Do And We Are Paying For It?

Good Morning, Rowland For The Record.

The State Department Is Mandated To Update Their Storm Surge Modeling.

By The Legislature?

By The Legislature.

But They Will Do An Aerial Survey From Tampa Down To Collier.

But It's Only Covering The Areas That Are Picked Up By The Category 5 Storm Surge.

This Is An Opportunity To Pick Up The Balance Of The County On That Same Contract.

We Are Taking Advantage Of An Existing Contract The State Is Mandated To Do.

And It Should Be Cheaper, I Guess Is What I Want To Add That We Waited To Do It Separately With This Action.

I'm Sorry I Missed It.

It's Mandated But We Are Still Paying For It?

We're Paying For The Balance Of The County.

The State Is Picking Up 84% Of The County's Survey Work.

But They Will Only Cover The Storm Surge, This Is An Opportunity, We Have The Database For The Balance Of The County.

The State Contract Is Like \$4.

5 Million.

We're Really Not Mandated To Do The Balance But We Think It's A Good Idea To Complete The Entire County So We Are Recommending That We Pay The Additional \$277,000.

We Can Use This For The Foreseeable Future?

Yes.

I'll Move The Item.

Very Good.

I'll Second For Discussion.

Rowland, What Will The Additional Information Do For Your Staff.

If You Are Looking At The State Only Looking At Category Five, How Will The Additional Data, How Will That Help Your Staff In What You Are Trying To Do?

Provide Photography But Also One Foot Contour, Elevation Information For The Eastern Part Of The County, We Can Look At Water Management Projects Or Regional Water Management Studies So We Will Have That Information Available, Drainage Patterns And Changes Made Since Last Time.

It's Not Just Our Division.

The Whole Staff And General Public Can Use This Information Too.

Thank You.

Further Discussion?

All In Favor?

Opposed?

The Aye's Have It.

The Motion Is Adopted.

Now We Will Move To The Administrative Agenda.

The First Item Is Item 3a.

Move The Item.

Motion By Commissioner Hall.

Is There A Second?

I Might Be Willing To, Mr. Chairman.

I'm Just Not There Yet.

That's The \$50,000 For The Buckingham Community Plan.

Oh Yeah.

Further Discussion?

All Those In Favor?

Opposed?

The Ayes Have It.

The Motion Is Adopted.

6a?

I'll Move The Item.

Motion By Commissioner Bigelow To Approve 6a.

Is There A Second?

Yes.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion?

All In Favor Signify By Saying Aye?

Opposed?

The Ayes Have It, Motion Is Adopted.

6b.

Move The Item.

Motion By Commissioner Hall.

Ayes Have It.

So Adopted.

Commissioner Janes, I Think I Would Like To Point Out For The Benefit Of The Public Who Doesn't Have The Agenda In Front Of Them.

What We Just Did In The Last Two Was To Purchase More Conservation 2020 Lands.

In This Case We Purchased For \$7.

125 Million, A 90 Acre Parcel In The Alba Area.

And A 10 Acre Parcel.

We Are Adding To The Bulk In A Good Way.

Thank You.

We Can Proceed With Item 11 A.

Move The Item.

Motion To Approve 11 A.

Is There A Second?

Yes.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

All Those In Favor?  
Opposed?  
The Motion Is Adopted.

Item 15a?  
I'll Move The Item.

Motion By Commissioner Hall To Approve Item 15a On The Administrative Agenda.

Is There A Second?  
Second.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

No Discussion, All In Favor?  
Opposed?  
The Ayes Have It.

The Motion Is Adopted.

And I Believe That Concludes Our Consent And Administrative Agenda.

I Believe We Are Ready To Move On With The Walk Ons.

Public Hearing?  
Yeah, We Could Do That Now, Commissioner.

Or We Could Do The Walk Ons.

Let Me Just Find That On My Schedule.

Miranda Development Ordinance.

The Public Hearing.

We Could Take The Public Hearing Now.

This Is A 9:30 Public Hearing.

Good Morning, Ron, County Assistant Attorney.

Adoption Of An Ordinance.

I've Examined The Affidavits, They Are Legally Sufficient To With Respect To Form And Content To Go Forward With The Public Hearing.

I'm Entering Them Into The Record.

February 5th, 2007, District Under Chapter 190.

I'm Entering The Original Into The Record.

Okay.

Planning Staff Reviewed And Found The Request To Be Consistent With The Lee Plan And All County Regulations, Staff Is Recommending Approval.

Counsel Are Here To Answer Any Questions You May Have.

Any Questions?

No Questions.

Okay.

Do We Need Any Presentations?

Anybody Need To Say Anything On This?

If There's No Questions, Maybe Not.

This Is A Public Hearing.

Anybody Here Who Wishes To Speak On This Subject?

I Don't See Any Hands Waving, So Going, Going, Gone Again.

We Will Close The Public Hearing, And Back To The Board.

The Question Rises On Its Adoption, Motion To Approve?

So Moved.

Motion By Commissioner Hall.

Is There A Second?

Second.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion?

All In Favor?

Opposed?

The Motion Is Adopted.

I Believe That's The Only Public Hearing 9:30 Public Hearing We Had.

Then We Can Proceed With The Walk-Ons And Carry-Overs.

Walk On Item Number One.

Revenue Sharing.

I'll Move The Item.

Motion By Commissioner Hall.

Is There A Second?

Second.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion?

No Discussion.

Question Rises On Its Adoption.

All In Favor?

Opposed?

The Ayes Have It, So Adopted.

Walk-On Item Number 2?

Could I Get Staff To Comment On That For Me, Please.

John, If You Wouldn't Mind?

I Apologize, I Didn't Get A Chance To Call You, John.

Please Give Me An Overview, It's A 25% Match If The City Of Cape Coral Should Be Successful In Their Application And Funding To Support The Two Phases Of The Long Range Comprehensive Radio Communication Plan.

We Have Put Together This Year A Long Range Communication Plan Which Is Basically A Five Year Plan To Upgrade The Current 800 Megahertz Radio System To Meet Some Of The Interoperability Standards That Are Coming Out In The Technology Improvements.

Partially Results What Happened After September 11th To Improve Interoperable Operations And Also To Improve Services For Our Customers.

This Is An Opportunity, This Grant Gives Us An Opportunity To Fund Two Phases Of That Five-Year Plan.

With A Lot Less Money Than We Were Anticipating.

Taking Advantage Of Up To A \$6 Million Technical Grant From The Federal Government To Fund The Infrastructure Necessary To Start This Long Range Communication Plan, So Hopefully That Will Give You Some, Perhaps --

That's Helpful, As We Are Coming Into Hurricane Season, We Are Constantly Updating And Making Improvements To Our System.

Every Time, God Forbid, We Have Another Disaster, We Find Where We Have Glitches And Need Improves.

With That I Will Move The Item.

Motion By Commissioner Hall To Move.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

I Just Have One Question.

The City Of Sanibel Made A Request, That's Also Included With This?

Yes, Sir

Is It Five Years To Develop A Plan Or Construction Or Development Of The Infrastructure As Well ?

To Develop The Infrastructure And Carry Out The Plan.

So At The End Of Five Years Hopefully We Will Be In Good Shape.

Eliminate Dead Spots In Sanibel.

Yes, Sir.

We Enhanced Our Interoperability?

Yes, Sir.

Have We Solved The Problem?

No, Sir But This Will Get Us To The Point Where We Are A Lot Better Off Than We Are Today.

That's Critical.

When You Say Interoperability, This Allows Police Departments To Talk To One Another, Fire Districts To Talk To One Another?

Well We Have That Now, Sir, But As There's A National Standard Call, I Use An Acronym Called Apco 25.

A Standard Going Nationwide.

Part Of This Long Range Communication Plan Is What We Need To Convert To That National Standard Which Is The Interoperable Standard Everyone Is Shooting Towards To Eliminate What We Saw Following September 11th.

Further Questions?

Commissioner Bigelow?

John, I Guess We Have Cape Coral And Sanibel.

What About The Other Cities?

Are They Aware Of Their Opportunities To Partner In This?

Well The First Phase Of This, Commissioner, Will Address A Number Of Other Partners.

Or Customers In The Service.

In Terms Of Improving The Overall Infrastructure To Handle More Customers, So It Not Only Includes Sanibel But The County As Well As The Other Cities.

And Sanibel Is Part Of That To Improve Specific Coverage Issues Due To The Location Of Our Towers And The Vegetation That's Out There.

So Yes, It Does Include Additional Folks Other Than The City Of Cape Coral.

We Should Thank The City Of Cape Coral, They Will Serve As A Grant Manager And Offered This Opportunity To Address This Long Range Communication Plan And We Should Extend Our Thanks For Offering That To Us.

Okay, Good.

Thank You.

I Would Like Pete To Make Sure We Have This Notice Of This Opportunity Out Because Sanibel Is Very Interested In This Interoperability Issue.

We Have To Make Sure The Word Gets Out, They Are Part Of This And We Are Applying For The Grant.

John Sent A Letter.

Just The Other Day, That Addresses This.

I Just Want You To Know The Match Comes From Forfeiture Money.

Thank You.

Any Further Questions?

I Believe We Have A Motion To Approve.

It's Been Seconded.

Further Discussion?

All In Favor Signify By Saying Aye.

Opposed?

The Ayes Have It.

The Motion Is Adopted.

Appreciate Your Hard Work On This.

This Has Been An Extremely Timely Issue.

I Know The Communities Have Been Extremely Interested In It.

It Brings Us Closer To What They Are Hoping To Get At Nationally.

That's Good.

Walk On Item Number 3.

Yacht Club.

Do You Want To Make A Presentation, Commissioner Bigelow, Since This Is One You Brought Up Or Proceed With The Public Comment?

I Have A Number Of Cards.

Ordinarily We Would Take These During The Public Comment Period But Because There Are So Many Of You, We Thought We Would Try To Bring It Closer To The Item As We Discuss It.

That's A Departure To What We Normally Do.

But We Thought It Might Make Things Better.

Kirk Woodbury Followed By David Preston.

My Name Is Kirk Woodbury.

All I Want To Say, It Just Doesn't Make Too Much Sense To Have Water Filter Treatment Plant In A Flood Zone.

It's Been There Quite Some Time And Has Caused Some Issues.

We Need To Do Best Management Practices On All Our Water Treatment Plants Including Making Sure We Don't Have Any Overflow During Flood Times Or Any Pumping Directly Into Our Waterways.

We Should Try To Hook Up To Recycled Water For Irrigation Whether We Co Partner With Cape Coral, North Fort Myers Or Whatever You Need To Do.

Thank You, David Preston, Followed By Paul Sloan.

My Name Is David Preston, 4298 Pravo Lane.

I Know There's Been, The Community Has Gotten Together, A Lot Of It Has Evolved Around Me Because I Am Right At The Entrance.

I Have Sent Emails To All Of The Commissioners And To The Director Of Utilities With

Specific Questions.

I've Gotten Answers Back From Two Of The Commissioners.

With Attachments From The City Attorney And From The Director Of Public Utilities.

I Have Closely Reviewed All Of The Documents, Letters From Tallahassee, North Fort Myers Utilities, I've Seen It All.

I've Read It All.

Last Night I Stayed Up And Digested It.

In The Blue Sheet That Was Approved On May 1st, The First Paragraph Has An Action Request Purpose.

Description.

I'm Here To Read This And This Is What I Would Like -- Could The Approved Blue Sheet, Number 20070642, Be Amended To Remove The Specific Purpose "For The Waterway Estate Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project Number 7296".

If This Were Done, I Would Like To See A Motion To Place The Property For Sale.

This Will Place A Value Of Waterfront Real Estate Back On The Collectible Property Tax Records And Make It Available For Development As Many Different Things That Could Benefit The Residents And Visitors Of Lee County.

The Only Little Discussion I Have On That Is That The First Part Asking To Amend That First Paragraph, I Realize That Through Personal Real Estate Dealings With Commercial Properties Of My Own, That There Are Consequences, Past Due Diligence Periods.

I've Reviewed The Purchase Agreement You Have.

It Doesn't Have An Assignability And In The Absence Of A Paragraph That Allows The Contractor To Be Assigned To A Third Party Purchaser, You Have To Assume It's Assignable.

You Remove The Intended Purpose From The Current Blue Sheet That's Been Approved, Thus Allowing It To Still Be Purchased, Avoiding The Impact Of Legal Fees, That Would Be Encountered By Trying To Back Out Of It.

But Then I'm Asking A Motion By Placed To Immediately Put That Property Back Up For Resale And Get It Off The Back Of The Commissioners.

Thank You.

Folks.

We Sort Of Ask That You Not Applaud Or Other Signs, Demonstrations, Hoot And Hollers And Cheerleading.

Because It Discourages Other People From Commenting.

We Would Really Like To Hear What You Say Without It Being Cluttered With Extraneous Comments.

We Appreciate Any Courteous You Can Show The Speakers.

Paul Sloan.

Good Morning Commission, Folks.

Thank You.

My Name Is Paul Sloan, I'm Here Only As A Concerned Resident, Homeowner In The Waterway Estates.

My First Question, I Have A Couple In A Letter I Would Like To Read.

The First Question Is, Is The Board Now, Have You Placed Yourselves In A Position Where You Cannot Change Your Mind Without Not Only Having Egg On Your Face But Perhaps A \$14 Million Breakfast On Your Face?

Next, Where Will The Waste From The New High Rises Being Built On Hancock Bridge Parkway Be Sent For Treatment?

Where Is The Waste From Moody River Development Being Sent.

If The Answer Is It's Being Sent To The Facility In My Neighborhood And I'm Now Being Told It's So Extremely Important To Expand This Facility In Such A Quick Reckless Manner Why Are These Developments Being Approved.

I Obtained And Watched A Meeting Of May 1st This Year.

That Meeting Was Of Great Interest, A Major Item On The Agenda That Day Concerned \$13.

8 Million Acquisition Of Some Six Acre Island In My Neighborhood And Right Off The Caloosahatchee River.

Much Came To My Mind, Around News Columns Regarding Our County Commissioners.

This Is Being Pushed Through In Extreme Haste.

The Other Is The Deal Has Been Done Almost Entirely In The Dark.

In Accordance With Governor Crist's Efforts To Have An Open Government This Is Of Interest.

This Is District Of Tammy Hall.

She States She Has Tirelessly Met With Neighbors.

I Have Seen Her Once.

At This Meeting I Saw Commissioner Bigelow Acting In A Most Mature And Intelligent Fashion.

Though The Deal Is Being Pushed By The Owners Of The Land And Lee County Utilities Company To Spend A Mere \$14 Million In Ten Days Mr. Bigelow Said, "Whoa Nelly".

He Asked More Time Be Taken And Local Residents Be Informed Of What's Going On.

Commissioner Judah Said To His Wife This Is A Wonderful Opportunity, We Have A Short Window Here To Acquire.

Commissioner Bigelow, Thank You Very Much For Your Efforts In This Matter.

Maturity, I Don't Think So Much Concerns Age But What's Demonstrated By How One Acts.

Yes It Seems There Are Huge Problems With This Board Making Thoughtful Rational Intelligent Decisions, As Far As Maturity I Don't Think The Problem Lies With Commissioner Bigelow.

Thank You.

Kent Stead.

Followed By Jerry Coon.

Ken Stead, Executive Director Of The Marine Association, I'm Here Speaking On Behalf Of The 160-Member Group.

We Are Here To Support You Going Forward.

With Your Purchase Of This Property.

We Feel It's Very Important With 51,000 Registered Votes In Lee County That Water Access Continue To Be Provided To The Citizens Of Lee County And You Have Demonstrated That Commitment To Water Access Through Your Recent Actions With The Purchase Of Real Estate On Pine Island, A Boat Ramp There, The Fisherman's Co Op Property.

When You Acquire This Property You Also Acquire The Rights To The Wet Slips And Dry Storage Slips.

That Puts Those Slips, Slip Credits, As They Are Known Under The Manatee Protection Plan In The Public Domain, In Your Domain To Use For Expansion Of Other Boat Ramps Or Improvements Of Other Properties.

We Support That Initiative And Hope You Go Forward With It.

Thank You.

Good Morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners.

Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak This Morning.

Primarily On Behalf Of Some Of The Residents Of Waterway Estates And Bud Knoll Harbor, My Name Is Jerry Kuhn.

Do You Want My Address?

No.

Thank You.

We Have It On The Card.

Okay.

I Have Just Presented To The County Commission Chairman 397 Petitions Signed By Lee County Voters From Many Professions And From All Walks Of Life.

The Most Notable Is A Petition Signed By Lieutenant Governor Camp And Another By His Wife Cindy Cotcamp.

Other Sites Off Water Are Better Suited For This Type Of Facility.

One Example Is North Fort Myers Utility, Which I Will Refer To As Nfmu.

Which Offer A Proposal That Would Save \$33 Million.

If It's Decided To Interconnect With Nfmu, Rather Than Expand The Waterway Plant.

While The County Has Estimated The Cost To Expand Waterway Property At \$50 Million, The Nfmu Proposal Estimates The Much Lower Figure Of \$17 Million To Interconnect To Its Existing Waterway Plant.

Thereby Saving The County More Than \$33 Million.

This Is A Significant Number.

Not To Be Looked At Very Quickly.

As You Can See By The Attendance Of The Public Meetings, Families Have Taken Their Time To Come To Your Meeting To Show Their Support For An Alternate Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Your Constituents Deserve Your Vote Today As You Face The People Of The Community That Have Elected You As Their Representatives.

In Closing We Feel Our Commissioners Were Not Fully Informed On This Issue By Their Over Zealous County Staff.

The Board Of County Commissioners Must Have The Opportunity To Select An Alternate Site, A Position Strongly Supported By It's Constituents As Evidenced By The Number Of Petitions Collected In Two Days.

Just Two Days, Commissioners.

Please Bring Closure To This By Introducing A Motion To Prevent Any Expansion Of The Waterway Estates Treatment Plant And Prevent The Use Of Any Part Of The 5.

8 Acres For Our Public Park And Public Boat Ramp Should The County Continue With The Purchase Of The Caloosa Isle Property.

That Is Part And Parcel Of Each One Of The 397 Petitions.

Thank You.

Okay, Thank You Very Much.

Mr. Chairman?  
Is He No Longer Supporting His Entire Letter As He Submitted For The Record?  
He Left Out A Paragraph.

Didn't Know If He Wanted Us To Ignore That?  
He Put The Letter In The Record, We Will Consider The Letter.

Thank You.

I'm Truly Conflicted On This Issue.

There's No Question That One Of Our Major Concerns In The Environmental Committee And Public At Large Is For Better Water Quality In Order To Protect The Quality Of Life We Enjoy And Economic Benefits We Derive From That, No Question We Need Better Water Treatment Facilities.

This Treatment Plant Is Some 45 Years Old, On The Shores Of Caloosahatchee, Built At The Time We Dumped Our Affluent Into The River Itself.

We Have Dodged A Bullet For 50 Years Not Having Inundated By A Storm.

At The Same Time No Question We Are Suffering From Ever Decreasing Access To Our Water.

And When The Opportunity Presents Itself We Acquire This Public Access, So This Facility

Presents Both Sides Of A Difficult Coin.

There Is Of Course The Opportunity To Perhaps Add Either One More Wrinkle To It, The Proposed Disposal At This Expansion Would Be Deep Well Injection.

As You Have Probably Read In Literature, There's Concerns About The Economic And Environmental Impact Of Deep Well Injection For Treated Wastewater.

I Think There's A Couple Issues That Need To Be Sorted Out Before This Project Goes Forward.

No Question We Need To Expand Our Wastewater Treatment Plant, And Have Opportunity For People To Utilize The Resources We Have, And We Have To Use The Best Science We Have Available To Make Sure We Don't Create Yet Additional Problems As We Go Forward.

Thank You For Your Time.

Thank You, Peter.

Leo Mcnurny.

Good Morning To The Commissioners, My Friends And Neighbors My Name Is Leo Mcnurny.

I'm A Resident Of Waterway Estates.

At This Time Most Of The Residents Of Waterway Estates Are In Other States.

Their Homes Are Empty Right Now.

Had They Been Here, I'm Sure There Would Be Twice As Many Petitions.

Also A Lot Of People Will Be Talking About, And Have Been Talking About The Fiscal Responsibility Of This Move And Other Things.

Environmental Concerns.

That Is All Very Important.

I See That It Appears To Me This Commission Based Most Of It's Opinion On The Cost.

