

November 4, 2008

Chairman Judah: Good Morning Everybody And Those That Are Listening In. We'll Start With The Invocation From Pastor Doug Wahlberg From Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Chairman Judah: Good Morning, Pastor.

Gracious Lord God, Heavenly Father, We Thank And Praise You That We Have Been Able To Wake Up In A Country That Is Able To Choose Leaders Today.

Some Of Us Feel That We Are Glad It Is Here So We Can Move On.

But As We Pause Today May We Reflect Upon Those That Have Gone Before Us That Have Done The Best They Could To Set Up This Opportunity For Us To Choose Our Leaders.

May You Encourage Those That May Be At Home Wondering If It's Worthwhile To Get Out And Do Their Civic Duty To Cast Their Vote Today.

Precious Lord As We Seek Your Guidance And Leadership, May Your Spirit Rest Upon The Country And May Your Blessings Continue To Shine From Sea To Shining Sea In The Name Of The Savior Christ We Pray, Amen.

Chairman Judah: Please Remain Standing.

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.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

We Have A Number Of Ceremonial Presentations.

First Is Read By Commissioner Hall Recognizing Veterans Today.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Commissioner Judah.

We'll Have You For A Picture And Let You Say A Few Words.

What An Appropriate Day To Recognize Our Veterans As The Most Sacred Opportunity We Have As Americans To Vote Today.

Many Have Given Us The Opportunity For That Opportunity To Vote.

Whereas Veterans Day Has Been Set Aside As A National Holiday To Honor The 42 Million

Veterans That Served In The Military Service And Over 1 Million That Paid The Ultimate Sacrifice To Preserve Our Freedom.

And Where Our 24 Million Ex-Service Members In The United States And 64,000 Of Those Living In Lee County.

Whereas The Blessings Of Peace, Prosperity And Freedom That We Enjoy In America Today Are Due To No Small Part The Courage And Sacrifice To The Men And Women In Uniform.

And Veteran's Day Is A Day To Honor Those And Because Of Their Service We Enjoy A Freedom Unique In Our World.

May It Be Resolved By The County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida That We Proclaim November 11th As Veteran's Day.

We Have The Appropriate Ceremonies And Dually Executed This 4th Day Of November And Signed By Ray Judah.

Thank You Very Much.

[Applause] Thank You Very Much.

It's All Nice To Be Recognized And It Makes That That Much More Special.

Everyone Involved In The Military On This Particular Day, This Is What It's For.

We Appreciate It Very Much And We'll See You All On Veteran's Day Next Tuesday.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Sir.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: The Next Ceremonial Presentation Recognizing National Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Week Will Be Read By Commissioner Janes.

Comm. Janes: Are They Here? Chairman Judah: You Probably Want Them All Here.

Comm. Janes: Indeed I Do.

Step Up To The Podium And Have All The People Active In The Homeless Coalition.

Comm. Janes: It Is A Pleasure For Me To Be Able To Present This Resolution Honoring National Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Week.

You Know Lee County Has Been Active To End Homelessness In 10 Years.

It's A Challenging Task, But I Believe We Can Really Do This If Everybody Pitches In And We All Work Together It Is Possible To Do.

I Would Like Now To Read The Resolution.

Whereas An Estimated 3,000 Homeless In Lee County The Count Documented 326, 270 Severely Mentally Ill.

210 Veterans.

19 Persons With Hiv Aids.

And 267 Children Under The Ages Of 18 And 507 Victims Of Domestic Violence.

And Whereas The Primary Cause Of Homelessness Is The Lack Of Housing That Is Affordable To Very Low-Income People Along With Impairment Opportunities Further Contemplated By Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse And Mental Illness.

Where By The Lee County Homeless Coalition Is To Advocate Hope And Help Through Planning.

And Where As November 16th Is Designated As National Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Week.

The Purpose Is To Bring The Needs To The Homeless And Where By The Lee County Homes Coalition Will Sponsor The Homeless Person Service Day And Veteran Stand Down Which Will Offer Employment Opportunities, Medical, Psychological, Spiritual Counseling, Clothing, Food And Other Services At The Broadway Community Church.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved By The Board Of County Commissioners By Lee County, Florida, We Designate The Week Of November 22nd National Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Week And To Recognize Many People Do Not Have Housing.

This Was Signed On The 4th Day Of November By Our Chairman Ray Judah.

I Would Like To Present This To You.

Chairman Judah: We'd Like To Shake All Your Hands.

Please Step Forward.

Chairman Judah: Please Give Us A Count Of Three.

One, Two, Three.

Chairman Judah: Are You Finished? Yeah.

Okay, You're Quick.

Thank You Commissioners.