Some Things Are Worth The Extra Cost.

I Live On Orange Grove Boulevard.

Within Two Years The Project At The End Of My Street Will Turn My Street Into A Major Thoroughfare, It Already Is Experiencing That Kind Of Growth.

That's Something I Feel Balances Things Out.

Having A \$600 Million Community At The End Of My Street Is Worth Having The Extra Traffic And Hassle.

I Want To Address I Don't Think Anyone Else Has Addressed, The Fact This Marina And Restaurant That's Existed In This Community For Years Is A Social Hub For Our Community, The Gateway For Our Community.

We Go To And Have Fun, When Our Relatives Come Into Town We Take Them There.

It's The Pride Of Our Community.

We Have All Been Anxiously Waiting For The New Yacht Club To Come In.

The Facility That's Always Existed There Has Made Our Community Special And Lent A Certain Charm.

A Waterfront Community That Has A Full Service Marina And Restaurant Is A Great Convenience, Adds A Great Desirability To Our Neighborhoods Which Increases Our Property Values.

We Have Been Waiting For This To Arrive.

It Will Continue The Prosperity Of Our Neighborhood.

And Of Course Keeping Our Property Values In Line And Stay In Line With All The Multi-Million Dollar Investments Going On In Our Community.

Such As Some That Have Been Mentioned, Moody River Estates, Paradise Preserve, \$600 Million And Now The Jeopardized Yacht Club.

All These Things Turning Into What We Call The New Naples.

I Think This Is Very Important.

This Is A Part Of Our Community, Part Of Our Culture, Part Of Our History.

Part Of Why We Live There.

I Personally Rented Two Wet Slips At That Marina For 15 Months While I Waited To Find The Right Home In Waterway Estates.

I Considered No Other Community.

It Was The Bedroom Community To Downtown Fort Myers.

We Have The Only Deep Water Sail Boat Access Community Directly Across From Downtown.

I Think The New Marina Was Keeping In Line With The Direction And Prosperity And Our Residents Vision Of Our Future Of Our Neighborhood.

I Respectfully Ask This Commission Revisit This Item And Reconsider Your Vote.

Thank You Very Much.

Thank You Very Much.

That's All The Blue Cards That I Have.

I Was Wondering If Anybody Else?

Jim English, I Had You Down To Speak On Another Issue.

But You Want To Speak On This Issue Too?

If I Could.

Yes, Sir, I Just Want To Clarify.

For The Record I'm Jim English And I Do Have Another Matter I Want To Speak About Later, It Involves Not Only Water Quality But Water Quantity.

As A Resident Up At Alba, The Thing That Concerns Me About This Is Water Quality.

You Are Talking About Expanding The Sewer Plant On An Island And Caloosahatchee River And There Isn't Any Place To Put The Sewage But In The River Itself.

And We're Already Having Great Problems Down There With Water Quality And With What's Happening Down There As Far As Being Able To Swim And For Fish And Other Aquatic Wildlife To Exist Down There.

You Know, We Have Been Highly Critical Of People Over Here East Of Here Putting Water In Lake Okeechobee That's Got Ten Parts Per Billion Phosphorous In It, Rain Water Has Somewhere Between 35-70 Parts Per Billion And Sewage Affluent, 60 Parts Per Billion, I Think It's Incumbent.

All You Are Doing The Way We Treat The Sewage, All You Do Is Kill The Bacteria.

You Don't Remove The Other Pollutants, The Toxins And The Nutrients.

So I Think That Needs To Be Seriously Thought Through.

I Transacted My First Real Estate Deal In 1954 And I've Been Transacting Some Since.

In Addition I Got A Real Estate Brokers License.

Based On What I Know About It, I Think It's A Fair Statement To Say You All Don't Have A Valid And Enforceable Contract Down There And You Are At Liberty To Do Whatever You Need To Do To Get That Situation Straightened Out Down There.

And I Hope You Will Be Able To Resolve It Without Putting A Sewage Plant That Will Discharge Into The Caloosahatchee River.

Thank You Very Much.

Thanks, Jim.

That's All The Blue Cards I Have.

Here Is A Gentleman Coming Right Up.

I See Somebody Behind Him.

Okay.

Good Morning Commissioners.

Thank You So Much.

My Name Is Jim Toth.

I Am The Chairman Of The North Fort Myers Community Planning Infrastructure Committee.

My Concern Is You Got It About Half Right, As I See It.

Buy The Land, Convert It To Public Utility Function Of Some Sort, Marina, Boat Ramp.

Something That Will Benefit The Members Of This Community From A Recreational Standpoint.

Goodness Knows We Don't Have Nearly The Waterfront Opportunities As Perhaps We Are Entitled By Reason Of The Fact We Have So Much Water, Just Haven't Been Able To Find A Way To Get To It.

The Second Part Of The Equation, The Part I Don't Think You Got Right, I Don't Think We Need A Sewer Plant On That Piece Of Property.

I Think What I've Seen From The North Fort Myers Utility Folks Recently Came In With A Report That Would Describe As Some Detail.

You Folks Have Already Read It.

They Have A Facility Perfectly Capable As I Understand It In My Discussions With Them, Handling The Sewage And Perhaps Even Beyond That, They Already Have In Place A Rather Substantial 30-35 Million Planned Expansion Which Is Presently Going, Which Is Going Through The Permitting Process, So They Are Well Down The Road Towards Getting A Bigger Facility.

Their Analysis Shows In Order For Them To Handle The Waterway Estates Program, What They Are Talking 17 Million, 12 Million For The Plant Capacity, Another 5 Million To Run Piping Down Probably Hancock Bridge From Orange Grove Down To Route 41.

\$17 Million Versus \$50 Million, They Have The Ability To Handle It.

I Would Urge The Commission To Look At Both Sides Of My Equation.

Buy The Bit Of Property, Do The Good Thing For The Public But Let's Put The Sewage Treatment Plant Somewhere Away From The River.

Thank You So Much.

Thank You.

Next Person?

For The Record My Name Is George Wheaton.

Didn't Come Here To Speak On This Issue Really But I Watched It On T.

V.

When You Passed The Contract To Buy It.

Couldn't Believe You Were Doing It, Not To Buy The Property, That's Fine.

To Expand The Sewer Treatment Plant Out Into The River Or By The River Makes Absolutely No Sense To Me.

I Feel Like Without Question There's Got To Be Alternatives To Other Uses On This Island And Certainly Other Alternatives For Treatment Of The Sewer.

North Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Whoever.

There Has To Be Other Alternatives To Treating The Sewer.

My Concern Is We Are Working Real Hard To Keep That River Clean.

Jim Went Through His Statistics, He Is Better With Them Than I Am.

But He Is Correct.

Rain Water Is Dirtier Than What Comes Off The Field.

But This Is Unreal.

If We Had Any Type Of Catastrophe, And It Could Happen.

We Think Of Hurricanes Immediately.

But Any Other Accident That Would Cause A Severe Spill Into The River, Of Raw Sewage Is Unbelievable To Me.

I Feel Confident, Not Trying To Stop Your Purchase Of The Property Because I Would Love To Have More Public Access To The River.

That's A Major Thing I Would Like To See Happen.

I Know You Would Like To See That Too.

But To Buy A Very Expensive Island And Use It For A Sewer Treatment Plant Expansion Makes Absolutely No Sense And I Really Would Like To See You Try To Address Some Type Of Alternative To Treating The Sewer.

Thank You.

Thank You.

Next?

Good Morning.

Good Morning.

4300 Harbor Lane, I Don't Believe I Submitted A Blue Card.

That's Okay.

I Want To Make Sure We Get Your Name Right For The Record.

They Come Up To Me After, And Say Who Is That Person.

I Think They Will Remember Me Today With What I Have To Say.

First Of All Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak And Thank You For The Time You Have Put Into This.

I Was The Person That Initially Had The Meeting At My Home To Hold This Event And Get This Out In Discussion.

What I'm Here To Say Is I Hope The County Does Purchase The Property.

Everything Else Will Come In Diligence, In Time, As Far As Planning And Development.

We Received A Plan Today That Is Encouraging.

But My Concern Is The Petition Being Sent In My Neighborhood.

I Heard 300-400 People Signed.

It's Interesting How This Has Been Such A Learning Process To Find Out How All Of The Sudden There's Talk In The Community About Waterway.

No One Knew Who Waterway Was Before This.

I Don't Feel Comfortable Being Thought Of The City Or The County -- Oh You Are The Person With The Sewer Plant.

There's A Stigma With That.

I'm Over That.

I Think The County Will Make The Right Decision.

What I Don't Like Is To See People With Personal Agendas.

They Want To See Condos, Restaurants, Building Development.

The Good News, Bad News With That Building Development Lessens Your Access To The Public.

Unfortunately Most Of The People Who Have Time To Do A Lot Of The Research On This, Aren't Blue Collar, What I Call Everyday Workers Who Live In The Community.

I Represent 18 Names That I've Talked To Just Last Night Of People That Felt Kind Of Deceived By This Petition Because They Were Like Yeah We Want The Sewer Plant, But The Very Last Statement Of The Petition, I Want To Note This, States That The Waterway Estates Treatment Plant, They -- The Board Of County Commissioners Must Have The Opportunity To Select An Alternative Site And Position Strong Supported By The Constituents Please Introduce A Motion To Prevent Expansion Of Waterway Estates Treatment Plant.

This Is The Part The People Were Upset About That I Talked To.

And To Prevent Any Use Of The 5.

8 Acres Of Property To Be A Public Park Or Public Ramp Or Whatever Public Access You Decide It To Be.

That's Wrong.

Because Everybody Here Has Talked About A Marina, Access To The Waterfront.

I Live Across The Street From Mr. Preston.

And I Am Within 100 Feet Of The Plant.

What I'm Seeing Has Happened Since This Has Started, I Saw Fathers And Kids With Their Bicycles, Fishing Rods.

They Caught A Redfish On The Dock.

The McCormicks, Everyone Has Kids Out There Fishing.

Dave Preston Himself With His Golf Cart Fishing.

This Is The Stuff That Will Go Away If We Allow This To Be Not Passed Today.

I Trust What You Will Do With It And I'm All For You Purchasing The Property.

Thank You.

Thank You.

Next?

Good Morning, My Name Is Joanne McCormick.

I Am Upset Because The Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Has Been Proposed.

I Worry About Property Values.

I Worry About The People Coming To The Park That Is Going To Be Proposed, That Will Come In At Late Night Hours.

We Have Had Fireworks Being Shot Off There Since This Has Been In The Paper.

We Have Had Kids Coming In With Cars.

They Then -- Drinking On The Point.

We've Dealt With This Before When It Was Shuckers In Caloosa Harbor.

I Want To See It Different Than What We Are Hearing.

I Don't Want To Judge My Decision On Rumors, I Will Give Benefit Of The Doubt.

I'm A Team Player.

But The Waste Treatment Plant Expansion In My Backyard Is Unheard Of.

I'm Disappointed.

I Know The Plant Was There When I Purchased My Property 12 Years Ago.

I Dealt With The Odors, I Had A Meeting At My House With Tammy Hall September 2005.

I Have Emails Where I've Complained Back And Forth But As Far As Actually Meeting With Anyone, In Any Position Concerning The Treatment Plant Has Not Happened.

I Wanted To Make That Clear.

I Understand These Photos Of Future Plants, They Look Very Wonderful.

I See The One On Burke Dale That's A Holding Station For Water.

But This Is Property That Is A Sin To Use For A Treatment Plant Facility, To Expand It.

I Just Wanted To Let You Know, I'll Listen To What Everybody Has To Say, I Realize The Property Is Probably A Done Deal, But What You Do With The Property Is What We Have To Do Come Together As A Community And Make The Right Decisions.

Thank You For Hearing Me.

Thank You, Next.

Thank You Very Much, Commissioners For Taking The Time.

My Name Is Don Oberg, I Live In Waterway Estates.

I'm Personally Responsible For Collecting Over 80 Of The Petitions.

And I Want You To Know That Each Individual, When You Knocked On The Doors, There's A Lot Of Empty Houses As Somebody Said.

Wants To Talk About The Plant And Wants To Really Oppose It.

The Attitude Is Anything But A Sewer Treatment Plant.

I Think That's What The Constituents In Waterway Estates And Buttonwood Really Believe.

As I Said In The Last Meeting, I Don't Think You Would Put This In The Middle Of A Golf Course But You Are Putting It In The Middle Of A Waterway Community With A Lot Of Boats And A Lot Of People.

It's Just Sort Of Unbelievable.

I Would Just Like To Close In Saying, Anything But A Sewer Plant.

And I Forgot Something.

A Boat Ramp.

Please Visit The Boat Ramps In Pine Island And Look At The Cars Parked Up And Down The Streets And Blocking People.

There's Not Enough Room There For A Boat Ramp, If You Have Trucks And Trailers And Boats And Trailers.

We Have A Lot Of Sea Walls In Waterway Estates.

I Have 200 Feet, It Would Cost Me \$100 A Foot If That Sea Wall Failed.

I've Talked To Commissioner Hall About Signing In Waterway Estates So We Could Get Slow Speed Signs.

That's Why I Oppose A Ramp Because The Boaters Generally Aren't As Knowledgeable.

That's Critical To Maintaining Our Community And You Can't Ensure Those Walls And That's A Lot Of Money If They Fail, As Many Did During Charlie.

And That Property Was Under Two Feet Of Water.

At Least A Foot Of Water In Most Places, Two In Some During Hurricane Charlie.

You Are On A Floodplain.

Thank You For Your Time.

I Appreciate It.

Thank You.

Anybody Else?

Yes, Sir?

Good Morning, Ron Anderson.

I'm Appalled.

I Can't Believe How This Has Gone Down.

Marina Was Working Hard Getting Permits, Making Everybody Happy.

The County Came Up, Wanted To Purchase Or Expand A Little Bit.

For The Marina To Expand Or Sell That Little Piece Of Property Off They Would Have To Start All Over Again On The Permits.

Kind Of Makes It Unfeasible When You Spend A Lot Of Money And Have To Start All Over From Square One.

The County Comes In With A Letter.

Gee, What Do We Do Now?

I Guess We Sell It To The County.

Low Blow.

County Comes Up To You All, They Don't Give You Sufficient Time To Research It.

And You Have To Make An Uneducated Decision.

I Feel Sorry For You.

With That Decision You Were Not Given The Opportunity To Review With The Sewer People Or Utilities On Other Alternatives.

That's Wrong.

The Property Is Not Zoned For Properly, That's Wrong.

Does Not Fit In With The Plan For The County, That's Wrong.

It Does Not Fit In With The Plan With North Fort Myers, That's Wrong.

All Of These Things You Fail To Get Any Input From These People.

Some Pay Money To Get Plans, You Don't Even Listen To Them Or Ask Them.

There's Other Places To Put This.

We Are In Short Supply Of Waterfront Property.

I Live In America, I Love It.

You All Are Supposed To Be Representative Of Us, We Vote For You To Represent What We Want.

I Will Remember That.

I Hope Other People Do.

I Hope We Do The Right Thing With This.

The Sewer Plant Is Not The Right Thing.

Thank You.

Thank You Very Much.

Anybody Else?

Yes, Sir?

Thank You.

My Name Is Gary, I'm Also An Owner In Waterway Estates.

I Just Learned Of This, Because Of My Job I've Been Away A Lot.

I Just Learned Of This In The Last Week.

The Intensity Of What's Going On.

And I Had A Lot Of Questions I Could Not Get Answered.

From The Information That I Could Get, Most Of It Was Media-Oriented And Neighbors Talking, So On And So Forth.

The Questions I Had, When This Purchase Was Made, What Due Diligence Was Done To Ensure We Were Spending The Money Properly For The Tax Payers?  
And What I'm Saying Is, Was There An Engineering Study That Says This Was The Correct Thing To Do Before Making This Decision?  
I Understand The Only Decision At This Point Is The Purchase Of The Property But Not So Much The Water Treatment Plant.

And So The Reason Why I've Come Up To Address You Is A Lot Of People Have Brought A Lot Of Concerns Up That Are Very Valid In Opposition To This.

I Don't Want To Restate All Of Those, I Just Have A Couple Quick Things I Want To Mention.

That Is The Word Alternative Has Come Up Many, Many Times.

And That's Why I'm Asking It, Before You Make Any Decisions On What To Do In The Future That We Look At Having An Engineering Study To Determine Whether An Alternative Is The Correct Thing To Do Before Spending The Money, Number One.

And Also Community Impact.

You Are Getting Some Community Impact Today By Allowing Us To Speak, Which We All Appreciate.

Also Secondly, Are We Taking Into Consideration The U.S.E.P.A. Recommendation Which Is A Very Strong Recommendation.

That We Do Not Build These Plants In Floodplain Areas, If There Are Alternatives, Which Once Again Takes Me Back To My First Comment, We Don't Have An Engineering Study To Determine Whether Alternatives, Or Whether An Alternative Is The Correct Way To Go With This Prior To Making This Move.

The Only Information I Have About Money Was That, It's Going To Cost About \$45 Million Plus The \$13 Million For The Property, Or \$13.

8 Million For The Property, That Comes Up To About \$58 Million.

If The Information From The Media Coverage Was Correct, A 3-Million Gallon Plant Per Day Should Only Cost \$25-30 Million.

So Why Would This Commission Address Or Even Consider Spending Twice The Amount For A Plant Then What It Would Cost To Build One At An Alternative Site Starting From Scratch?

Right From The Beginning.

It Would Only Cost \$25-30 Million.

So Why Would We Take Beautiful Property Like This, Very Important Property To Our Community And Spend Twice The Amount Of Money That It Costs To Redo Something We Could Do Somewhere Else, The Impact Seems Incorrect.

And I Saw The Information That Was Given Outside With The Pictures Of The Plants And Those Are Very Nice Looking Buildings, So On And So Forth.

I Understand That.

However, I Just Think That In Order For The Commission To Make An Informed Decision For The Citizens Of Waterway Estates And The Impact It's Going To Have, That You Have To Have Information, An Engineering Study Of The Alternatives In Order To Make That Informed Decision.

So I'm Only Asking -- I'm Here To Ask You To Do Whatever It Takes To Have That Study Done.

And Then Use That Information Before You Make Decisions About Our Home And Our Neighborhood.

Thank You.

Thank You Very Much.

Next?

Thank You Commissioners, My Name Is Greg Makepeace.

Not To Repeat Exactly What Jim Toth Stated.

Our Feeling For The Civic Association Follows His Words.

I Would Like To Think In Terms Of Looking At The Study With Facts But Not Selected Facts.

Look At All The Facts Surrounding This Issue.

I'm Sure A Decision Would Be Made That Just About Satisfies Everybody.

Certainly Best Use Is Not Expanding That Plant.

It Just Doesn't Make Sense.

Thank You.

Thank You Very Much.

Anybody Else Wish To Comment?

Good Morning, My Name Is Mark Stevens.

When I Go Out On My Dock I Look At This Facility, I Won't Take Up Your Time By Repeating What's Been Said But I Want To Point Out Things I Believe To Be Incorrect Or Misleading In This Literature Passed Out There.

One Is This Leads You To Believe The New Plant Could Be Put On A Smaller Footprint Than The Existing Plant.

If That's The Case, Why Would We Purchase The Property, Why Not Just Put It On The Smaller Footprint?

Two, It Leads Us To Believe There Are Obviously Discussions About Public Access To This And It Leads You To Believe The Current Docks Could Be Used.

I'm Here To Tell You I Was Involved In The Design And The Current Docks Aren't Usable, Or For Very Long.

If You Choose To Make This A Public Access Park, I'm Not Saying You Shouldn't, The Costs Need To Be Looked At, The Canal Needs To Be Dredged Leading Into The Facility Which Was Going To Be Done By The Developer.

New Sea Walls And Docks Put In That Were Required To Do, So This Is Not A Plug And Play Public Utility Facility.

There Are Many Things That Need To Be Done To This Parcel Of Land To Make It A Good Public Facility.

Putting Or Expanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Is Not The Best Use Of This Facility.

I Support The Notion Of Going Ahead, If We Can't Get Out Of The Contract, Closing On It And Putting The Property For Sale Into Somebody's Hands That Will Do The Right Thing With It And Back On The Tax Rolls As A Supporting Asset To Our County And Wastewater Treatment Plant Elsewhere.

Thank You.

Thank You.

Anybody Else?

Okay, If That's It.

No You Spoke Once Before.

That It, We Give Everybody A Shot.

Then That's It.

Unfortunately That's The Way We Operate.

If That's It, We Will Close The Public Portion Of This Meeting.

It's Not A Hearing, Per Se.

But I Would Like To Call On Jim Lavender, If I Can.

Because There's Been A Few Charges I Think We Need To Quickly Respond To That Somehow The Word Hasn't Gotten Out Or About It.

I'm Concerned Particularly, The \$50 Million Versus \$17 Or \$11 Million.

If We Go With North Fort Myers That It's Cheaper.

I Just Want People To Know We Have Looked At This.

I'll Let Doug Respond, But We Did Respond In Writing.

Yes I Know You Did.

I Think Doug Can Sum It Up.

There Are Inconsistencies With The Way The Two Proposals Are Put Together.

Doug Muir, Utilities.

We Took A Look At The North Fort Myers Utilities, A Well Crafted Report.

It Provided A Scenario Assuming The Absolute Highest Rate Connection Fees Possible.

Not The Current One's But Possible Rates Contrast Today Connection Fees That Stayed The Same For North Fort Myers Utilities And Rates, Bulk Rate That Went Up About 1.

6% Per Year.

And Then It Created A Revenue-Based Scenario.

It Was The Difference In What You Could Make, Versus What You Were Spending, So It Was Kind Of A Profit-Side Scenario, That Makes Sense From A Private Utility Company It Was A Profit-Based Review.

We Made Sure The Numbers We Used In Our Original Cost Comparison Was Compatible From Their Sides In Terms Of Connection Fees And Bulk Rates.

We Really Have To Build-Up From The Cost Side.

We Made Sure We Were Consistent.

We Took A Lot From The Cost We Presented For Alternatives And Confirmed It Was In Line With Those Numbers And Basically We Stood By Our Stance Which Was Given The Capital Costs, Given The Operations Cost And Given The Value Of The Asset And What That Does To The Financial Statement Of Lee County Utilities That The Alternative For A Construction Of A Facility For Lee County Utilities Was Still The Most Viable, Economic Alternative.

Since The Mid To Late 90's When The Board Made A Policy Decision To Acquire Utility Systems For A Variety Of Reasons, Mostly Because The Local Citizenry Wasn't Happy With The Way Their Private Utility Was Operated And Fees Increased.

We Make Decisions Based On The Long Term Operation Of These Systems.

If That's Not The Board's Policy Any Longer We Need To Know That.

The Only Analogy I Can Use If We Keep This For Five More Years And Sell It, I Would Look Hard At North Fort Myers Facility, It's A Rent Versus Own Scenario, If We Are In The Business For A Short-Term We Should Rent The Service, If You Are Going To Own And Operate The North Fort Myers Franchise Area For 20-40, 50 Years I Would Stick With The Lee County Utilities Proposal, That Would Be The Business Decision We Are Recommending Today.

The Last Issue I Would Like To Get Some Comments On, And I'll Open It Up A Little Bit More Is The Idea That We're -- What The Problem Is Involved In Building, Expanding Our Waste Treatment Plant In A Floodplain.

Several Of Our Facilities Are In Floodplains, Just Given The Terrain.

We Have To Meet 100 Year Flood Incident Design Standards.

We Have To Make Sure All Our Controls, Electrical Systems, Anything That Could Be Influenced Is Above The Level Of That Flood Water.

There Are No Open Tanks Or Facilities That Could Spill Into The River.

So Those Are The Base Requirements We Have To Design For All Our Facilities Including This One.

Okay, Thank You.

Further Questions?  
Commissioners?

Commissioner Bigelow?

Doug, Do You Want To Present For Folks Here And Watching On Television What It Is You Are Looking To Do To Make This More Palatable, The Expansion Of The Plant On The Island? You Have Presented Us Some Drawings That I Guess We Don't Have The Monitor Set Up But Do You Want To Describe In Words Then What It Is You Envision Us To Be, In The Best Scenario?

Sure.

I Would Like To Just Briefly State, I Certainly Appreciate The Comments Of The Community Today, Well-Crafted, Legitimate Comments And I Appreciate The Way They Were Presented.

The Alternatives We Have Looked At Are Based On The Fact, Number One We Have An Aging Facility.

And It's An Aging Facility That Currently Discharges Into The River.

We Want To Make Sure We Can Bring This Facility Up To Standards And We Also Looked Into The Thrust Of Eliminating The River Discharge.

In Looking At That, We Did Have An Engineering Feasibility Study Completed By Montes.

It Was Clearly Identified We Don't Have Enough Property.

In Order To Even Rehab It We Needed More Property Plus Expansion Required Property.

In Looking At What The Options Were On That, That's Where We Developed This Current Plan.

What The Plan Is To Develop A Bio Reactor Facility.

That Type Of Technology Allows You To Eliminate Clarifier Tanks, You Eliminate A Couple Tanks.

It Also Allows You To Have Tankage Which Is Smaller Than For Normal Plants, Operating At More Of An Accelerated Pace So You Can Shrink The Footprint.

In Addition To That, One Of The Things We Handed Out The Report, In Addition To That, That Smaller Footprint Gives Some Ability To Provide Aesthetic Features That You Don't Have On Some Of The Traditional Treatment Plants.

An Expansion Isn't Just Going To Be A Bigger Version Of What's There Now.

It Will Be Something Different And We Have The Opportunity To Have Aesthetic Treatments That Might Be More Satisfying To The Area.

The Second Part Of This, We Have Just Implemented A Reuse System From That Facility.

With Discharge From A Wastewater Plant You Have Three Options, You Can Discharge To

The River, Land Apply It, Reuse, That's The Preferred Alternative Or You Can Pump Into A Deep Injection Well For Disposal Of The Sewage.

Our Choice And What We Would Like To Do Is Get As Close To 100% Reuse As Possible.

But By Regulation We Need A Redundant Disposal, Which Is Injection Well.

One Of The Gentleman Made The Comment Typically A 3 Million Gallon A Day Would Cost Somewhere To 30-35 Million.

That's Correct.

In Addition To That You Have The Reuse Facilities You Have To Put On Top.

That Would Require Two, Because Of Redundancy Two Deep Injection Wells \$5-6 Million Each, Plus The Storage Tanks To Supply Water For The Reuse System.

So That's Really The Difference Between The \$35 Million Figure And The \$45 To \$50 Figure For The Capital Cost Of The Plant.

That's A Summary Of What The Proposal Takes Into Account On That Site.

That Draft Study You Referred To, Was Just Solely Focused Upon Expansion At This Site, Right?

Well Actually -- It Goes Far Enough Back, Not Only This Site But Looking At Alternative Sites One Being The Current Water Treatment Plant Site, It Was Determined There Wasn't Enough Property At That Site, So Then The Focus Was Specifically On This Site.

And As We Saw We Had Some Constrictions With The Property We Started Looking At Some Alternatives On That Site With Partial Purchases Of Property To See If That Would Help.

The Point Being Here, Jim, You Are Always Looking At That Site With The Study, Not The Scope Of That Study Was Not Broader Than That Island?

That's Correct.

Okay.

You Talk About This M.B.R. Facility I Don't Know Membrane Bio Reactor.

Having A Small Footprint.

Be Able To Aesthetically Treat It Maybe With Some Exterior Facade That Would Make It Look Better.

What About The Odor?

More Waste Being Consumed By It?

If We Can Implement It Into The Process From The Start, Instead Of A Band-Aid Approach, We Can Do Much, Much Better By Having Odor Control Processes Implemented

In The System Right From The Design.

And We Can Monitor It, We Can Do Things That Really Minimize The Odor, I Think It Would Be Unrealistic To Say Over The Course Of A Year's Operation There Won't Be Times That Maybe There Won't Be A Problem But For The Most Part You Can Minimize And It Would Be Much, Much Better Than What Currently Exists.

I'm Not A Sewer Man But More Waste Being Consumed You Aren't Saying There's Potential For Less Odor Than What They Live With.

I Am Saying That.

The Odor Could Be Controlled Much Better Than It Is Even Now.

Okay.

Hopefully There's Something In There That's Reassuring.

I'm Not Sure I Quite Understand It.

Let Me Move Off The Hypothetical, If We Were To Be Siting A Sewage Treatment Plant, Would We Even Look At A Waterfront Parcel?

Is There A Need Currently Given That Reuse Is The Preferred Method Of Discharging Effluent, The Deep Well Injection Process?

I Think D.E.P. Is Now Prohibited, Right?

Any New Plants From Discharging Into Water Bodies, Is That Correct?

I Don't Know If They Have Taken That Stance.

It's Certainly Discouraged And They Prefer We Don't Discharge Into The River.

They Are Supportive Coming Out Of The River With The Discharge.

So With The Question, Would We Be Looking At River Front Property? Given It's Extreme Cost.

We Would Be Looking More Inland, Wouldn't We?

If We Were Starting From Scratch, Absolutely Not.

We Wouldn't Be Looking At This Parcel Of Property, For The Reason You Said, Cost.

Just Cost?

What About Ecological Concerns Also, Right?

I Guess We Wouldn't Even Get To That Point.

I Think We Have A Lot Of The Same Environmental Concerns In Areas That Are Off The River.

We Wouldn't Be Looking At This Site Purely From The Standpoint, You Would Be Looking For Something More Inland Away From Development That Is Less Costly.

I'm Certainly Worried About The Ecological Impact Being So Close To Our Water Bodies.  
Especially When We Need Not Be.

It Used To Be Sewage Treatment Plants Were Water-Dependent.

We Had To Have Them Near Water Bodies So We Could Discharge Affluent Effectively And  
In A Cost Effective Manner.

That's No Longer The Case.

I'm Inclined, Mr. Chairman To Hear From Our County Attorney.

I Haven't Heard About The Use And The Proposed Uses Of This Property.

If We Might Hear From The County Attorney, What Are We Looking At Here?  
You Have Issued Us A Memo, Comprehensive.

And If You Could Maybe Just Summarize For Us, And The Public What Your Position Is On  
It.

You Are Strongly Opposed To Truing Trying To Breech The Contract.

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners.

David Owen, County Attorney's Office.

I Sent You My Thoughts As Requested At Our Last Meeting In A June 22 Memorandum.

Let Me Start With The Two Pieces To This.

One Part Of It Deals With The Acquisition Of The Piece Of The Property.

And The Other One With The Development, Subsequent To The Acquisition.

I'll Sum Up My Legal Feelings With Respect To Acquisition Fairly Quickly, I Think We Went  
Through A Fair Amount Of That Last Week.

The Majority Of The Board May 1st Entered Into A Binding Contractual Purchase And Sale  
Agreement With The Owner Of The Almost 6 Acre Parcel For The Expansion And Upon  
Doing So, Has Bound Us To The Acquisition Of The Property.

I'm More Than Comfortable And Respectful To The Fact We Have Entered Into This  
Agreement And Because We Have Offered Options, Should You Acquire The Property, And  
Then Opt Not To Do The Expansion Or Utilize That Property For Wastewater Treatment  
Services.

Because Those Are In Place, That Puts The County In A Position Where It Would Be More

Than Inappropriate To Consider Breaching An Arrangement That Was Entered Into By A Majority Of The Board Almost 60 Days Ago.

In The Interim We Had The Opportunity To Speak Briefly With The Owner And The Owner Reaffirmed His Commitment He Would Like To Close On The Property With Us, Prior To Or On July 24th 2007 As Is Laid Out In The Contract.

As Your Attorney And Counsellor I Would Certainly Advise This Board Because There Are Options To The Board, With Respect To This Property, That The Board Consider And Consider Strongly Going Forward With The Sale, Closing On The Sale, Taking The Property Into The County's Inventory And Then Taking That Amount Of Time, Whatever That Amount Of Time Is, Subsequent To That To Evaluate The Needs, The Uses, The Desirability Of The Site For Whatever Purposes The County Would Like To Use It For.

One Of The Earlier Gentleman Said Can The Blue Sheet That Came Before The Board, That May 1st Blue Sheet Be Amended.

Commissioners, It Really Doesn't Need To Be Amended.

You Can Take Action Subsequent To That.

That's Not Off The Table.

One Of The Reasons Why When I Spoke To You Several Weeks Ago About This, With Respect To The Purpose For The Acquisition Was Because Of The Funds That Are Being Used.

The Funds Being Used Are Utility Funds.

They Are Restricted Funds.

Those Dollars Have To Be Used For Utility Expansion But That Doesn't Mean This Board Can't Exchange Funds And Use That Property For Another Purpose.

That's Available To You.

All Of The Issues That Have Been Brought Before You This Week And This Morning Are All Reasonable.

They All Have Certainly A Part Of The Process That Mr. Muir Has Been Discussing With Us In The Last Few Weeks.

That The Key Piece To All Of This, Commissioner Bigelow, Members Of The Balance Of The Commission, Right Now From Where I Stand From The Legal Perspective Is The Issue With Respect To Closing On The Property.

I Would Recommend That You Do So.

Like I Said I've Given You A Few Options, I've Adjusted The Little Matrix Yesterday.

Your Point Was Well Taken.

But The Options Out There Really Need To Be Explored Fully Both With Respect To The Use Of The Property And Expansion Of The Facility.

You Have Time To Do That.

Okay, Thank You.

Can I Just Query You On One Part Of What You Said.

You Said You Spoke To The Sellers And They're Not Open To The Idea That We Defer This To Some Later Time Or Put The Closing Off To Some Later Time In August Or September When The Board Could Reconsider The Uses, Correct?  
They Want To Hold To The July Closing?

Yes, Sir.

While We Are On Break.

Yes, Sir.

Thank You.

Can I Just Say To You David, And County Manager And Staff, Doug Muir.

You Have Been Very Cooperative In The Last Week.

A Lot Of Information.

North Fort Myers Have Come Forward With Proposals.

I Appreciate It.

I Guess I Would Like To Turn To The Board And Chairman Janes, You Weren't Here Last Week Or When We Heard In An Evening Public Hearing From A Lot Of The Same Folks Here Today.

I Guess, You Know, For Me There's The Cost Issue.

In This Day And Age Of What We Are Facing, I Think We Have To Be Really Worried About That.

But I Think From A Planning Perspective, There's An Issue That's Even Bigger Than The Dollars, The Potential Dollar Savings.

We Have A Comprehensive Land Use Plan That Has A Water Use Overlay, Paul O' Connor Issued A Brief Memo Trying To Explain What It Is.

And How It Is We Can Overturn It.

For Me, I Think We Have Mixed Two Issues Here.

Land Acquisition With Land Use.

And That Troubled Me.

I Think It Troubled Commissioner Mann When We First Looked At It, Because I Think He Felt Rushed To Make A Decision.

If We Have Learned Anything Collectively This Last Week, Having This Wiggle Room, If You Will, Has Brought More Information To Light.

Helped Us Understand A Little More What It Is We Have Done On May 1st.

I'm Not Interested In Getting This County Into A Legal Quagmire With Breaching A Contract.

I Think Given Where We Are And The County Attorney's Opinion, Probably Moving Forward With The Purchase Is The Prudent, Wise, Responsible Thing To Do.

I Do Wish Though, That We Could Agree To Pull Away From This Land Acquisition Decision.

The Future Use Of It.

And Decide That We Will, With A Full Board, Commissioner Judah Isn't Able To Be Here Until After Our July Break.

With His Presence We Could Decide Further What Uses We Want To Support.

But Before We Can Get To, I Think, That Answer As To What We Want To Use This Land For, I Think We Have To Face Some Of The Policy Decisions I Put In My Memorandum Back Up To Today's Blue Sheet.

We Have To Address The Costs, We Have To Address Whether Partnering With A City Is Something We Want To Try To Encourage, Whether Public/Private Partnerships Are Good.

We Need To Consider They Are Still There As Opportunities.

But More Importantly For Me Is The Comprehensive Land Use Plan That Says This Is A Valuable Asset And There's Fewer Of Them And Further Between.

That Is How Do We Enjoy The River.

And How Do We Enjoy The Beauty Of Lee County If We Cut Ourselves Off From It.

I Think What I Would Proffer Today Is Maybe An Informal Consensus Gathering, If We Could.

And Decide We Will Move Forward With The Acquisition Of The Property So Staff Knows What To Do In July While We Are Not Meeting.

But Also Agree Collectively We Will Revisit With A Full Board Just What It Is We Will Do With This Property And If We Have To Transfer Funds To Make It Legally Correct Because We Have Used Utility Funds We Will Have That Opportunity Later.

One More, If You Would, Just Slow This Down So Then We Could Take Our Time And Fully Understand All Of The Ramifications.

Comments?  
Commissioner Mann?  
Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

And Thank You Everybody That Came And Spoke Today.

And Some Of You For The Second And Third Time.

Your Cards, Letters And Emails That Have Come To Us, A Lot Of People Have Spend A Lot Of Time On This Thing.

Commissioner Bigelow Described My Position On This Quite Accurately, When He Said I Felt I Was Rushed.

I Said That In A Previous Meeting.

It Did Seem To Go Awfully Fast.

There's Nothing I Could Do About It, If I Had My Druther I Druther We Do It Some Other Way.

I Would Like To Make A Couple Of Comments On It.

I Find That What I Wanted To Say Is To A Very Large Extent, We Didn't Script This, We Will Reflect Some Of The Thoughts Commissioner Bigelow Just Expressed.

If We Get Ourselves In A Position Again, I Was Advised About This Pending Purchase Opportunity Five Days Before We Had To Vote On It.

I Told The Folks, Staff When They Were Briefing Me On It, I Said This May Be The Greatest Opportunity That's Ever Come To Lee County.

May Prove To Be A Good Thing, But I Cannot In Five Days Without Having Examined My Alternatives I'm Just Not Prepared To Do This.

I Wish I Had Been Quick Enough At The Time To Say Okay The Private Sector Would Have Probably Said Let's Do A Contract Offer.

Let's Lay Say, \$100,000 Out There.

To Make Certain It's A Valid Consideration And Say, Even Like \$50,000 Of It.

Some Figure Non-Refundable So They Could Keep The Money, But It Would Encourage If We Didn't Close After We Studied The Thing, It Would Be The Incentive That The Owner Would Have Needed So That He Doesn't Have To Go To Contract.

He Was About To Build.

He Could Say I'll Hold Back A Little While, Because Even If I Lose I'm Covered For My Cost.

Then The Number Of Things We Could Have Looked At In This Due Diligence, Someone Used That Term And It's A Good One, We Could Have Looked At, We Have Some Permits That Double Deep Well Injections.

That Has To Be Permitted Yet.

I Would Have Liked To Do Some Peripheral Discussion With Folks In That Permit Process To See, Is There A Good Chance We Will Be Able To Permit Two Deep Well Injection Wells There.

I Would Have Liked To Think Through Zoning.

This Isn't Zoned Properly To Expand And Enlarge A Sewer Plant On The Edge Of The River.

And I Know We Have The Ultimate Say Here.

We Can Jam The Zoning Through.

But Let Me Suggest The Possibility Of 300 People Out Here Who Had Already Appeared Before A Zoning Officer And Let's Say The Zoning Hearing Officer, Just For Hypothetical, Ruled Against It And Recommended Strongly That We Don't Do This Here.

And Those Same People Who Testified In Front Of That Person, Then Reappears Here.

I've Seen The Intimidation Of A Room Full Of People, Not Just Since I've Been Here, But Folks I've Been In Politics A Long Time.

That Would Have Been Intimidating.

We Would Have Bought The Land And Collapsed When The Zoning Was Against Us.

But I Would Like To Have The Time To Give That The Thought And I Didn't Have It.

The Alternatives, I Discussed This With Mr. Lavender.

There's Nobody In County Government That I Trust Better Than Jim Lavender And I'm Come To Respect Mr. Doug Muir, He Isn't Much Older Than I Am Here, Coming Back.

But There's Things I Didn't Have A Chance As A Commissioner And A Policy-Maker To Have A Look At.

After We Made The Decision To Buy, Comes Forward Then The North Fort Myers Utility Proposal Where They Said They Could Possibly Save Us \$30 Million.

Folks, I've Got To Look At A Possible \$30 Million Savings Over Us Building Something.

As You Think Through It, I've Got Somebody Who's Already Got The Capital Expenditure, They Built It Years Ago.

They've Got The Capacity And Offering For Us To Hook On And Use Their System As Opposed To Building A New System With The Deep Well Injection And All The Other Costs.

I Said I've Got To Look At That Alternative But I Didn't Have The Opportunity To Look At That Alternative.