And By Extension Thank Also The Respected Mayors Of The Municipalities And Their Counsels That Are Participating In This Effort.

The Members Of The Homeless Coalition That Guide Us And Direct Us And Help Us Come Together To Provide These Services To Those Folks That Are Less Fortunate Than Some Of Us.

We Believe That We Can End Homelessness.

We Are Convinced That With The Cooperation Of All These Entities Working Together That We Can Stop It In Our Nation.

I Think It's Significant That They're Here On This Day And When We Exercise One Of Our Fundamental Rights To Vote And Choose Who Leads Us That We Recognize That There Are Rights That Are Guaranteed To Folks In This Country By Virtue Of Being Citizens Of This Country.

I Believe There Can Be No Greater Right Than The Right To Have A Place Where You Can Lay Down Safe And Sound And Secure And Out Of The Elements.

We Know That Last Night Probably Around 3,000 People In Lee County Were Not Housed That Way And With Your Help And With The Backing Of All The Members Of The Coalition, The Faith-Based Communities And All Of Our Providers We Believe We Can Stop This Homeless Epidemic We Have In This Country.

Thank You Very Much.

Thank You.

[Applause] I Just Want To Say Thank You For All You're Doing To Support Us And This Week Is An Important Week And It Helps Bring About Our Awareness For Our Mission.

And You Are? Janet Bartos.

Comm. Janes: Thank You, Janet.

Chairman Judah: Janet, You And Karen And The Entire Homeless Coalition Did A Terrific Job Where You Held The Auction To Generate Funds To Stamp Out Homelessness.

I Think That Particular Program Will Continue To Grow And I Applaud The Efforts To Getting The People Within The Community To Become More Aware And Stamp Out Homelessness.

Thank You Very Much.

Thank You Commissioner Janes.

Comm. Janes: Thank You.

Chairman Judah: The Next Presentation Recognizing Alzheimer's Awareness Month Is Read By Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: Thank You.

The Director Of The Resource Center, Hello, And Thank You For Being Here.

Is There Anyone Else Here? Just Me.

Comm. Bigelow: Good Morning.

It's My Distinct Honor To Be Able To Present This Again.

As Many Know, My Colleagues As Well As Other People, That Have Actually Been -- I'm A Family Member Of A Person That Passed From Alzheimers, I Know Too Well The Ups And Downs.

There Are Some Fun Moments Caring For Somebody With Alzheimers.

Lots Of Dark Days, But There Are Some Moments.

What The Alvin A. Dubin Resource Center Does In Order To Heighten Awareness Of This Disease Is Exemplary And We're Blessed We Have A Strong Resource Center In Lee County.

I Appreciate All Of Your Help.

It's My Honor To Present This To You.

Thank You.

Where November Is Recognized -- I'm Sorry.

Let's Started Again.

Whereas November Is Recognized As Alzheimer's Awareness Month And Where The Alvin A. Dubin Resource Center Strives To Provide Support To Over 3,000 Lee County Residents Affected By Alzheimer's Disease And Care Givers And We Recognize The Resource Center.

We Wish To Recognize The Alvin A. Dubin Resource Center.

We Appreciate The Work They Do To Help Lee County Residents That Are Affected By Alzheimer's Disease Not Only Through This Resolution, But Throughout The Year.

We Do Here By Proclaim November 2008 And Alzheimer's Awareness Month In Lee County And Urge All Constituents Of The Alvin A. Dubin Resources Center, Inc.

It Is Signed On The 4th Day Of November By Chairman Ray Judah.

[Applause] Thank You Very Much.

Thank You To Each Of The Commissioners This Morning.

I Appreciate Your Support Of Our Organization And I Think All Of You Know Very Well How Much Alzheimer's Disease Impacts Our Community And Nation.

We Expect The Numbers To Triple By The Year 2050 And Each Of The Local Officials That Are Elected Today And Our New President Will Have A Tough Situation Ahead Of Them To Be Sure That We're Not Only Directing Dollars To Research To Try To Find A Cure To Prevent The Illness In The Generations Coming Up, But To Focus On The Care And Treatment Of People Like Your Family, Commissioner Bigelow, Who Cared For Your Grandmother, And Others That Shared Their Personal Stories In The Community.

Everywhere I Go People Tell Me A Personal Story From Someone In Their Family.

It Affects All Walks Of Life, From President's Of The United States To Veterans And Will Be Honored On Veteran's Day And Focus On All Of The People, But Also The Veterans That Served Our Country And Now Experiencing Alzheimer's Disease Or Other Related Disorders.

I Appreciate The Support And Stand By My Colleagues In The United States To Look Forward To The Great Expectations We Have For The Next President To Not Only Focus On The Tough Economy And War And Really Tough Challenges, But Also Healthcare And Senior Services And Impact Alzheimer's Disease Will Continue To Have On Our Society.