Our Staff Said They Had Looked At The Alternative Of Connecting To Cape Coral System.

We Could Go One Way Or The Other.

And Pretty Strongly Indicated That Cape Coral Wasn't Really Interested And They Wanted To Entangle This Connection With Other Issues.

Subsequent I Picked Up The Phone And Called Terry Stewart, City Manager Of Cape Coral.

I Said What Happened?

Why Couldn't We Talk About A Partnership?

At Least That Know What The Cost Implications Are And Other Factors That Might Present Themselves And Mr. Stewart Says I Don't Want To Get Anybody In Trouble And I'm Not Looking For Fights Here, But As Far As He Was Personally Concerned He Was Wide Open To Further Discussions.

He Says We Have A Grey Water System Out There Where We Desperately Look For Treated Wastewater.

We Need It Year Round And We Don't Have As Much As We Would Like To Have So We Would Be Happy To Continue Discussions With County Of Lee.

Fort Myers And City Of Cape Coral, Both Of Whom I've Talked To Since We Committed To Buy The Property And Both Which Seem To Be Reasonably Attractive Alternatives To An Expensive Expanded Project, Yes I Think In The Wrong Place.

I Think The Worst Place In The World Is To Expand A Sewer Plant On The River.

I Can't Get Past That.

But The Cost Implications Alone.

I Never Had A Chance To Look At.

They Said We Didn't Want To Out Source But That's The Ongoing Debate, They Do It In Washington To The Smallest City Whether We Do Something Ourselves Or Out Source It.

The Point Earlier Where You Have The Capital Expenditure There On Old Dollars As Opposed To Very Expensive New Dollars, I Think Probably They Could Take And Offer The Same Services, I Suspect For A Whole Lot Less, But Again I Didn't Have A Chance To Look At That.

I Have Concluded After Reviewing The Contract That Is Actually Signed By The Chairman After The 3-2 Vote, I Think The Complications From Trying To Back Out Of That Would Be Overwhelming And Get Us In All Kinds Of Trouble We Don't Need To.

I Think We Own This Land Or Will When Money Changes Hands.

But I'm Not At All Comfortable About The Sewer Plant Remaining Where It Is And I Think We Have Two Very Good Options We Must Explore In Detail.

And Then Comes What Do You Do With The Facility.

We Have A Nice \$13 Million Plant.

I've Talked To Someone Who Is Partners In A Development Just Up The River A Little Bit.

Says Look, We Are Very Interested In Buying That Thing Back From You.

I Said Are You Going To Make Me Take A Beating.

He Said We Will Talk About Price.

There Are Options.

And Even If We Don't Sell To That Person Or Anybody, We Will Then Have A \$13 Million Facility We've Got To Do Something With And The Public, It's Their Money, The Public Interest Needs To Be Served Here.

So What Can We Do With It.

I Was Interested In The Gentleman Who Said Anything But A Sewer Plant, But Then He Corrected Himself.

He Said Well, Anything But, We Don't Want A Boat Ramp.

When You Say Anything But A Sewer Plant, We Have To Do Something With That.

It Will Involve The Public Use, Because It Will Be An Expensive Thing And We Need Waterfront Facilities.

We Need Water Access.

If You Get Rid Of Your Sewer Plant, Like Many Of You Would Be Happy To Do, Rest Assured You May Not Have Exactly What You Personally Would Have Proposed To Put There, But We Are Going To Have To Use That Land.

A Year From Now Or 18 Months We Will Be Back Talking With You, There Will Be Ongoing Dialogue How We Use That, It May Not Be A Ramp But Some Other Public Use Of That.

So Mr. Chairman I Apologize For Taking So Much Time As I Have On This.

These Are My Thoughts.

I Look Forward To Looking At The Alternatives Here But I'm Not Going To Make Any Motion Or Effort To Undue The Original Contract We Have In Hand Right Now.

I Was Going To Say If You Would Have Spoke Another Five Minutes It Could Have Been Labelled A Harangue.

But You Did Well.

I Understand.

Thank You.

Jim, I Just Have One Question.

With A Deep Well We Are Talking About Deep Welling.

It's Not Sewage But It Is Sewage, It's Been Tertiary Treated.

The Same Water That Would Be Spread On The Golf Course.

It's Grey Water.

I Have A Different Opinion Of Grey Water Being Used.

Pete, You Have To Remember That, That Makes A Big Difference In Terms Of Deep Well, The Impact Of Deep Well Injection On Our Water Supply System.

Mr. Chairman?

Yes, Commissioner Hall.

I Also Want To Thank The Residents And Numerous Emails, I've Spent Several Hours Trying To Get Back To All Your Emails.

Several Of You Emailed Me This Morning Asking For A Change Of Vote, We Didn't Respond Other Than Letting You Know We Got Them.

I Didn't Have Time Before The Meeting For Personally Getting Back To You, I Apologize If You Are Watching Today Or In The Audience.

I Think You Spent A Lot Of Time And Had A Lot Of Thought-Provoking Ideas.

Never In My Mind After The First Vote Did I Think This Process Wouldn't Be A Very Public Process.

It Always Is.

Lee County, Purchased Almost \$10 Million Of 2020 Property That Will Now Go Out For A Preservation And A Stewardship Plan.

That Will Be Part Of The Public Process.

The Public Will Have An Opportunity To Review That Plan, Make Comments On That Plan And Then That Plan Will Come Back To The County Commissioners For A Vote.

When I Looked At The Opportunity Because Of The Two And A Half Years I've Served You As Your County Commissioner And The Controversy Regarding The Isle And The Island Out There, When I First Got Here I Had A Number Of Calls Begging Not To Have Shuckers Or Anything Like Shuckers Or A Restaurant Of Any Kind Come Back To The Island.

There Were A Lot Of Issues When People Were Leaving The Restaurant In The Evening And Property Damage Occurring.

When The Property Owner, We Are In A Contract With Today Offered Purchased It And Came In With His Consultant Rachel To Meet With Me About What They Were Going To Do, It Was Pretty Controversial.

A Lot Of Concern About The Dry Storage Facility.

There Was Concern There Wouldn't Be The Same Amount Of Access To The Waterway As We Heard People Talk About Fishing.

After About A Year Of Meeting With The Neighborhood There Was A Willingness To Keep An Open Mind To See Gradually How This Would Move Forward, To See How The Permits Would Go And Continue To Have An Open Dialogue.

They Offered Social Memberships To The Public.

It Was A Quasi Public/Private Relationship.

Because The Restaurant Would Be Open To The Public.

Lee County Is A Beautiful, Beautiful Community.

We Do Not Have Enough Water Access.

And You Can Call It Public/Quasi Private.

When The County, When The Public, You, Me As A Tax Payer Own That Land, It's Forever.

Whether We Lease That Long Term For A Marina.

When You Own That Land It's Forever In The Public Ownership.

As I Read And Look At The Policy Decisions We Are Making And The Planning That We Are Doing In Our Efforts To Try To Define What Is Smart Growth And Be Consistent As To What Is Smart Growth I Fear For Our Community In Not Having The True Elements That Are Quality Of Life Issues.

Am I Giving Future Boards The Opportunity To Preserve Quality Of Life Challenges, By My Decisions I'm Making Today?

Because While I May Not Deal With Some Of The Negative Impacts, Some Future Board Will, And I Will As A Resident Of Lee County.

This Is Where I Plan To Live Until At Least 70 So I Have At Least Another 30 More Years.

As A Resident I Want To Remain.

I Appreciate What The Two Newer Commissioners Have Commented.

But In Moving Ahead With The Land Acquisition, The Use Of The Property Is Never A Done Deal.

You See That Over And Over In This Board But The Opportunity To Purchase The Plan Was Too Important Not To Move Forward With The Acquisition.

The Opportunity To Take As Much Time As We Needed To Go Out To The Public And Talk About The Expansion, All The Options, Reviewing All The Zoning And All These Things, I Thought We Would Have More Than Enough Time, A Year If We Needed To.

I Was Committed To Going Out In The Community To Do That.

We Have A Community Panel, A Very Active Waterway Estates.

If Buttonwood Wants To Get Involved.

We Try To Make The Process As Open As Possible.

All The Infrastructure, Whether Buying \$22 Million For Land For A 951 Alignment, All Those Acquisitions We Purchase And Then Talk About How We Will Do That.

Because The County Has Been The Victim Too Often Of Missing The Opportunity To Buy The Real Estate At A Price That Is Not Inflated Because Of Mark Ups And Flipping.

And Then We Go In And Decide What Can We Do.

We Don't Look At Those Acquisitions Lightly.

And We Are Serious How We Spend These Dollars.

But The Opportunity To Purchase The Property, Yes We Are Using Utility Dollars, Yes It Says For Expansion, It's Too Critical Not To Move Forward With.

If I Had My Druthers We Would Put No Utility Facilities On The Waterfront.

My Goodness.

We're Not Morphed Into This Community, We Live Here Also, We Use The Waterways Just Like You Use The Waterways.

But The Opportunity.

To Do Something Special Is An Opportunity For This Community And Board To Hash Out Over Time.

I Was Not Uncomfortable With The Acquisition Before, And I'm Not Uncomfortable Now.

I Didn't Vote For The Treatment Facility, I Voted To Explore Options.

We Have Serious Problems With This Facility, In The Fact It's A Tremendous Eye Sore On A Beautiful Neighborhood, It's Been An Eye Sore For 45 Years.

Does That Make It Right?

I Don't Have The Answer For That.

But I Don't Have The Ability To Say Let Me Wait Two Years Because I'll Give You The Prime Example When We Have Had Waterway Opportunities Come And We Had Short Windows, The Board Hesitated.

We Lost The Opportunity And Here We Are Ten Years Later Paying Five Times As Much For Waterfront Access To Deal With Some Of The Challenges And Ensure The Public Has Access.

I Was Going To Try To Take A Lesson From Previous Boards And Not Lose An Opportunity To Purchase A Waterfront Piece Of Property.

Most Of You Who Know Who Identified Either As Arm Chair Realtors Or Brokers, Location, Location, Location.

We Will Always Have An Opportunity If Not To Sell It For What We Paid For It, But For More Than We Paid For, But Right Now It's Ours, It's Yours, This Community And Our Legacy To Know That The Public Has Access.

I Don't Feel We Have To Make Some Consensus.

The Process Isn't Any Different For This Acquisition As To Any Other When It Come To Utilities Or Infrastructure.

There Will Be A Very Arduous And Involved Process.

The Opportunity To Do Exactly What The Developer Was Going To Do Is Still There.

Just Because Lee County Owns The Land Doesn't Mean We Can't Enter Into Public/Private Partnerships.

My Decision Wasn't Based On The Idea We Could Use Slips Existing There.

I Recognize The Cost That Would Go Into Actually Facilitating The Development Of The Site For A Usable Public Appreciation As An Amenity.

But That Doesn't Mean Lee County Has To Personally Do That.

This Gives Us The Opportunity.

There's Probably 100 Ideas Out There.

I Think We Need The Time To Look At All Of Them And Work With Our Staff And In A Way The Public Can Be Confident Everything Has Been Reviewed And All The Options Including A Sale If That's Where It Goes To.

I Appreciate The Comment, I Can't Remember, I Wrote All Your Names Down, Which Of You Said That Every Option.

Maybe It Was You Ms.

Mccormick That All The Facts Be Brought Forward So Everyone Is On The Same Playing Field With The Same Information.

I Want To Thank You For The Many Hours You Have Spent The Last Two Weeks.

I Apologize I Wasn't Here At The Public Hearing.

Commissioner Janes And I Both Serve On The Florida Association Of Counties, It's Important As We Represent Lee County On Many Issues That Involve Decisions And Impact That We Were There For Those Meetings.

I Appreciate The Rest Of The Board Being Here To Hear Your Input.

It Was In No Way As Some Of You Indicated A Way To Dodge Listening To Comments.

Those Plans Were Made Many Months Prior To.

There Was No Way For Me To Know, My Plans Were Made More Than Four Months Of That Public Hearing.

But I Appreciate The Passion Our Community Is Getting Involved.

I'm Heartened By It, Because Too Often The Community Doesn't Get Involved.

A Way For Us To Make Better Decisions Is To Hear From You Collectively, Individually Realizing Not All Your Thoughts Are The Same .

This Will Be A Great Project For Waterways Estates, Most Of You Will Be Happy With And Be Proud Of That It's In Your Neighborhood.

Again, I Appreciate Your Time This Morning, Giving Us An Opportunity To Talk With You In This Forum.

Thank You.

Anybody Else?

Well I Guess Because We Are Kind Of At A Stall Point I Would Like To Ask The County Attorney.

David, We Have The Action Of The Board On May 1st To Purchase The Property And I Think As You Have Said Last Week The Decision To Buy And The Decision To Use Were Leaked, Made If Only By Implication.

What Would You Advise We Do Today In The Form Of Action?

If Necessary I'll Proffer A Motion To Do As I Was Suggesting, To Move Forward With The Acquisition But Extract From That Decision To Acquire The Decision To Use.

Personally I Don't Think The Board Needs To Take An Action.

I Think The Issue Has Been Fully Discussed.

As A Staff We Read The Board's Direction, Following The Acquisition.

Once We Come Back From The July Break We Will Start Working On The Development Aspect Of It.

That Will Include Bringing To You All Of The Options For The Use Of The Property To Include Both The Utility Side And Non-Utility Side.

I Think Unless There's Some Other Direction Or Some Other Avenue That The Board Would Like To Follow I Think The Only Action That You Need To Do Today Is Conclude The Item And Go To The Next Matter.

Okay, But David, So I Can Sleep Comfortably, On May 1st And You Confirmed Last Week, The Action Of Acquisition And Action Of Determining It's Use Were Linked.

I'm Suggesting We Sever Those.

You Are Telling Me We Need Not Undo That Linkage.

You Need Not Undo That Linkage At This Point In Time.

You Can Do That At A Later Point In Time.

Right Now Under That Blue Sheet We Have Committed To Purchase That Property With The Utility Funds.

They Are Available.

They Are Ready To Go.

Once We Come Back, If The Board Determines That The Site Will Not Be Used For Utility Purposes, Whether It's Just The Expansion, Or If It's Even Larger Than That, Then You Can Discuss And By Further Blue Sheets, Further Actions Of The Board, Direct Us To Exchange Moneys That May Be Necessary As A Result Of The Use.

That's All Within Your Purview Once You Come Back.

All Right.

Well, David, I Appreciate Your Comments.

But What I'm Having A Little Problem Understanding Here, I Understand If We Decide Not To Pursue The Waste Issue That We Might Have To Refinance This Using Non-Utility Funds And I Agree With That.

But There's A Bigger Issue, It Puts Staff In Hiatus Until We Decide To Take A Look At The Problem Or What The Use Should Be.

I Don't Think That Productive.

We Need To Expand Or Find Another Location.

We Made That Decision, It Seems To Me.

What I Was Hoping Today Was To Indicate To These People That A Decision Was Not Made Blindly But The Staff Has Put A Good Deal Of Effort Into This And Terms Of Trying To Reply To Objections The People Have Rightfully Raised.

And I Understand Their Opinion And Their Concerns.

And By The Way, I Want To Thank Them For Coming Too, I Think It's Been Very Helpful To Get Everybody Here To Talk About The Problem.

I Just Want To Make Certain We Are Moving Along And Not Doing Nothing By Just Bringing

It Up And Talking About It A Little Later, Deferring, Talking About It A Little Later.

I Just Don't Think We Are Getting Anywhere With That.

That's The Problem I've Got.

Seems To Me We Let The Action Go The Way We Acted A Few Weeks Ago, That's A Motion To Proceed.

And I Think Our Staff Needs To Have That Message To Do Something.

I Don't See Any Reason Why If We Decide We Don't Want To, I'll Give It To You, Don, But I Don't See Why We Don't Continue To Move Ahead And Later On If We Want The Discussion, We Will Have The Discussion.

But At Least We Are Getting Work Done.

It's Staff's Intention To Move Forward.

We Will Continue To Look At Alternatives And See If -- We Will Track It But We Aren't Going To Stop.

Good.

Mr. Chairman, If I Might?

Yes.

It's My Understanding And Just So -- I'll State It To The Board So If There's Someone On The Board That Doesn't Concur I'll Have Clarification.

It's My Understanding The Staff Was Going To Continue To Look At Various Options.

Today I Had Another Option Sent To Me I Forwarded To Doug And Jim To Put Into The List Of Options So It Could Also Be Hashed Out.

Sometime Probably In August Or September We Would Be Able To Hold A Series Of Some Community Meetings To Share Some Of These Options.

Also At The Same Time Be Able To Look At Alternative Uses That If The Plant Wasn't Expanded, All The Uses This Site Could Have.

I Wasn't Under The Impression There Was Going To Be Any Stalling But That We Were Going To Be Able To Move Forward, Go Back Out To Community Meetings, Continue To Move Forward And Sort Of Hone Down What It Is The Direction We Were Going To Go In But Assuring As Commissioner Mann Said There Were Several Issues He Really Wanted To Have A Better Handle On, Commissioner Bigelow Has Some Concerns On, Which He Appropriately Shared With Us The Overlay And Water Department Uses.

I Think We Are Moving Forward, But We Are Plugging In All These Other Things That Have

Come Into Play.

That Makes Me Feel Much Better We Are Still Continuing To Move Forward, Just Not A Hiatus With Nothing Happening.

Just Didn't Want That To Occur.

One Last Thought Mr. Chairman?

I Had Just Penciled Out A Motion As We Were Kicking This Around That Would Have Said In Essence In Addition To The Possible Expansion Of The Waterway Waste Treatment Facility, Staff Here By Directed To Explore Other Options For Wastewater Treatment In Another Area Of The County.

What I'm Hearing Is The Staff Will Be Exploring Options.

I Thought Mr. Owen I Thought You Concurring With The County's Ability And Staff's Ability To Include All Options.

Okay.

Thank You So Much For That Clarification.

Anything Else?

Commissioner Bigelow?

Thank You, Chairman.

Commissioner Mann, I Wanted To Pick Up On Something You Eluded To Earlier.

You Posed This Hypothetical Because We Will Have A Zoning Decision Ahead Of Us As Far As Whether Or Not To Allow The Use Of A Sewage Plant On This Newly Acquired Parcel.

That Will Go Through The Hearing Examiner Process And Find It's Way Here Where We Will Be Sitting As A Zoning Board.

Residents Are Entitled To A Quasi Judicial Process That's Impartial.

That's Not Predetermined.

Who's Outcome Isn't Predetermined.

I'm A Little Concerned If We Aren't Very, Very Careful, And I'm Sure County Attorney's Office Is Looking At This, If We Aren't Very Careful We Will Have Undone The Impartiality Of That Process And Residents Who Obviously Have An Interest Of What This Future Property Is To Be Will Not Be Afforded A Fair Process.

The Quasi Judicial Process Would Come In The Zoning Hearing, Would It Not? It Would Have To Go Through Hearing Examiner And Come To Us, Quasi Judicial Process.

I Think The Problem Is Taken Care Of.

Not If We Have Predetermined The Outcome.

Mr. Chairman, Why Don't We Get To The Point Where We Will Ask For A Rezoning.

I Saw Your Memo That You Posed This Exact Question To Legal Staff, They Told You We Sit As Our Own Zoning Board On Different Cases.

I Understand Your Concern.

But I Guess I Would Like To Address It If There's Going To Be A Zoning Hearing.

If We Say We Want To Rezone This Property To Expand This Treatment Facility Why Don't We Have That Discussion When We Have A Full Board Because That's Not Been Determined Today.

Not Even Where Our Dialogue Is Today.

I Would Like To Save That Conversation For When There Is Five Members Of This Board Here.

Meantime David And Staff Can Further To Review In Further Detail Other Cases And Give Us Examples Where Else This Was Done So We Can Ensure The Public There Wasn't A Predetermined Decision Made.

Well, If I Might Reply To That.

The County Attorney's Office Didn't Exactly Address The Due Process Aspect Of The Zoning Decision That Lies Before Us, They Did Address Contract Zoning.

But If They Have Time To Do That Maybe They Will Have To Time To Put In Writing And Give Us Examples And Answer Your Question.

Here Is Where I Would Like Us To Maybe Consider An Alternative Today.

That Is That We Make The Decision To Use Or Not To Use This Newly Acquired Property For The Purpose Of Expanding The Wastewater Treatment Plant Definitively So That We Can Then Engage The Public In A Process That Is Fair And Impartial As Possible.

And Do That Sooner Than Later.

That We Do It Sometime In August.

Because I Think It's Not Fair, A, To The Public Or Residents Or Fair To The Staff Thinking They Are Expanding The Plant When In Effect We May Be Drawing That Option Away From Them Later.

I Think Everybody Stands To Gain If We Can Do This Sooner Than Later And Especially When Commissioner Judah Is Here To Address The Policy Issues In Order To Determine

The Use.

Mr. Chairman?

Yes, Commissioner Hall?

I Think The Timing Of The Staff Presenting If There's Alternatives Will Fall Into Place As It Will Be, I'm Not Going To Try To Rush It.

I Made A Commitment To Take These Options To Digest, That's Not Just One Meeting, That's Probably About Four Or Five Meetings Given The Nature And Diversity Of Where These Folks Are.

If It's August, Great, I'm Gone Two Weeks In August.

If It's September, Great.

Nothing Is Slowing Down.

The Staff Is Looking At All These Issues And I Think There Will Be A Lot Of Dialogue.

They Have Heard Clearly.

I'm Not Going To Time Frame, Because I'm Not Giving Folks Enough Time To Look At The Information We Have Given Them.

I Don't Want To Rush It And Say Here Is The Drop Dead Deadline.

We Have To Address The Expansion.

Because We Have A Need And We Know There's A Time Frame With That.

I Don't Think Anyone Is Talking About Lingering For Years On This Decision.

I Don't Think Myself, For Sure, Is An Advocate Of Delaying The Tough Decisions Until I Absolutely Have To, I'm All For Dealing With Them Up Front.

Commissioner, I'm Not Comfortable Putting A Time Line, I Think I'm Jeopardizing The Public's Trust, They Will Have An Opportunity To Review This In A Timely Manner And Not Be Rushed.

But I Don't Think The Board Will Linger And Say We Need Five Months, They Mobilize Quickly And Have A Team That Can Articulate And Graph The Information We Are Providing Them.

I'm Not Looking At This Being Delayed Probably Before The End Of The Year.

But I Don't Want To Say August And Not Have Everybody Have Time To Review It.

I'm Trying To Afford Both Sides Ample Time.

I'm Just Not Comfortable Setting A Deadline.

I'm Comfortable With Keep Moving Forward, No Delays.

Further Discussion?

Perhaps You Want To Bring It Up At Mmp For Further Discussion.

In August Or September So We Can Further Explore The Policy Issues.

No I Would Like To Bring This Whole Thing Up For Another Discussion Down The Road.

We Are Just Continuing To Take Little Bites, We Never Get It Resolved.

There's Constant Discussion And Nothing Is Resolved.

That's Not Progress.

That's Why I Think When Our Staff Is Ready To Make The Presentation They Will Make It.

And We Will Know What Their Recommendations Are, And If It Comes To Zoning Requests We Will Hear About It.

Notice Is Given For Those Changes.

And Will They Have An Opportunity To Appear, Yes They Will.

If They Appear At Zoning Hearing And Get Their Name On Record They Can Come Here And Speak Again On It As Long As It's Material Covered In The Zoning.

I Think That's An Orderly Process And It's Working Well.

Not Sure Where We Will Address The Policy Decisions To Be Made.

We Are Given A Chance For Policy Decisions To Be Articulated.

The Staff Will Come Back And Present, It May Be September, It May Be October.

The Staff Will Put Together A Package In A Little More Comprehensive Terms.

The Staff Will Come Back, Whether M.

M.

P.

Or Special One-Issue Items And Present To Us, I'm Thinking That Could Be Done Before The End Of The Year, Maybe, If Not I Don't Want To Put A Time Frame Because I Want To Afford The Public.

We Had One Meeting With 700 People.

I Don't Know If I Can Do This All In One Swoop, May Need To Do In Four Or Five Groups.

I Don't Know How Long It Will Take But I Can't Imagine More Than 30 Days.

Just Asking For Time For The Facts And Let Them Come Forward As Appropriate.

Any Other Comments?

No.

The Public Comment Portion Is Closed.

Mr. Chairman, I Think, We As A Board Are Left Kind Of Hanging.

I Know The Residents Are Left Hanging.

I Can't Help But Think Staff Is Somewhat Left Hanging Because We Aren't Giving Direction As To How To Proceed Other Than Look At Other Alternatives As Well As Keep Pursuing The Expansion Alternative.

Don, Maybe You Can Tell Us How Much Time You Would Need To Bring This Back To Us? I Recognize That Jim And Doug, They Need To Move Forward.

We've Got A Problem.

Their Backs Are Up Against The Wall As Well, To Supply The Service But --  
Mr. Chairman, If I May Interject Something.

I Don't Think That's The Case, Commissioner Bigelow.

There's Not A Crisis.

The Sewage Is Being Treated Right Now.

I Think We Have Plenty Of Time.

We Aren't Under That Type Of Emergency Situation.

I Think The Direction Is Pretty Clear, That's Why I Want To Restate It.

I Think We've Got At Least Three Options We Are Looking At Right Now, Cape Coral, North Fort Myers And Expansion At The Present Location.

And There May Be Something Else Come Up.

I Think Everybody, Maybe It Would Be Good For Mr. Lavender To Say It On The Record.

I'll Be Happy To Say It On The Record.

I Think This Is What We Expected Today, We Understand Where You Are, We Do This Routinely And We Will Move On.

I Think That's The Thing Terribly Important, This Isn't Rocket Science.

We Hear The Concern The Board Has.

We Want To Come Back With Something So You Have A Full Blown Presentation Of All The Alternatives And With A Recommendation.

And You Will Have To Make The Decision, But We Want To Give You All The Alternatives.

We Want To Flush It Out, So You Will Make An Informed Decision.

We Will Give The Recommendation But You Will Make The Final Decision.

Okay, Further Discussion?  
Okay, None.

We Will Simply Move On.

I Want To Thank Everybody For Being Here.

Appreciate It.

We Will Undoubtedly Be Meeting Again On This, Perhaps Several Times.

Thank You Very Much For Coming.

We Are Onto Our Bucket Truck.

Work Order -- Carry-On Item Number 1.

Do You Want To Wait Until They Have Adjourned?  
Mr. Chairman, Can We Take A Break?  
I Would Agree With Commissioner Bigelow.

Take A 5-10 Minute Break.

Where Are We?  
Are We Not On Carry-Over Number?  
-- Number One.

Commissioner Mann, Are You Not Responsible For Carry-Over Number One.

I Was Going To Let The Department Of Transportation Give Their Thoughts.

I Want You To Know That's The One We Are Talking About.

For The Record Paul Winguard, Good Afternoon Commissioners.

This Is The Item We Had Before You A Couple Weeks Ago.

Commissioner Mann Asked To Defer It Until He Had The Opportunity To Go Out And Look At The Vehicle, It's My Understanding That Was Done.

And We Are Back Here To Move Forward Once We Get Your Blessing.

Mr. Chairman?  
Ms. Raulings Is Here.

She Has Provided The Commission With Some Back Up Information.

I Would Be Willing If She's Got Some Thoughts, I'll Share A Couple Thoughts And We Can Dispose Of This Issue.

Okay, Very Good.

We Have Several Considerations.

Your Name Is?  
Marilyn Raulings, Fleet Manager.

Several Things We Have Taken Into Consideration, We Sent Copies What Are Our Guidelines For What Are Replacement Of Vehicles.

But There's An Extensive Process Other Than Those Three Primary Criteria.

We Won't Go Into That.

This Bucket Truck Has A 40-Foot Extension.

We Really Need A Minimum Of 50 Feet For Intersections.

Paul Can Address That Better Than I Can.

We Are At A Point Where We Have Spent \$40,000 On This, It's Original Price Was \$80,000 And Change.

We Need To Spend A Minimum Of \$50,000 Right Now.

And Then We Still Have A Bucket, We Have A Truck That Does Not Meet What We Need Or What D.O.T. Needs.

That's The Reason We Are Bringing It To You.

It's Not Just That It Met Some Magical Formula.

It's That The Vehicle, In Order For It Just To Continue We Need To Spend Another \$50,000 Which Would Bring The Total Cost Of Repairs To Over \$90,000.

With \$20,000 We Anticipate We Could Get For This At Sale Would Bring The Net Cost To Just Over \$24,000.

And We Do Have The Money Set Aside For The Replacement Of This Vehicle.

Okay, Thank You Very Much.

Comments?

Commissioner Bigelow?

I Will Ask Marilyn.

What Is The \$50,000 For Exactly?

About \$20,000, We Need To Rebuild The Engine And There Are Some Safety Issues On The Boom That Need To Be Addressed.

And We've Had Estimates \$25,000 To \$42,000 To Address Those Safety Issues.

\$20,000 For The Engine?

So It's Gone?

It's Not Gone.

It's Really Working Hard, And In Order To Keep It Being Efficient We Will Have To Do Major Over Haul, We Will Not, We Will Sent To The Manufacturer To Have That Done.

How Many Miles?

I Think It's 120,000 And Change.

But The Hours On The Boom Are About 10,000.

And For Every Hour On The Engine That Translates To 34 Miles.

So At 10,000 Hours That's The Equivalent Of 340,000 Hours On The Engine.

That's All I Have.

Commissioner Mann?

Mr. Chairman, I Don't Want To Make This Too Painful.

We Will Vote And Go Home And You Will Continue Doing An Excellent Job.

She Does A Superb Job.

It's Cleaner Than Lee Memorial Hospital.

And I've Told Her That She Is The Reason I'm Here Suggesting We Don't Trade This

Because She Does Such A Superb Job Maintaining The Fleet, I Think We Could Keep Them Longer.

That's The Point I Was Trying To Make Particularly In The Light Of 7% Cut In The Legislature.

I Think As A Matter Of Policy We Could Think About The Possibility If We Get Tight For Dollars If We Extend Our Formula For One Year, We Delay Trading For One 12-Month Period, There's Upwards Into The Millions That We Could Be Saving In Replacement Vehicles.

Now On This Vehicle, It's Older.

It's Like Nine Years Old.

It's Not As Pretty As Some Of The Brand New One's.

We Just Approved The Purchase A Couple Months Ago Of Three Bucket Trucks With The 50-Foot Boom.

We Can Still Use The 40.

We Have Used It For Nine Years.

I Fired That Thing Up.

It Runs.

I Drove It Around A Little Bit.

I Got In The Bucket, I Went Up And Down.

On The Motor, I Don't Know.

I Talked To One Of Your Guys Out There.

Normally You Don't Rebuild A Motor Like This.

You Get A Factory Rebuilt And You Change Them In And Out.

Frankly The Number I Got Was \$7,000.

I Don't Know The \$20,000.

Vehicle Normal Automobile You Can Do This For About \$2600-\$2800.

This Is A Diesel, A Much Larger Animal, \$7,000 Sounded About Right, Even If It Was \$10,000.

As For The Safety Issue, Those Are Simple Hydraulic Systems.

If You Are Up In The Bucket And Hydraulic Goes Out, Even If You Take A Hatchet And Slash The Line In Two What Happens In Hydraulics, It Loses The Fluid And The Bucket Comes Slowly Down.

You Won't Get It Up Again Until You Fix The Leak.

Trust Me, I'm Not Suggesting Anything That Would Put Any Of Our Staff In Jeopardy.

Also Mention A Point, It's A Valid One, If You Took One Of Those Big Light Traffic Signals Down And Try To Put It In The Bucket There, It Doesn't Fit Inside The Bucket Comfortably When There's A Person Operator.

So Some Of The New Units Have A Unit To Hook It Onto The Side.

For One's Where You Have To Take A Signal Up And Down Use One Of The New One's, That's Why We Just Spent A Bunch Of Money On Three New One's.

This One Still Has A Lot Of Life.

I Called Glades County.

I Said Give Me A Rough Idea Of The Age Of Your Vehicle.

They Sent Me The Entire Fleet.

I Was Surprised They Had Almost 50 Vehicles.

I Didn't Think They Could Afford That.

They Have 25 Vehicles, Over 22 Years Old.

The Oldest One Is 41 Years Old.

They Got Another 25 That Are Over 10 Years Old.

Most Of Which Are Over 20.

And They Maintain Them.

I Bet Not As Good As She Does With Ours.

But Commercial Vehicles, Especially.

This Is The Point I Was Making Especially.

Commercial Vehicles, You Can Maintain.

They Don't Have To Look Like A Million Dollars.

But They Have To Function.

This One Functions.

I've Said All I Need To Say.

If You All Want To Replace It, Then Replace It.

But I Hope We Would Think As A Matter Of Policy If We Get Into Serious Cutbacks, Looking For Areas, I Believe Without Any Risk At All To The Efficient Management Of Our Fleet, I Think If We Extended Our Life Of Our Vehicles One Year, I Don't Think Any Tax Payer Would Ever Know The Difference Out There.

We Are Getting Along Just Fine.

There I Said It, And I'm Glad.

Since You Are Comparing Apples-To-Apples In Glades County, What Are The Miles Of Their Vehicles That Are Nine Years Old?

I Didn't Ask Them.

Just The Year Of The Fleet.

I Think It's Important, They Don't Have The Road Network We Have To Work With, Or The Hours We Put.

I Have No Problem Investigating That.

But Even With That Policy In Place, And Correct Me If I'm Wrong, We Still Look At, Can This Vehicle Be On That Policy If There No Health Safety Issue To It And It's Reliable.

So I Guess That's Where I Looked At, That You Had Combined Both Those Decisions Into Your Request For Replacing This Vehicle.

Did That Not Occur?

Yes, Commissioner, That Is Correct.

We Look At A Number Of Different Factors, Fleet Has A Policy That May Trigger The Replacement Of A Vehicle.

But There Are Other Issues, Some Vehicles May Sit And Idle A Longer Period Of Time, An Engine On Idle For A Long Period Of Time Especially With A Gas Engine Will Wear Out Sooner.

If It's A Mowing Tractor Off The Road.

Not Out Where It Will Be A Potential Hazard To The Public It May Not Need To Be Replaced

As Soon.

There Are Different Time Frames For Different Vehicles Built In.

So They Take A Look At Those Things As Well.

Plus It Takes An Extended Period Of Time From The Time We Come To You To Request The Replacement Of A Vehicle Or Replacement Of A Different Piece Of Equipment.

It Could Easily Be Six Months Or A Year Before That Vehicle Will Be Replaced.

So One That May Be Functioning Right Now, A Year From Now When We Look At How Many Miles And Hours Goes Into It Over The Past Seven Or Eight Years We've Owned It, It's Going To Be That 8-10 Or 15% More Time On The Vehicle Before We Get The Replacement.

Would The Price Of That Drop, Or Would We Look At A Price Increase?  
You Really Get It From Both Sides.

Typically The Price Of A New Vehicle You Are Buying Is Going To Go Up And The Salvage Value You Will Get Will Go Down, But I Think Marilyn Is Trying To Project Forward The Dollars For The Replacement As Well As For The Salvage.

One Thing, If When We Bring It To You, If You Approve It, We Cut The Purchase Order Now.

So Pricing Is Locked In.

But The Vehicle May Not Be Here For, Many Times It Could Be A Year Or 18 Months Depending On The Type Of Vehicle.

This Bucket Truck We Are Anticipating It Will Be After The First Of The New Year Before We Would Even See It.

Well I'm Going To Pass The Gavel Here A Minute To Make A Motion To Approve.

To Approve The Request.

Give That Back To Me.

Don't Want To Lose Control Here.

Second By Commissioner Hall.

Discussion?

Yes.

Yes Commissioner Bigelow?

Commissioner Mann, I Appreciate Where You Are Going With This And The Work You Have Done.

I Was Going To Suggest The Sign-In The Background, Re-Elect --  
I Don't Know Who Put That Up.

That Was Very Embarrassing.

Which Campaign Was That From?  
I Especially Like You Are Looking For Ways To Save This Money.

And I Also Appreciate That Earlier Today We Decided We Were Going To Help A Local Non-Profit Maximize \$200,000 Of Our County Funds In Order To Net About \$1 Million.

I've Tried To Make This Point Before When The Issue Was Whether Or Not To Help City Of Fort Myers Landscape, The Median Of Palm Beach Boulevard Because Of The Work They Are Trying To Do In The County Even Though It's In The City Limits.

If We Can Find Ways To Save Money In Certain Areas, That's What Commissioner Mann Is Trying To Do Here, I Think It Affords Us An Opportunity To Spend It On, What My Estimation Is An Important Need For This Community, That Is The Healthcare Of Our Citizens.

Fully Supporting Where Commissioner Mann Wants To Go With This, We Will Probably Look To Him To Indicate For Me Where He Is Going To Go In The Final Vote.

Let's Call The Question And Find Out.

Let's Call -- There's A Motion Suggesting We Call The Question.

And We Shall Do That.

All In Favor Signify By Saying Aye?  
Opposed?  
Two For And Two Against.

I Have To Tell You So The Motion Fails.

Let Me Tell You Commissioner Mann, I've Learned More About Bucket Trucks Than I Ever Wanted To Know.

Or Ever Would Need To Know And I Can Hardly Wait For Discussion On Mowing Vehicles, On Passenger Cars And Trucks.

Mowing Vehicles I Know.

Passenger Vehicles, I Don't.

We Will Have Those Discussions I'm Sure, Regardless.

Yeah We Bought Ambulances Today Too.

He Didn't Know That.

You Sailed By Them.

Actually I Did Take Notice.

We Will Just Bring It Back To The Next Board Meeting, We Will Bring It Right Back.

We Will See If The Absent Commissioner, What His Views Are, If He Wants To Hold Back, He May Hold Back.

You May Even Change Your Mind.

No I Won't, I Find Generally For The Short-Term The Prices Go Up And Exceed The Cost Of What You Think You Might Save You Don't.

It Costs You In The Long Run.

The Problem Is, There's A Strategic Time To Turn In Vehicles And Trade Them In.

This Is That Time On This.

I Just Think We Ought To Move Ahead.

We Are Making Far Too Much On This Discussion.

I Can't Tell You What It Costs In Staff Time To Keep Dragging These Insignificant -- Gently.

I Know You Misspoke.

Anyway, We Will Bring It Up Next Time.

All Right, So Now We Are On Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Hall?

Thank You Mr. Chairman.

I Don't Know, Maybe Scott.

Over At Gateway There's An Issue With The Residents And Property Owners That They Would Like To Have The County, They Have Been Presenting To The County Various Options For Traffic Combing.

The Reason I'm Bringing This As A Commissioner Item.

Gateway Was One Of Our First Smart Growth Items.

Gateway Became A Smart Growth Development.

Residential Mixed-Use.

It Has Really Everything Inside It's Gates.

And I Talked A Little Bit With Some Of The Residents And Some Of The Ideas They Have.

Can't Say They Are Lightning Rods Of Efficiency But They Had Some Very Good Points.

What I Would Like Is For An Opportunity For This Board To Truly Look At, And Review Collectively What The Residents Are Asking For From This Board.

They Have Even Gone To The Point Of Asking Us To Consider Turning The Road Over To Them For Maintenance.

Not Everyone In The Community Is In Favor.

But I Would Like For Us To Look At That.

I Emailed Our Smart Growth Director.

When Asking About Internal Networks, Quasi Public Private Roads, This Is A Road To Come Out To Daniels.

I Don't Think We Can In Good Conscience, But If You Are Choosing To Come Through This Development, That It Really Is Like Our McGregor Boulevard, To Come Through And Move Traffic, While Keeping It Moving, Not Allowing It To Back Up But Providing For The Safety Of Residents Utilizing These.

So My Request Is To Actually Have This Come Back To Either A September Or October M.M.P. Meeting So We Can Look At All Of The Issues.

I Want To See, Scott If You Have Any Objection Or If There's Any Thought You Have?  
Scott Gilbertson, D.O.T. For The Record.

That's Fine, There's A Number Of Issues Involved In It.

There Are Differences Of Opinions And Different Wants And Desires, So We Can Bring It Forward To A Future M.P.P. That's Fine.

I Just Thought September, August We Are Pushing It Back, Because I Know August Will Be Very Hectic.

I'll Let Staff Decide.

Looks Like Everyone Is Okay With That, Because No One Is Saying No.

Scott I Would Just Ask For You To Work With Administration And Determine What The

Schedule Is.

Thank You, That's All I Have.

Commissioner Mann?

None.

Commissioner Bigelow?