Thank You For Your Support.

We're Honored To Be Able To Provide Services Here In Lee County And It's The Community Supporting Us And Standing Behind Us That Allow Us To Do That.

So Thanks To All Of You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

Thank You Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: I Was Going To Ask Where And The When.

It's At 6:30-8:00 At The Supervisor Elections Center.

Chairman Judah: All Right.

We'll Go On To The Recap And It Looks Like We Have One Walk-On Item.

That Will Be It.

We'll Now Go To Public Comment On The Consent Agenda.

Anyone From The Public Which To Comment? Actually, We'll -- Well, Charlie, If You'd Like, Because We'll Take On The Walk-On.

If You Would Like To Comment Now On The Walk-On, It Would Be Appropriate.

Good Morning Charlie.

Good Morning. Thank You, Ray.

The Walk-On Item Has To Do With The Use Of Electronics To Save Us Money And The General Fund Request Is For \$40,000 And We Don't Need It All At Once.

We Have A Request That Said We Can Provide Electronic Transfer Of Information Between The Jail And Clerk's Office Between Weekends And Holidays As We Are Currently Doing During The Week And We're Saving About \$137,000 On Those Days.

And We Estimate We Can Save About \$88,000 By Going To Weekends And Holidays.

So It's Just A Question Of Whether We Want To Invest Now And Save The Money Over The Year And I Think It's A Good Investment.

Of The Other Interesting Thing Is That It Reduces The Time People Spend In Jail Where The Savings Come From.

So From 4-8 Hours With Release With The Electronic Information Going Back And Forth, We Get Them Out Of There In About An Hour.

If You Had Any Specific Questions, I'd Be Happy To Answer.

The Jail Didn't Feel Operating On The Weekends, So We Said We Would Man The Station As We Do During The Regular Week.

Chairman Judah: Such A Wonderful Program.

I Can't Thank You Enough Coordinating With The Judicial System With Cost Efficiencies.

Let Me Give Great Kudos To The Judiciary.

As You Know We're Currently Just Slammed.

But These Are Ways That We Can Use To Reduce That Time.

It's A Cost Savings Across The Board.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Charlie.

Questions? Thank You, Charlie, We Appreciate You Being Here This Morning.

Kurt, Good Morning.

Thank You.

For The Record, My Name Is Kurt Beck.

I'm Here To Speak In Support Of Agenda 6, Item 6a In The Administrative Agenda.

You Have Before You An Offer To Sell Some Property From A Trust That I Am The Trustee For.

It Was Before You On September 30th And We Have Been Asking For \$3 A Square Foot, Which Is Our Appraised Value.

It Is Back Before You Today At \$2.80 A Square Foot Which Is Your Appraised Value.

I Would Ask That You Would Support That.

What This Will Do Is Allow To Purchase Some Property Adjacent To Properties That You've Already Purchased Near The Six Mile Slough.

You Purchased A Piece In May Of '07 For \$6 A Square Foot Adjacent To This Piece And In April Of '08 You Purchased An Additional Piece For \$3 A Square Foot.

So This Is Less Than What You Paid For The Other Two Pieces.

My Partners Also Asked That Based On The Results Of Our Negotiations That You Would Allow Them To Hire County Lands To Represent Them From Now On. [Laughter] It Seems Like They Do A Better Job Than I Do.

With That I'll Sit Down.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Kurt.

Anyone Else From The General Public Which To Comment? Seeing None, Back To The Board.

Items To Be Pulled On The Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Hall? Comm. Hall: None.

Commissioner Janes? Comm. Janes: None.

Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: No.

Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: I Am Going To Pull 17a.

That's All.

Chairman Judah: And I'm Going To Pull 6c.

Motion By Commissioner Hall? Seconded By Commissioner Mann.

Objection Or Discussion? Hearing None. Motion Passes.

My Question Is Regarding The Receivership Of This Disposal Treatment Plan.

It's Previously Operated By 3s And We've Been In Receivership Of It Since July 1991.

Chairman Judah: Thank The State Legislature For That One.

I Was Wondering If Someone Could Explain.

Is Doug Here? Okay.

A Legal Issue.

Can You Tell Me Is This Something That Will Always Remain A Receivership? Currently I Filed A Motion To The Court And We're Looking To Wind Down Our Receivership And That Motion Is Going Before The Court I Believe In About Another Two To Three Weeks.

We've Had Receivership Of This Property Since The Early 1990's And Basically All The Assets Have Been Transferred To The Bonita Spring Utilities And All We Need To Do Is Get Court Approval And That Should Wind Down The 3s System.

Okay.