I Have Several I Would Like To Discuss, Or Mention.

First Of All, One Pertaining To The Installation Of Sewer Line To Serve Present And Future Residents.

It Appears If A Develop Order Meets All The Stipulation For Development Order And Lee County Utilities Will Sign A D.E.P. Permit To Construct The Force Main And Expand Capacity On The Island.

Commissioner Will Do It Once In A While And Extend My Congratulations To Steve And Tanya Who Are The 2007 King And Queen Of Minglemania.

The Owner Of The Blackwater Outfitters, And Tony Is A Coordinator With The Library And Minglemania Is Scheduled For July 14th And 15th, And Is Recognized As One Of The Top 20 Southeast U.S. For The Month Of July.

And If You've Ever Been Out To Minglemania, It's A Delightful Place To Go, In Spite Of The Heat.

I Encourage You To Go Out There And Again, My Congratulations To Steve And Tanya For That And Being Honored As Being King And Queen.

I Have My Hat.

Usually They Tell Me Far In Advance When It's Coming Along But I Hadn't Heard A Peep About It Until The Other Day, Now I Get To Recognize That.

The Other Thing I Want To Mention Is I'm Pleased, As You Already Know, I Am So Pleased That The Memorial Hospital Was Approved For 15 Beds For Psychiatric Services To Provide Geriatric Mental Health Care In Lee County.

That's Truly Fantastic News For Our County And It May Be The First Step In What's Desperately Needed For Mental Healthcare Treatment Facilities In Lee County.

And Lee Memorial Has One Psychiatrist On Our Staff Which Is Pathetic.

I Think This Is -- Jim Nathan Is To Be Commended On This Issue.

Absolutely Fantastic.

Let's Association The Other One That I Want To Mention Is Kind Of, I Wish That -- Was Still

Here With The Babcock Branch Community And I Have Correspondence Here That We Can All See From South Florida Water Management District Concerning Surface Water Management Communication And Babcock Community.

I Would Wish We Could Coordinate With Everybody And Include Item 6-A Pertaining To Allowable Discharge Rates.

It's Of Paramount Importance And To Discharge Rates For The Integrity Of The Watershed And Jim's Going Speak To You About That Today.

I Would Hope That We Could Get Some Information Together And Be In A Formal Position On That.

That's A Critical Issue On That And Jim's Absolutely Right And Now's The Time To Look At It.

I Think That Takes Care Of All The Items That I Have.

We'll Take A Look At Committee Appointment Commissioner.

Mr. Chairman, Christopher Jarrow To The Approval's Units And Dean Hinderman To The Roadway Landgate Committee.

Discuss, All In Favor, Say Aye.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Yes, I Have One Appointment.

Then I Have A Point Of Order.

Johnnie Streets To The King And Queen Of Services, Be Representative For Fort Myers, Ok.

Seconded And Discussion?  
All In Favor.

Yes, Sir.

It Just Occurred To Me That You Know, We Voted Here To Deny The Request Of Budget Cuts And It Will Come Back Next Week.

I Asked You Because It Was A 2-2 Vote.

Yes, That Would Be A Denial.

So --

Well, It Could Be, But It Comes Back, I Think.

Bring It Back Up.

Well, We Usually Do, As I Understand It.

But To Bring It Back, Are We Not?  
A Failed Motion.

We Automatically Reschedule.

Well, That's All Right.

Raise The Issue.

I'm Perfectly Happy To Discuss It.

I'm Certain It's A Failed Motion -- Yes, I Just Assume That Mr. Chairman, You Wanted To Bring It Back.

That's Why I Didn't -- What You Learned Or I Learned Is That You Need Board Approval To Bring -- Right.

I Think We'll Have A Majority Here To Do It.

It Will Have To Be Brought Up I Guess By Commissioner --  
Ok.

Let Me Just Say That These Are -- These Are Some Symptoms Of, I Think Some Discussions We Need Of The And To Think About Over The Recess, But Come Back And Talk About It.

There Are Some Procedural Things And This Has To Do With That It's A Failed Vote, But If One Commissioner Isn't Here, Do We Bring These Back To Get A Full-Board Vote On It Or Not?  
Usually We Do.

But Sometimes There May Be Conditions That We Do Not.

We Can Take A Look At That.

I Think Begin To Develop Some Policy Changes To Reflect That.

The Problem Is That What We Used To Regard, You Know, As Some Sort Of Policy, It Now Appears To Look More And More At Establishing Rules.

This Is One Area That We Were Talking About Some Of These Issues To Take A Look At As We Move Down The Path, And I Think The Other Is The Problem I Have Got When We Defeat An Issue 2-1, Or 3-2, Whatever, You Can't Unless You Vote On The Prevailing Side At A Certain Time, You Can't Make A Motion To Reconsider, But We've Discovered There's A Way To Get Around That Is To Have The Commissioner Bring A Blue Sheet.

I Am Not Sure, But That Isn't Just A Way To Get Around The -- That Idea.

I Am Not Sure That's Possible, Because If That's The Case, You Can Continually Bring Up Blue Sheets Every Week, And Just Literally Would Be A Minority To Bog Our Time Down, Reconsidering We Need Some Sort Of Discussion On That Part.

There Are A Number Of Issues And We Can All Perhaps Think Of Some That Over The Recess, We Might Want To Think About Getting To That And Having Some Sort Of -- This And Need To Talk About Some Rule Changes Or If You Want, Maybe Put Together For Some Discussion Too.

I Think We Need To Do That Because.

We Always Question, That's Not In Writing And There's A History Do We Follow Up With Orders Or Not?

Obviously We Don't Follow Up Precisely, Because I Can Tell You, Well, We Never Have Here.

We Have Some Informal Rules Some That Are Informal, Because It's Not In Writing -- Enforced And Maybe We Can Take Some Time To Formalize That.

That's All I'm Saying.

Ok.

On The Way To Lehigh.

On The Way To Lehigh  
We Want To Go There With Me?  
Oh, Yes, That's Today?  
Yes, At 2:00.

Oh, I Thought.

It's At 4240 --  
Well, Let's See Where We Are.

Our Crown Management Items?  
Nothing And That Being The Case, We'll Recess Until 5:00.

### June 26, 5:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I WAS WAITING PURPOSELY, BECAUSE THE FIRST ITEM I WANTED TO TAKE WAS NOT THE 5:00, BUT THE 5:05 HEARING.

THERE ARE TWO ITEMS THAT WE ARE GOING TO POSTPONE OR CARRY-OVER, IS THAT RIGHT, TIM?  
TO WHAT DATE?

COMMISSIONER, AUGUST 14th.

AUGUST 14th AT 5:05 IN THESE CHAMBERS.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON 5:05, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHANGES?  
DAWN LEONARD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, I HAVE WITH ME THE AFFIDAVIT PUBLICATION.

IT IS SUFFICIENT WITH RESPECT TO FORM AND CONTENT AND I DO ENTER IT INTO THE RECORD AT THIS TIME.

THERE'S ALSO AN AFFIDAVIT WITH RESPECT TO THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BONUS DENSITY PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND THAT'S ALSO LEGALLY SUFFICIENT.

I PUT BOTH INTO THE RECORD AT THIS TIME.

WAS THERE ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THOUGH?  
YOU WERE?  
MY NAME IS DEBBIE JACKO.

MY CONCERN WITH THE OPEN SPACE, SECTION 10 415 AND THE COUNTY HAD RECOMMENDED THE STAFF THAT PROJECTS GREATER THAN FIVE ACRES IN SIZE, THAT IS ABOUT AN ARTERIOLE OR COLLECTOR ROAD AND HAVE TREES WITHIN 50 FEET OF THE RIGHT OF WAY MUST BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY BUFFER FOR TREE PRESERVATION.

THAT'S BEEN VISION STATEMENT OF THE NORTH FORT MYERS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP OUR TREES IN PLACE AND TRYING NOT TO HAVE THEM MITIGATED FOR MONEY INTO A BANK OR MITIGATED OFF SITE.

I WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS COMMITTEE ALTERNATIVE WHERE THEY HAVE TEN ACRES AND THAT IT MUST ENCOMPASS 1,000 FEET OR MORE OF FRONTAGE, BUFFERING ARTERIOLE COLLATERAL ROAD.

IF YOU HAVE TEN ACRES AND 1,000 FEET ON A ROAD, YOUR PROPERTY WOULD THEN BE 1,000 X 436 FEET DEEP, IF YOU ARE TAKING 50 FEET OF THAT YOU ARE LEFT WITH 336 FEET, YOU WILL HAVE PEOPLE COMING FOR A VARIANCE BECAUSE THEY WON'T HAVE MUCH ROOM TO BUILD.

I DON'T THINK THERE SHOULD BE ANY FOOTAGE REQUIREMENT, BECAUSE I'VE SEEN NUMEROUS TIMES WHETHER IT BE ACREAGE OR FOOTAGE WHERE THE DEVELOPER WILL COME IN AND BE TWO FEET SHY OF THE REQUIRED THOUSAND FEET AND THEY WILL HAVE 998 FEET AND THEY WILL BE EXEMPT.

OR THEY WILL HAVE 9.9 ACRES AND NOT 10.

SO THIS 1,000 FEET DOESN'T REALLY MATCH UP WITH THE TEN ACRES IN SIZE.

BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE A LONG NARROW PIECE OF LAND, IF YOU TOOK THAT SAME TEN ACRES AND TURNED IT THE OTHER DIRECTION THEY AREN'T REQUIRED TO SAVE ANY TREES AT ALL ALONG THE ARTERIOLE ROADS.

NO MATTER WHAT SIZE OF PROPERTY BUT HERE THEY ARE USING FIVE ACRES WITH A 50 FOOT BUFFER.

BUT THE COUNTY SEEMS TO BE, ESPECIALLY AFTER THIS LAST TREE WENT DOWN.

THEY TRIED TO SAVE THEIR HISTORIC TREES, ON BAY SHORE ROAD THEY ARE KNOCKED DOWN LIKE TOOTHPICKS.

THEY ARE OVER 100 YEARS OLD, THEY ARE OAK TREES AND PEOPLE WANT THEM TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE.

I'M AGAINST THEM CHANGING THIS ACREAGE SIZE AND MAKING THIS 1,000 FEET AS BEING FRONTAGE ON THE ROAD BECAUSE THERE'S GOING TO BE A MILLION AND ONE PEOPLE WHO GET AROUND THIS AND YOU WON'T BE SAVING ANYTHING.

SO THAT WAS OUR CONCERN.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

NOW THIS MATTER, ANYONE ELSE?  
YOU SAY THIS WILL BE HEARD AUGUST 14th?  
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, BUT WE WILL BE HEARD THEN.

THANKS.

OKAY.

ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?  
THEN WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION AND TAKE A MOTION TO DEFER THIS TO AUGUST 14th AT 5:05 WHICH YOU CAN COME BACK AND SPEAK AGAIN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO.

I'LL MAKE A MOTION TO DEFER THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AND ORDINANCE TO AUGUST 14th 2007 5:05 IN THESE CHAMBERS.

YOU HEARD THE MOTION.

IS THERE A SECOND?  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

DISCUSSION?

IF BY CHANCE THIS HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THE TIMES I WAS CONSIDERING VACATION, WHICH IS WHY I THOUGHT I BETTER GET MY TWO CENTS NOW, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED PART OF THAT?  
YEAH.

THANK YOU.

ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
AYES HAVE IT.

DOES THAT INCLUDE ITEM TWO OR DO WE NEED A MOTION ON THAT?  
GREG TOTH, SPEAKING OF THAT DENSITY ISSUE.

I TESTIFIED ON THE 16th AND MADE COMMENTS AND I GOT MIXED UP WITH THE D.R.I. TYPE OF FUNDING AND BONUS DENSITY.

SO I WANTED TO CLARIFY SOMETHING.

I CHECKED THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND BASICALLY WE HAVE COLLECTED IN THE BONUS DENSITY FUND AT THIS TIME \$1,051,000.

THE AMOUNT OF ROOFTOPS THAT WE GET FROM THAT KIND OF MONEY IS REALLY NOT SUBSTANTIAL TO MAKING AN IMPACT.

AND THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE, AND IF WE RUN THAT UP FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE FOUR TIMES THAT AMOUNT, WITH NO REAL PLAN.

WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THAT MONEY, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT SINCE THE LAST MEETING, I CHECKED, THERE'S OVER 1,000 UNITS FOR SALE RIGHT NOW, UNDERNEATH THAT \$200,000 AFFORDABLE LIMIT THE COUNTY IS SETTING FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES AND WORKFORCE HOUSING.

THE PROBLEM IS, THOSE PLACES, ALTHOUGH THE PRICES HAVE DROPPED HAVE BECOME LESS AFFORDABLE BECAUSE OF THE SUB PRIME DEBACLE.

SO THOSE PEOPLE IF THEY CAN GET IN THOSE UNITS WOULD BE SCOOPED UP.

BUT NOW THEY CAN'T BECAUSE THE QUALIFICATIONS ARE HIGHER.

SO IT PUSHED IT OUT OF RANGE, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE UNITS OUT OF THAT.

MAYBE WE NEED SOME KIND OF PUBLIC, PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE GENERATE THE UNITS AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO WITH THE MONEY WHEN WE GET IT TO GENERATE IT.

BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IF WE HAD SOME SORT OF FINANCING PROGRAM FOR THIS WORKFORCE, MAYBE SOME OF THESE THOUSAND PLUS UNITS WOULD BE TAKEN OFF THE

MARKET, BUT WE ARE CHARGING MORE MONEY TO GET THESE UNITS, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING WITH THE MONEY, BECAUSE THIS BONUS DENSITY, OUT OF A MILLION, IT'S ONLY COMMON SENSE HOW MANY ROOFTOPS CAN YOU GENERATE? WE GAVE DID 100,000 TO PUEBLO BONITA, IF WE ARE BEHIND THE 8 BALL BY 3,000-4,000 UNITS WE NEED TO GET A PLAN, RATHER THAN RAISE THESE FEES WHICH PUSHES THESE FURTHER AND FURTHER OUT OF THE RANGE.

THANK YOU.

ANYBODY ELSE?

OKAY WE WILL NEED A MOTION TO DEFER THIS?

I'LL MAKE A MOTION TO UPDATE A 13-12 PERTAINING TO HOUSING DENSITY PROGRAM TO AUGUST 14th 2007 FOR A MEETING TO BE HELD AT 5:05 IN THESE CHAMBERS.

YOU HEARD THE MOTION.

IS THERE A SECOND?

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

DISCUSSION?

ALL IN FAVOR?

OPPOSED?

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

THOSE TWO MATTERS WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL AUGUST 14th.

NOW BACK TO THE 5:00 AGENDA.

GOOD EVENING MR. CHAIRMAN, SCOTT COOPER ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, HERE FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1 TO APPROVE NINE RESOLUTIONS TO ASSESS THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNITS FOR PHYSICAL YEAR 2007-2008.

THOSE NINE UNITS ARE CHERRY BLUEBERRY IMPROVEMENT UNIT, COUNTRY ESTATES 3 STREET LIGHTING UNIT.

COUNTRY LIGHT STREET LIGHTING UNIT.

PINE LAKE, SHELTERING PINES MOBILE HOME VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT UNIT, DUE BERRY LANE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT, ANCHORAGE INTERCOASTAL CANAL DREDGING AND UNIVERSITY OVERLAY.

I'VE EXAMINED THE AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLISHED JUNE 5th 2007 AND FIND IT LEGALLY SUFFICIENT AS TO FORM AND CONTENT TO CONDUCT THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND HEREBY ENTER IT INTO THE RECORD AT THIS TIME.

THIS ACTUALLY REQUIRES NINE SEPARATE MOTIONS, I TAKE IT.

TO APPROVE THEM.

AND WE WILL JUST KIND OF GO DOWN THE LINE.

THE FIRST CHERRY BLUEBERRY IMPROVEMENT.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
OKAY.

WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

NOBODY ON THAT.

TAKE A MOTION?  
I'LL MOVE THE CHERRY BLUEBERRY IMPROVEMENT UNIT ASSESSMENT.

OKAY, THERE'S A MOTION.

IS THERE A SECOND?  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

FURTHER DISCUSSION?  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
THE AYES HAVE IT, THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

THE NEXT ONE IS COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT THREE, STREET LIGHTING UNIT FOR 3821 PER LOT.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON IT, BILL HAMMOND OR JUST WAVING?  
HE IS JUST WAVING TO HIS FRIEND IN THE BACK.

HE DIDN'T EVEN HEAR US, DID HE?  
NOPE.

OKAY.

I WONDER IF HE CAN SEE US.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE QUESTION THAT ARISES OP IT'S ADOPTION, MOTION TO APPROVE THAT?  
I'LL MOVE IT.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MANN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

DISCUSSION?  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?

THE AYES HAVE IT, AS ADOPTED.

C, COUNTRY LIGHT STREET LIGHTING 3834 PER LOT.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION.

MOVE THE ITEM.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BIGELOW TO APPROVE ITEM C.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

DISCUSSION?  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
THE AYE'S HAVE IT, THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

1D, GOLDEN LAKE HEIGHT STREET LIGHTING.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
AS YOU CAN SEE WE ARE MOVING ALONG, SO BE QUICK TO WAVE, OTHERWISE WE WILL  
JUST IGNORE YOU.

THERE'S NOBODY HERE.

WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION.

SO MOVED.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPROVE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

DISCUSSION?  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
THE AYES HAVE IT, MOTION ADOPTED.

PINE LAKE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT, 79.84 PER LOT.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
I'LL MOVE IT.

WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

DISCUSSION?  
ALL IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE?  
OPPOSED?  
THE AYES HAVE IT, SO ADOPTED.

ITEM F, SHELTERING PINES, MOBILE HOME VILLAGE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT  
ASSESSMENT, 101.23.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
NOBODY HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT.

I WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF IT.

THERE'S A MOTION TO ADOPT BY COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

DISCUSSION?  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
THE AYES HAVE IT, MOTION ADOPTED.

DEWBERRY LANE, 191.92 PER LOT.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
NOBODY HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT.

WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE?  
MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

DISCUSSION?  
ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

ITEM 1A.

ANCHORAGE INTERCOASTAL CANAL DREDGING FOR ASSESSMENT OF 1792.57 PER  
PARCEL.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?

I'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPROVE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

ALL IN FAVOR?

OPPOSED?

THE AYES HAVE IT, SO ORDERED.

UNIVERSITY OVERLAY LANDSCAPING, 265 PER FRONT.

SO MOVED.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON IT?

WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPROVE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

DISCUSSION?

ALL IN FAVOR?

OPPOSED?

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES THAT ITEM, DOESN'T IT?

YES IT DOES, COMMISSIONER.

WE ARE HERE ALSO FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2.

OKAY, VERY GOOD.

MOVING ALONG.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2 IS TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE BRIER CREST SEWER MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT.

I'VE EXAMINED THE AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLISHED JUNE 7th 2007, I APPROVE IT AND FIND IT LEGALLY SUFFICIENT AS TO FORM AND CONTENT TO CONDUCT THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND ENTER IT INTO THE RECORD.

IS THERE ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT ISSUE?

NOBODY HERE TO SPEAK ON IT.

WE WILL THEN CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION.

GO BACK TO THE BOARD FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE?

SO MOVED.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

DISCUSSION?

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE?

OPPOSED?

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

AGENDA ITEM 3, ADOPT A RESOLUTION, FINAL ASSESSMENT.

ONCE AGAIN I HAVE REVIEWED THE AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLISHED IN THE FORT MEYERS NEWS PRESS, 2007, I FIND IT LEGALLY SUFFICIENT TO CONDUCT THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND ENTER IT INTO THE RECORD.

THANK YOU.

THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING, ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?

LIBBY DID YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS?

LIBBY WALKER, JUST FOR THE RECORD I DID RECEIVE ONE LETTER OPPOSING THE ASSESSMENT.

OKAY.

MR. CHAIRMAN, WAS THAT FROM THE FELLOW IN TAMPA?

YES, THE DOCTOR IN TAMPA, YES, SIR.

WE WERE ALL COPIED ON THAT, I JUST HOPED SOMEBODY SENT SOME LETTER BACK.

I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING AS HE REQUESTED.

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

OKAY, ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE?

ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

BEING NONE WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION AND IT'S OPEN FOR BOARD ACTION.

COMMISSIONER HALL MOVES APPROVAL.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

ALL IN FAVOR?

OPPOSED?

AYES HAVE IT, THE MOTION IS APPROVED.

ITEM NUMBER 4?  
THANK YOU COMMISSIONER.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4 IS TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATES AND CHARGES.

I'VE EXAMINED THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICES OF INTENT PUBLISHED IN THE FORT MEYERS NEWS PRESS JUNE 12th AND JUNE 19th 2007.

AS SUCH I FIND IT LEGALLY SUFFICIENT AS TO FORM AND CONTENT FOR CONDUCTING THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND HEREBY ENTER IT INTO THE RECORD.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THAT?  
LINDSAY?  
I THINK YOU ARE JUST WAITING FOR OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?  
LET'S SEE IF THERE'S ANY.

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ALSO.

OKAY.

FOR THE RECORD, LINDSAY SAMSON.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT.

I WANT TO MENTION THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RATES ON AVERAGE ARE ABOUT 2% LOWER THAN THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATES.

AND THAT AMOUNTS TO AN AVERAGE OF \$6 PER HOUSEHOLD REDUCTION.

WE ARE PROPOSING THAT THE COST FOR COLLECTION INCREASE BY 1.5%.

AS IS PROVIDED BY THE FRANCHISE HAULING CONTRACTS.

WE ARE ALSO PROPOSING THE RECOMMENDED DISPOSAL COST BE INCREASED BY 2.3% PER TON DUE TO OVERALL OPERATING INFLATIONARY IMPACTS.

THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RATES ON AVERAGE HAVE INCREASED ONLY 1.1% PER YEAR OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS.

THE PROPOSED DISPOSAL FACILITIES ASSESSMENT IS A DECREASE FROM 18.50 A TON TO \$18 PER TON.

THE PROPOSED ESTIMATED CAPE CORAL MSTU ASSESSMENT MILLAGE RATE IS REDUCED FROM 0.1111 MILLS TO 0.1013 MILLS.

THIS IS AN 8.82% REDUCTION OF THE MILLAGE RATE.

THE TAX LEVIED IS ALMOST \$300,000 LESS.

THIS MILLAGE RATE USES THE JUNE 1st PROPERTY APPRAISERS ESTIMATED VALUES AND WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN A FINAL FORM AND RECOMMENDATION ON AUGUST 14th AT A PUBLIC HEARING, ALONG WITH THE ASSESSMENT ROLE CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION.

AND THAT WOULD BE AFTER WE RECEIVE THE PROPERTY APPRAISERS JULY 1st FINAL VALUES.

THE PROPOSED BUSINESS MULTI-FAMILY ASSESSMENTS INCLUDED IN THESE RATES, CALCULATIONS OF WHICH REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS INCLUDED WITH THE ORIGINAL AGENDA SCHEDULING ITEM HAD SOME MINOR ERRORS.

I HAVE SINCE EMAILED A REVISED RESOLUTION TO PUBLIC RESOURCES, I'VE PROVIDED IT TONIGHT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS AND TO MINUTES AND I WOULD LIKE TO, AT THIS TIME, READ INTO THE RECORD THE REVISIONS THAT WERE MADE IN THIS RESOLUTION.

IF I COULD DIRECT YOU TO THE FOURTH PAGE OF THE RESOLUTION, THESE REVISIONS DO NOT IMPACT THE OVERALL ASSESSMENTS THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED.

REVISIONS WERE SIMPLY DUE TO AN ARITHMETIC ERROR.

THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION SHOWED \$22.20.

THE REVISED NUMBER IS \$19.80.

UNDER B2, ORIGINAL \$16.80.

THE REVISED NUMBER IS \$14.40.

UNDER B3, THE ORIGINAL NUMBER WAS \$4.56.

THE REVISED IS \$2.16.

AND THEN GOING TO THE NEXT PAGE, ITEM B5, AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

THE ESTIMATED CAPE CORAL MILLAGE WAS ORIGINALLY SHOWN AS 0.9839.

AND THE REVISED ESTIMATED MILLAGE IS 0.1013.

THE REASON FOR THESE CHANGES IS THAT THE COST TO DO THE BILLING AND COLLECTION BY THE TAX COLLECTOR WAS ORIGINALLY SHOWN AS BEING INCLUDED.

BUT THEN AS YOU SEE WE PUT A FOOT NOTE THAT SAID IT'S NOT INCLUDED.

SO IT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE NUMBERS AND WE TOOK IT OUT OF THE NUMBERS.

THAT'S ALL THE REVISIONS WERE.

FINALLY, I'M HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THESE PROPOSED RATES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS?

LET'S SEE IF THERE'S ANY COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON THIS MATTER.

ONE QUESTION.

YES?

THIS IS A SLIGHT DECREASE IN RESIDENTIAL RATES?

YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

OR INCREASE, MODEST IN SOME.

THAT WOULD BE CORRECT.

IF THERE'S NO PUBLIC COMMENT WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND GO BACK TO THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION ON ITEM NUMBER 4.

SO WOULD THERE BE A MOTION TO APPROVE?

I'LL MAKE IT.

THERE'S A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN TO APPROVE ITEM 4 WITH REVISIONS AS INDICATED BY LINDSAY.

IT'S BEEN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

DISCUSSION?

IT WILL BE GOING TO A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 15th.

THE 14th.

I'M SORRY, THE 14th.

IT SAID IN HERE THE 15th.

COMMISSIONER, ON AUGUST 14th WE WILL BRING TO YOU A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD TO CERTIFY THE ASSESSMENT ROLE TO THE TAX COLLECTOR.

THE ONLY ADDITIONAL ITEM ON AUGUST 14th WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH THE MILLAGE

RATE FOR CAPE CORAL PENDING RECEIPT OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISERS FINAL NUMBERS.

THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL HEARING RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT ASSESSMENTS THAT WE ARE ESTABLISHING HERE TONIGHT.

THAT YOU ARE ESTABLISHING.

OKAY, WAIT A MINUTE.

WE ARE SETTING THE MSTBU RATES, SERVICE AREAS 1-7?  
CORRECT.

OKAY.

AND THEN THE REST OF THIS IS SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING?  
THE ONLY THING FOR AUGUST 14th, WE WILL BRING BACK AT THAT TIME AN ESTABLISHED ASSESSMENT ROLE THAT WILL BE PREPARED WITH THESE VALUES, AND THESE VALUES WILL BE PLACED INTO THAT ROLE.

THEY WILL BE PREPARED BY THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, WHO WILL BRING THAT ROLE TO THE BOARD FOR THE BOARD'S CERTIFICATION THAT ASSESSMENT ROLE COULD BE LEVIED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN LEE COUNTY.

IN ADDITION, AT THAT TIME, SINCE WE'VE ONLY PROVIDED YOU AN ESTIMATED MILLAGE FOR THE CAPE CORAL MSTU PORTION, THEN WE WILL FINALIZE THAT NUMBER BASED ON THE PROPERTY APPRAISERS FINAL VALUE THAT HE WILL PROVIDE ON JULY 1st.

OKAY.

I THOUGHT WE WERE MOVING THIS TO PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ADOPTION.

FINAL ADOPTION WITH THE EX -- EXCEPTION OF THE CAPE CORAL MSTU.

I GUESS I WOULD HAVE RATHER SEEN THE RATES WE WERE GOING TO ADOPT AND THE RATES WE ARE AMENDING, WHETHER WE ARE INCREASING OR DECREASING.

SO I'M A LITTLE CAUGHT OFF GUARD HERE, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.

I JUST DON'T SEE WHERE THEY WERE.

I SEE WHERE THEY ARE GOING.

SAY WE ARE DROPPING IN RESIDENTIAL, SERVICE AREAS 1-7, RIGHT?  
THAT'S CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER, IF YOU WILL, I CAN PROVIDE YOU A CHART THAT SHOWS ALL OF THE DIFFERENT SERVICE AREAS.

CAN EITHER THE COUNTY MANAGER OR LINDSAY OR DEPUTY MANAGER, IS IT POSSIBLE WE COULD PUT THIS OFF UNTIL WE HAVE A FULL BOARD, SO I CAN REVIEW THIS LATER.

WHAT'S THE TIME URGENCY OF THIS?

I CAN MENTION THAT THE COUNTY ORDINANCE GOVERNING THIS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT REQUIRES THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH THESE RATES ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15th.

SO WE COULD SEE THIS FIRST MEETING IN AUGUST.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING.

IT COULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL THAT DATE.

WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO ADOPT IT ON THAT DAY.

WE WILL JUST DO EVERYTHING ONCE ON THAT DAY INSTEAD OF BREAKING IT OUT, BUT THE BLUE SHEET IS CLEAR THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT.

IT'S NOT CLOUDY AS TO WHAT WE'RE DOING THIS EVENING.

IT'S PRETTY SPECIFIC.

I TELL YOU.

REQUEST BOARD TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION.

I READ THAT MEANING TO APPROVE.

TWO POINTS, WE DON'T HAVE A FULL BOARD.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A COUNTY-WIDE ASSESSMENT INCREASE, DECREASE.

I'M TROUBLED BY THE FACT WE DON'T HAVE THE FULL BOARD IN ORDER TO DO THAT AND SECONDLY I DON'T HAVE A WAY TO COMPARE WHERE WE HAVE BEEN AND WHERE WE ARE GOING WITH THIS.

I THINK WE MIGHT BE WISE IF WE CAN PUT THIS OFF TO THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY IN AUGUST WHEN WE RETURN FROM BREAK.

MR. CHAIRMAN?

YES, COMMISSIONER HALL.

EVERY PUBLIC HEARING WE PUT OUT, IT'S A PROCESS WE HAVE TO DO IN NOTICING.

THERE'S A COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

IS IT JUST THAT YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THE FEES YOU HAVE LOOKED AT, THAT YOU HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THE FEES TO SEE WHAT THE DIFFERENCES ARE?

EVERY PUBLIC HEARING WE HAVE, WE HAVE AN ADVERTISEMENT PROCESS, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PUT ON NOTICE THIS IS WHAT WE ARE ADOPTING AND WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND DO IT AGAIN.

I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE YOUR DISCOMFORT IS.

TWO POINTS, I'LL MAKE THEM AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FULL BOARD TO CONSIDER RAISING THESE RATES.

AND SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT THIS IN AUGUST WHEN I CAN SEE MORE CLEARLY WHERE THESE RATES ARE INCREASING AND WHERE THEY ARE DECREASING.

OTHERWISE I'M NOT PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS ACTION ITEM MYSELF.

I JUST HAVE TO SAY COMMISSIONER, YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT, WE COULD DO THAT.

BUT WE DO HAVE A QUORUM PRESENT WHICH IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO ADOPT IT.

THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT THERE BE A FULL BOARD.

I'M NOT CERTAIN WHAT DIFFERENCE THE PRESENCE OF A FULL BOARD ON THIS, WHICH IS A RELATIVELY NON-CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE.

IT HAS TO DO, WHY WE HAVE TO WAIT?

I WOULD PREFER TO DO THAT AND THEN TAKE THE FINAL ACTION ON THE 14th OF AUGUST.

AT THAT POINT IF YOU ARE STILL UNHAPPY YOU CAN STILL VOTE AGAINST IT.

PART OF THIS IS THE FINAL ACTION.

THAT'S RIGHT.

PART OF WHAT WE ARE DOING.

THE OTHER PART IS CAPE CORAL AND MSTU RATE, WHICH IS AN INCREASE.

MR. CHAIRMAN?

YES?

IF THIS IS DEFERRED UNTIL AUGUST 14th, OR CONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST 14th, THEN WE WILL ALSO HAVE TO RESCHEDULE THE HEARING WE REQUESTED ON AUGUST 14th, THAT IS THE CERTIFICATION OF THE ROLE, BECAUSE THE ROLE WILL NOT BE PREPARED BY THE PROPERTY APPRAISER UNTIL THE ASSESSMENT VALUES ARE PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

WHICH MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH IN ONE DAY.

CORRECT.

IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

MR. CHAIRMAN?  
WE WON'T HAVE TIME TO ADVERTISE IT.

LET ME SEE IF I COULD MOVE THIS ALONG.

I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANY PROBLEM HOLDING THIS OFF, IF IT WASN'T GOING TO  
CREATE TERRIBLE DELAY OR PROBLEMS LATER ON.

IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S MINOR ADDITIONAL WORK THAT'S INVOLVED HERE.

I'M FRANKLY COMFORTABLE WITH WHERE WE ARE MR. CHAIRMAN, AND COMMISSIONER  
BIGELOW.

I SENSE A MAJORITY TODAY.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?  
WE HAVE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION.

COMMISSIONER HALL IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE?  
I THINK COMMISSIONER MANN MADE IT.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
THE MOTION IS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 3-1 WITH COMMISSIONER BIGELOW IN THE  
DISSENT.

ITEM NUMBER 5.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MICHAEL JACOBS ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY.

ITEM FIVE, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, FOR THE REGULATION OF ON SITE SEWAGE  
DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND UNINCORPORATED LEE COUNTY.

I'VE REVIEWED AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT FOR JUNE 12th AND  
JUNE 19th AND FIND THEM TO BE LEGALLY SUFFICIENT IN FORM AND CONTENT AND I  
WILL ENTER THEM INTO THE RECORD NOW.

THANK YOU.

THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING.

ANYONE HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE?

OKAY, IF THERE'S NOBODY HERE, I WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND GO BACK TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION.

IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE?  
I HAVE A QUESTION.

I FEEL WE ARE ADOPTING THIS FOR THE THIRD TIME.

WHY DO I FEEL THIS IS DEJA VU?  
WE HAVE HAD THIS BEFORE YOU IN TWO DIFFERENT MMP'S.

EVERYONE SIGNED OFF, AREN'T WE PRETTY MUCH COMFORTABLE?  
WE HAVE TO ADOPT IT AT A PUBLIC HEARING, THAT'S WHY WE BROUGHT IT.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US LOOK AT IT ONE LAST TIME.

MOTION TO APPROVE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

ALL IN FAVOR?  
OPPOSED?  
THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

WE ARE NOW ON THAT PART OF THE AGENDA WE CAN HAVE PUBLIC PORTION,  
PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS.

I DO HAVE A NUMBER OF CARDS.

JIM ENGLISH, WE WILL CALL ON YOU FIRST, BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN A VERY PATIENT  
INDIVIDUAL, YOU HAVE SHOWN UP AT A NUMBER OF MEETINGS.

YOU WERE HERE EARLIER THIS MORNING AND HERE YOU ARE AGAIN.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

AND YOU TAKE A VERY FLATTERING PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPER, TOO.

I HAVE TO SAY THAT.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

I NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET.

THEY SOLD ANOTHER 100 COPIES BECAUSE OF THAT HANDSOME PICTURE ON THE  
FRONT.

FOR THE RECORD, I'M JIM ENGLISH.

SORRY I WASN'T AVAILABLE WHEN YOU STOPPED BY.

I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO READ.

THANK YOU, JIM.

THIS IS A COPY SOME TIME AGO, MR. BABCOCK GOT A HOLD OF ME.

HE WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH ME RESOLVING OUR DIFFERENCES OVER HIS WATER MAIN PLAN, AND AS A RESULT OF THAT I PUT THIS BOOKLET TOGETHER ABOUT 19.

I THINK IN 1994.

AND AFTER HE GOT THE BOOK, HE WROTE ME A VERY COMPLIMENTARY LETTER WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THERE.

AND THEN HE INVITED MY WIFE AND MYSELF AND MY MOTHER UP TO THE CYPRESS LODGE FOR DINNER ONE NIGHT.

AND IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

UNFORTUNATELY HE GOT SICK SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AND ULTIMATELY DIED, SO WE NEVER DID GET THE JOB DONE.

I TRIED TO RENEW THE EFFORT WITH SOME OF HIS DESCENDENTS.

AND SOMEHOW OR OTHER WE NEVER DID GET THE JOB DONE.

I WANTED TO MAKE YOU ALL AWARE OF THAT.

I KNOW I HAVE THREE MINUTES AND I WOULD LIKE TO PLAY BY THE RULES.

IF YOU COULD TURN TO THE BACK.

A PHOTOGRAPH.

THE FIRST.

THERE ARE EIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS, AND THE FIRST FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EIGHT ARE PICTURES TAKEN ON THE BABCOCK RANCH EITHER IN LEE COUNTY OR CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

WHERE LEE COUNTY OWNS 5,000-6,000 ACRES.

WHICH YOU BOUGHT FOR \$41 MILLION.

IF I COULD DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE.

THAT ORANGE GROVE IS AT FLORIDA CITRUS COMPANY, ORANGE GROVE.

AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THAT ORANGE GROVE, WHICH IS PORTION OF THE LAND YOU BOUGHT FOR \$41 MILLION.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE PART OF LEE COUNTY THAT IS SHOWN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH THERE IS UNDER WATER.

AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT I WAS THERE ONE TIME AND THE WATER WAS RUNNING AROUND THE CORNER OF THAT DIKE THERE.

IT WAS ABOUT WAIST DEEP, IT WAS RUNNING SO HARD AND SO FAST I COULDN'T WALK AGAINST IT.

I HAD TO GET UP ON THE DIKE AND WALK UP THERE.

AND THE PROPERTY THAT YOU HAVE NOW JOINS US ON THE SOUTH.

AND WE ARE FLOODED.

AS A RESULT OF WATER THAT RUNS OFF THE PROPERTY, WHICH YOU OWN.

AND THIS PROPERTY THAT YOU OWN IS GOING TO BE UNDER WATER, PART OF EVERY YEAR.

AND SOMETIMES A NUMBER OF TIMES.

I KNOW I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME, SO I'LL QUIT AND I'LL BE BACK IN TWO WEEKS BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE USE OF THAT PROPERTY, WHATEVER USE YOU MAKE OF THAT PROPERTY, IT'S GOING TO BE MORE VALUABLE TO THE CITIZENS AND TAX PAYERS OF LEE COUNTY IF WE SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, THEN IF WE LET IT CONTINUE.

AND IF THAT PERMIT APPLICATION WHICH KITSSEN AND HIS OUTFIT PRESENTS, IF IT'S APPROVED, YOUR PROBLEM IS GOING TO GET WORSE INSTEAD OF BETTER.

AND SO IS OURS.

AT SOME POINT I WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF AND HAVE SOME ERNEST AND REASONABLE CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

IT'S REAL.

JIM, LET ME JUST SAY, THE STAFF IS AWARE OF THIS.

THEY ARE AWARE OF THE WATER PROBLEM.

AND THEY ARE AWARE OF MR. KITSSEN'S PERMIT.

I BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE SOME COMMENT, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, AS OF YET, BECAUSE I'VE JUST BEEN TRACKING IT LATELY.

BUT WE ARE AWARE OF IT, AND THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN.

WE APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THE MATTER TO OUR ATTENTION.

THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM, THE WATER.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT MR. ENGLISH TO KNOW WE AREN'T MEETING IN JULY, SO DON'T COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS.

OUR FIRST PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE AUGUST 14th.

SO WE WILL COME BACK AT A 5:00 MEETING AUGUST 14th.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO SHOW UP AND NO ONE BE HERE.

WELL IT'S TIME FOR CONSIDERATION, THIS THING ISN'T GOING TO RUN ON FOREVER.

SOMETIME THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO ACT.

I'VE BEEN COMING DOWN HERE FOR MONTHS.

IF THERE'S BEEN DEFINITIVE ACTION, I'M NOT AWARE OF IT.

I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU AS A CITIZEN AND TAX PAYER, WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THAT 5,000-6,000 ACRES YOU BOUGHT, AT SOME POINT YOU GET SERIOUS ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

YES, SIR, WE ARE CONCERNED.

AND WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT TO OUR ATTENTION.

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED, TOO JIM.

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

DON, CAN YOU COORDINATE WITH MY OFFICE AND MR. ENGLISH A MEETING OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WHOEVER YOU FEEL APPROPRIATE TO BRING TO A MEETING, SO I CAN MORE FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE.

AND UNDERSTAND THE STATUS OF THE PERMIT, SINCE LEE COUNTY OBVIOUSLY HAS LAND WE OWN THAT'S IMPACTED.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME TO KNOW MORE, IF YOU COULD COORDINATE THAT MEETING? I'LL GET WITH YOUR STAFF AND CERTAINLY WORK WITH THEM, CERTAINLY.

THE LAST HALF OF JULY WOULD BE A GOOD TIME.

I HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER CARDS.

THEY ARE FOR AN ISSUE, TRAFFIC CONGESTION, CONNECTION AT PITTSBURGH BOULEVARD.

I'M GOING TO CALL ON STEPHEN KELLEY FRANKLIN FOLLOWED BY GAYLA.

MR. FRANKLIN?  
GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS STEPHEN KELLEY FRANKLIN.

MY ADDRESS IS 17380 STEPPING STONE DRIVE.

I'M A RESIDENT EXIT THREE OAKS AND HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

I WAS RECENTLY READING THE LEE COUNTY WEBSITE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH COMMISSIONER AND I FOUND SOMETHING I THOUGHT WAS REALLY GREAT.

THE OVERALL THEMED THAT SEEMED TO FLOW THROUGH THE GOALS AND MISSION STATEMENT WAS TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE.

I COMMEND YOU FOR THAT AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE HERE TO DO, I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE HOMEOWNERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE PITTSBURGH BOULEVARD TO OUR ROAD IN SAN CARLOS PARK.

OUR COMMUNITY HELD MEETINGS AND ALL 268 HOMES WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE A PETITION.

I HAVE 189 PETITIONS OPPOSING THE CONNECTION AND ONLY 4 IN FAVOR.

PRIOR TO THE PETITIONS, IN ORDER TO SEEK CLARITY ON THE MATTER.

WE MET WITH OUR ORIGINAL DEVELOPER, ALLEN FREEMAN OF THE FREEMAN GROUP.

WE FOUND OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A COMMUNITY THAT HE WAS BOUND TO COMPLETE THE CONNECTION PER THE ORDER PLANS APPROVED IN 1995.

MOST OF OUR HOMEOWNERS WERE NEVER AWARE OF THE CONNECTION AGREEMENT.

AND THOSE WHO HEARD RUMOR WERE LEAD TO BELIEVE IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN.

THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE.

IN APRIL 2007, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO DEFER THE REQUIRED CONNECTION FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

ALLOWING TIME FOR WING FOOT DRIVE TO BE COMPLETED, AT WHICH TIME A REANALYSIS AND THE NEED FOR THE CONNECTION WOULD BE DONE.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK, HAS A NEW ANALYSIS FOR THE NEED FOR THE CONNECTION BEEN DONE?

NOW THAT WING FOOT DRIVE IS COMPLETE, WE FEEL THAT WING FOOT DRIVE IS THE ANSWER, IT'S THE SOLUTION THAT ALREADY EXISTS AND SATISFIES THE MAJORITY OF THE POINTS TO DATE FOR AND AGAINST.

OTHER HOMEOWNERS HERE TONIGHT WILL ADD SOME OTHER ISSUES TO THAT POINT, BUT BEST OF ALL, WING FOOT DRIVE ALREADY LIES BETWEEN DEVELOPMENTS AND IT DOES NOT CUT THROUGH A COMMUNITY.

WING FOOT DRIVE IS LOCATED CLOSE TO PITTSBURGH, 3/10 OF A MILE ON THE EAST END AND LESS THAN 4/10 OF A MILE ON THE WEST END.

WE HAD HEARD DISCUSSION THERE WAS A POSSIBLE FIRE STATION PLANNING ON THE CORNER OF WING FOOT AND THREE OAKS, BUT I ALSO GOT WORD NOW THAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARILY THE CASE.

WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AGREE TO PERMANENTLY STOP THE CONNECTION OF PITTSBURGH TO ORIOLE ROAD AND TO RELEASE THE ORIGINAL DEVELOPER OF ANY OBLIGATION TO CONNECT.

HOWEVER, IF YOU FIND THE CONNECTION MUST BE MADE, WE'RE ASKING YOUR APPROVAL TO HAVE A PERMANENT LIMITED ACCESS GATE FOR USE BY OUR RESIDENTS, FIRE, POLICE AND E.M.S. VEHICLES.

FUNDING WOULD COME FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND USAGE WOULD BE LIMITED TO OUR RESIDENTS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT VACATING MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE GATE PERMANENT.

WHILE PRESENTING THIS AS AN OPTION, WE MOST DEFINITELY FIRST AND FOREMOST WANT TO STOP THE CONNECTION ENTIRELY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

GAYLA, FOLLOWED BY CADGE LIN.

CATHERINE.

MY NAME IS GAYLA FRANKLIN.

RESIDENT THE EXIT THREE OAKS.

I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

WE ARE WONDERFUL, SELF CONTAINED COMMUNITY, INDEED RESTRICTED.

THE PROPOSED AREA HAS NO DEED RESTRICTIONS.

WE PAY AN OUTSIDE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO OVERSEE.

WE HAVE A BOARD THAT FOLLOWS OUR BYLAWS AND KEEPS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE STANDARD EXPECTED BY THE HOMEOWNERS AND FREEMAN GROUP.

HIS COMPANY IS THE MASTER BOARD AND HAS ALL SAY ON ALL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS, THEY REGULATE HOUSE COLOR, PAINT, FENCING, GRASS HEIGHT AND CONDITION, PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS, VEHICLES AND MORE.

EVEN THE CONDITION OF OUR MAILBOX IS MONITORED BY THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

DUE TO THE FACT WE PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN OUR OWN STREETLIGHTS, OUR MAILBOX LIGHTS ARE THE ONLY SOURCE OF LIGHTING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

STREET LIGHTING IS ON OUR MAILBOXES, OFF THE GROUND AND USES A 60 WATT LIGHT BULB.

THIS IS A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE AND CONCERN AND WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE LIGHTING FOR A MAIN THOROUGHFARE.

NEW LIGHTING WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE INVOLVED.

WE ARE A YOUNG FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A LOT OF CHILDREN.

OF OUR HOMEOWNERS WHO CHOSE TO SIGN PETITIONS, I BELIEVE 189, THOSE HOMES COLLECTIVELY HAVE 205 CHILDREN.

WE ACTUALLY HAVE WAY MORE THAN THAT.

WE HAVE WONDERFUL AMENITIES, PRIVATE CLUBHOUSE, POOL, BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS.

YOUNG AND OLD WE TAKE PART IN THOSE AMENITIES, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PITTSBURGH, TWO THIRDS OF OUR COMMUNITY IS ON THE NORTH SIDE AND ALL THE BUS STOPS FOR THE SCHOOLS ARE ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

WHETHER WALKING WITH STROLLERS, WALKING WITH YOUR DOG, WALKING WITH NEIGHBORS, GOING TO CLUBHOUSE AND AMENITIES, EVERYONE, EVERYDAY HAS TO CROSS OR USE PITTSBURGH BOULEVARD, HIGH TRAFFIC WILL DRASTICALLY AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY.

OUR PROPERTY VALUES COULD DRASTICALLY DECLINE, THE OTHER FACTOR IS THE POSSIBLE PANIC REACTION CHOOSING TO SELL OR RENT THEIR HOMES AND LEAVE OUR COMMUNITY.

THIS COULD NATURALLY DROP OUR PROPERTY VALUES.

RIGHT NOW WE FEEL WE HAVE A GATED COMMUNITY FEEL ONLY WITHOUT THE GATE.

I AS A HOMEOWNER DON'T WANT PITTSBURGH BOULEVARD CONNECTED.

WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HOW IT'S PRESENTED.

WE PAY OUR HOMEOWNERS DUES.

WE AS HOMEOWNERS HAVE INVESTED OUR DOLLARS, SWEAT, LOVE AND GROWTH OF OUR FAMILIES INTO A SAFE COMMUNITY IN THE LAKES AT THREE OAKS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

CATHERINE RUBINEK.

I LIVE AT 9010 PITTSBURGH BOULEVARD.

MY HOUSE ACTUALLY IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM STEPPING STONE, THERE'S A STOP SIGN.

I'M COMING FROM THE HEART, THE SAME THING SHE WAS SAYING.

MY CONCERN IS THE OPENING OF PITTSBURGH BOULEVARD WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL FOR OUR STREETS AND NEIGHBORING STREETS.

THE SAN CARLOS AREA IS DECAYING.

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE HAS BEEN THERE.

YOU HAVE ONE NICE HOUSE, ANOTHER HOUSE EITHER A RENTAL OR VACANT.

CARS PILED IN THE YARD, PEOPLE NOT TAKING CARE OF THEIR HOMES.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD BE RIGHT OPEN TO THAT.

AT NIGHT, I CAN SIT OUT ON MY BACK PORCH, I'M TWO HOUSES DOWN FROM ORIOLE.

YOU COULD HEAR CARS SCREECHING AROUND, LOUD MUSIC, IF YOU OPEN OUR STREET THAT WILL COME INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

BRING DOWN THE PROPERTY VALUES, NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE IN AN AREA LIKE THAT.

WE HAVE A POOL IN OUR BACKYARD BUT WE HAVE A SMALL BACKYARD WITH A RETAINAGE DITCH.

IF WE FEEL PLAYING IN THE FRONT YARD, TAKING WALKS, WALKING OUR DOGS, RIDING BICYCLES WE DO THAT IN OUR FRONT YARD RIGHT ON PITTSBURGH BOULEVARD.

ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE MOVED TO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, WE LIVED IN LEXINGTON COUNTRY CLUB, NOT SO KID FRIENDLY, OLDER RETIRED PEOPLE.

NOT A LOT OF YOUNG FAMILIES.

WE WANTED TO BE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE IT WAS FAMILY-ORIENTED.

WHEN WE FIRST DROVE THROUGH THAT NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S THE FEELING WE GOT.

FAMILY ORIENTED.

FAMILIES WALKING AROUND, SPENDING TIME TOGETHER, NEIGHBORS GETTING ALONG.

EVERYBODY WAVES AT ONE ANOTHER.

IT'S A VERY FRIENDLY AND FAMILY ORIENTED NEIGHBORHOOD.

I FEEL IF YOU OPEN PITTSBURGH ONTO ORIOLE AND THEN TO SAN CARLOS PARK IT WILL BRING A LOT OF UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND A LOT OF ACCIDENTS, CARS SPEEDING UP AND DOWN THE ROAD.

AND I JUST THINK IT WILL MAKE IT VERY UNSAFE AND AN UNPLEASANT NEIGHBORHOOD TO LIVE IN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THE CARDS I HAVE ON THAT SUBJECT.

BUT STEPHEN, BEFORE YOU GO, DID THE BOARD NOT TAKE THIS MATTER UP A FEW YEARS AGO?  
ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO IT WAS BROUGHT TO AN EVENING PUBLIC MEETING.

IT WAS ON THE AGENDA AND IT WAS MOVED FROM 9:30 AGENDA TO THE 5:00 AGENDA SO THE RESIDENTS COULD COME FORWARD BECAUSE THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER REQUIRED THAT PITTSBURGH BE PUT THROUGH AND COMMISSIONER ALBION AT THE TIME HAD ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE LIMITED ACCESS AND THAT REQUEST FAILED 3-2.

COMMISSIONER ALBION SUPPORTING THE LIMITED ACCESS, THE OTHERS NOT

SUPPORTING LIMITED ACCESS.

IT MOVED FORWARD FROM THERE AND I BELIEVE THAT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO.

MAYBE TWO YEARS AGO BUT DEFINITELY NOT --  
WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HAVING TO RELOOK AT IT AGAIN.

I VAGUELY REMEMBER, BUT THAT DIDN'T SEEM IT WAS THE LAST TIME WE LOOKED AT IT.

I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ASKED TO COME BACK BUT I REMEMBER IT FAILING.

I SECONDED THE MOTION TO DO THE LIMITED ACCESS.

IT WAS ONE OF MY FIRST VOTES BEING ON THE FAILING SIDE.

THAT'S WHY I REMEMBER.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOLKS FOR COMING DOWN AND APPEARING.

WE APPRECIATE YOU DOING THAT.

SOME OF THE HOMEOWNERS ARE NEW.

WE ARE MUCH MORE ORGANIZED AND MUCH MORE COMMUNICATED NOW.

I'VE ONLY BEEN THE HOMEOWNERS PRESIDENT MYSELF FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

SO THIS IS FAIRLY NEW CAUSE, IT WAS THE FIRST THING ON THE TABLE I FELT WAS IMPORTANT.

THE CHAMBERS WERE FILLED WITH RESIDENTS.

WE HAD A FULL AUDIENCE AND A COUPLE HOURS OF DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE.

I DON'T DISAGREE WITH WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR.

BUT I GUESS WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT IT AND SEE.

WE HAD 268 HOMES.

YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE 189.

WE DID THAT VERY QUICKLY WITH A PETITION.

THEY ARE STILL COMING IN.

PEOPLE ARE STILL UP NORTH ON VACATION.

DOES THIS MEAN IT WILL BE PUT ON AN AGENDA SOMETIME WE CAN COME BACK AND LISTEN?  
WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AND SEE WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE SO WE HAVE SOME IDEA.

BUT I'M SURE WE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH YOU.

I JUST WANT TO LET THE BOARD KNOW I'M CONCERNED STILL ABOUT THE \$14 MILLION PURCHASE OF THE PROPOSED SEWER PLANT.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GUYS ARE AT, IF THERE'S A WAY TO GET OUT OF IT.

THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS THE FACT THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED AND I OWN SEVERAL PROPERTIES IN LEE COUNTY AND PAY A LOT OF TAXES.

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE DIDN'T REALLY DO A WHOLE LOT FOR ANYBODY WHO HAS HOMESTEADED PROPERTY.

I FEEL THEY COULD HAVE DONE A LOT MORE.

I KNOW THAT'S NOT THE JOB OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE PROPERTY TAX APPRAISER DID, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME BIG PROBLEMS, I FEEL FOR THE FACT DEPENDING WHERE HE COMES IN WITH THE APPRAISALS, I THINK EVERYBODY IS GOING TO BE, I KNOW THERE'S A FORM YOU HAD TO FILL OUT BUT THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PEOPLE COMPLAINING.

I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WILL BE READY FOR THAT ONSLAUGHT.

I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE FACT THE COUNTY HAS \$1.5 BILLION IN RESERVES.

I DON'T AGREE WITH SOME OF THE SPENDING PRACTICES.

BASICALLY THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, I'VE PAID A LOT IN PROPERTY TAXES.

ANYWAY, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, DEPENDING WHAT THE NUMBERS COME BACK, I THINK YOU GET THOSE NOTICES IN OCTOBER BUT I WILL BE ONE OF THE ONES PROTESTING IT, I'M HIGHLY CONCERNED.

THANK YOU.

JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET INTO IT HERE BUT THE \$1.5 BILLION RESERVES IS NOT A TERRIBLY ACCURATE STATEMENT BECAUSE THOSE ARE NOT ALL FREE RESERVES, THEY HAVE BEEN EARMARKED AND IDENTIFIED.

IT'S A LONG INVOLVED DISCUSSION, BUT I'M SURE WE COULD FIND SOMEBODY WHO COULD HELP YOU WITH SOME OF THOSE ISSUES.

THANK YOU.

WELL YOU NEED TO HAVE IT, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF MISUNDERSTANDING ON THOSE ISSUES.

I GUESS THAT'S IT.

I GUESS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANOTHER REQUEST OF DON.

COULD I HEAR MORE ABOUT PITTSBURGH CONNECTING TO ORIOLE?  
I KNOW NOTHING.

OTHER THAN WHAT COMMISSIONER HALL EXPLAINED, MAYBE DAVE LOVELAND CAN COME IN.

SO I COULD BE BRIEFED.

MR. CHAIRMAN?  
YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?  
I HAVE BEEN BRIEFED.

IT'S EITHER IN MY DISTRICT OR ON THE EDGE OF IT.

THE DILEMMA IS WHEN THE DEVELOP ORDER WAS ISSUED YEARS AGO THIS OPENING WAS REQUIRED AND OUR D.O.T. FEELS AN OBLIGATION TO COMPLETE THIS BECAUSE IT MOVES A LOT OF TRAFFIC.

BUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD DOESN'T WANT THAT TRAFFIC.

THAT'S THE SKINNY.

THAT'S THE SHORT VERSION.

BUT I WOULD RECOMMEND AN INDIVIDUAL BRIEFING AT LEAST BY OUR OWN D.O.T. AND IT WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY.

BUT ESSENTIALLY WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU IS WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO LEARN, THERE'S AN OBLIGATION TO OPEN THAT, WHY IT'S REMAINED CLOSED, I CAN'T TELL YOU, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL SOME TIME IT WAS GOING TO TRIGGER.

SO HERE WE ARE.

I'VE TOLD YOU WHAT I KNOW.

A COUPLE MORE POINTS TO THE MOST RECENT SPEAKER, IT'S ABOUT 1.5 BILLION THAT SITS IN BANK OF AMERICA ACCOUNTS.

IT BREAKS DOWN INTO THREE ONE THIRD CHUNKS, ROUGHLY.

SO MOST ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS CASH IN THE BANK.

SOME OF IT IS RESERVED.

BUT HE IS RIGHT.

IT TAKES FURTHER EXPLANATION.

I GUESS I WOULD, FOR YOUR BENEFIT LIKE TO DESCRIBE WHERE WE ARE WITH WATERWAY ESTATES TREATMENT PLAN AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO FROM HERE ON FORWARD.

IF I'M WRONG, DON OR DAVID CORRECT ME HERE, BUT WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION.

A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WE WOULD GO AHEAD AND CLOSE ON THE PROPERTY SO WE WOULD OWN IT.

BUT WHAT IT IS WE ARE GOING TO DO WITH THE PROPERTY IS STILL -- IS NOW AT A QUESTION MARK STAGE.

AS OPPOSED TO BEFORE WHERE IT WAS TIED TOGETHER, IT WAS ACQUIRE AND USE FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION.

WE SOMEWHAT SEVERED THOSE TWO.

STAY TUNED.

WE DIDN'T GET A DATE CERTAIN WHEN WE WILL HEAR BACK FROM COUNTY STAFF.

BUT ONE OTHER ISSUE THAT'S COME TO MIND OF LATE.

I GOT A CALL FROM SOMEBODY TODAY THAT BROUGHT UP A GOOD QUESTION.

I WOULD LIKE TO POSE IT HERE FOR DON, MAKE HE CAN EXPLORE IT A LITTLE FURTHER.

WE ARE TAKING POTENTIALLY \$14 MILLION OFF THE TAX ROLE WHEN WE BUY THIS.

MAYBE WE CAN UNDERSTAND BETTER HOW MUCH WE THEN FOREGO AS A COUNTY, ONCE WE TAKE THAT PROPERTY OFF THE TAX ROLL.

HOW MUCH GIVEN THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED TAX RATE.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING TO LOSE?

ANOTHER POINT, DON, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WITH SOME KIND OF AESTHETIC COVER, A SKIN THAT WOULD MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A HOUSE OR SOMETHING?

I DON'T THINK THAT COST HAS EVER BEEN FACTORED INTO THAT ALTERNATIVE.

SO I THINK DOUG WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO LOOK AT HOW MUCH EXTRA THAT WILL COST.

I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT WILL BE CHEAP.

MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST TO DOVE TAIL ONTO THAT, ANY PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP WE PUT ON THAT PROPERTY WHERE WE ARE NOT THE OPERATOR OF ANY SERVICE DOESN'T COME UNDER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.

IT DOES STAY ON THE TAX ROLLS.

BUT SECONDLY THIS COUNTY HAS TAKEN ABOUT 20% OF IT'S PROPERTY OFF THE TAX ROLL DUE TO CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION.

I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM LOOKING AT THE NUMBER, BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT, AS ONE OF THE RESIDENTS SAID, SOMETIMES WE DO THINGS BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND THE MONEY IS THE SECONDARY ISSUE.

THERE'S A WAY TO GET AROUND IT NOT BEING REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY TAX ROLL.

SHE HAS REMINDED ME ANOTHER IMPORTANT PART OF THIS, DON, IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES TO LOCATE THAT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, EXPAND SOME OTHER AREA, THE VALUE OF THE CURRENT SITE WE OWN, NEEDS TO BE FACTORED IN.

THAT HASN'T BEEN PLUGGED INTO ANY OF THE OPTIONS.

IN OTHER WORDS, WHATEVER THAT VALUE OF LAND, IF WE WERE TO SELL IT WE WOULD HAVE THAT TO THROW INTO THE MIX.

IF THERE'S NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE US, WE STAND ADJOURNED.