So This Is Within The Bonita Springs Service Area? Correct.

Chairman Judah: Motion Passes, Thank You Scott.

Item 6c.

I Had A Question.

This Has To Do With The Wa-Ke Hatchee Park.

Is It Possible With The Conservation Easement We Can Build A Boardwalk In The Area Where We're Dedicating A Conservation Easement? Carolyn, County Lands.

I Don't Know If They Will Prohibit Such An Improvement.

I Think They Typically Do.

If You Wanted To Defer It Until -- Chairman Judah: If You Want To Make A Quick Call And Find Out? I Can Quickly Review The Contract.

Chairman Judah: I Expect You're Right That A Boardwalk Would Be Acceptable, I Just Want To Make Sure.

Thanks, Karen.

Chairman Judah: We'll Go To The Administrative Agenda.

Item 6a.

Comm. Hall: I'll Move Approval Chairman Judah: Motion For Approval By Commissioner Hall.

Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Kurt Beck Is Correct.

They Do A Good Job In Negotiating With Property Owners.

So We Are At The Point Where We Need To Be With The Acquisition.

You Wish To Comment? We All Support The 20/20 Program.

I'm Proud Of This Commission For The Strong Commitment As I Mentioned In Recent Meetings, I Have Recently Become Concerned About The Falling Real Estate Market And What We're Paying And If It Were Up To Me I Would Stop All Purchases Right Now For Another Six Months Until We Get Another Feeling And Reevaluate Some Of These Purchase Prices.

I'm Glad This One Is Coming Down, And In The Final Analysis It Is A Good Thing It Will Be Added To Our Inventory.

I'm Just Feeling Uncomfortable About Buying Anything Right Now And I Think We Could Save A Lot Of Money If We Just Froze Everything.

I Have Some Problem With This Particular Parcel For A Couple Of Reasons.

One It's Been Pretty Well Cleared.

We're Buying It Because It's Adjacent To The Six Mile Slough And That's A Good Thing And We Concentrated On Adjacencies To Other Wildlife Areas And It Makes Sense To Expand One When You Can, But When You're Expanding One That's Been Cleared, You're Not Getting The Environmental Values That This Is About.

And There's Going To Be At One Point A Road That Will Separate This From The Slough.

A Divided Four-Lane Highway.

Diminishing Whatever Environmental Quality There Is Here.

So I Have General Concerns About Buying Anything Right Now While The Market Is Continuing To Fall And Secondly Environmentally I'm Not Comfortable With This Being One Of The Top Priorities And Even Though We're Buying It At Our Appraisal Our Goal Is To Buy It Beneath Our Appraisal.

Chairman Judah: Any Further Discussion? Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: Karen Or Kurt, What Do We Pay \$6 A Square Foot For? Karen Forsythe.

That Was The Orchid Isle's.

It Had A Development Order In Place.

Comm. Bigelow: Right, I Appreciate That.

I Guess I Would Say To Commissioner Mann That That's The Consequence Or, You Know, The Unfavorable Position We May Later Find Ourselves In If We Not To Strike While It's Hot.

Why I Appreciate Your Frugality, I Think It's An Important Piece To Associate With The Slough Because It's Been So Terribly Impacted By The Urban Development Of City Of Fort Myers East Of The Slough And I Think Any Bit That We Can Attach And Help Its Viability In The Long Haul, We Need To Take Advantage Of As Soon As Possible.

I Will Support This.

I Am -- You Know, This Had Three Votes When It Was Before Us Before So I'm Certain It Will Pass, But My Concern About This Having Been Cleared In The Past, What Type Of Management Plan? What Do We Generally Do? This Needs To Be Planted With Oats And Cabbages And Whatever If It's -- It's Going To Take Money And Time.

What Do We Normally Do Here? Commissioner Mann, Bob Has Been Very Much Involved In The Review Of Every Single One Of These Properties.

He Strongly Recommends This Acquisition As It Plays Into His Overall Management Planning.

I Can't Tell You What The Specifics Are Regarding This Site.

Comm. Mann: What Do We Do Generally? We Don't Buy Barren Land To Keep It Barren.

You Can Restore Barren Land.

It Would Be Planting Native -- Planting That Would Tie Into The Overall System That Would Exist.

Comm. Mann: Is That Part Of Our Budget? Yes, Sir.

10%.

Comm. Mann: Thank You Very Much.

Chairman Judah: There's A Lot Of Opportunities.

There's Mitigating Banking And Getting Credit To Restore This Piece Of Property.

It's The Watershed That's Important.

That's Okay.

One Other Point, As Unfortunate As It Is, The Slough Is Invaded By An Exotic Known As A Wild Pig Or Hog.

And It's Something That While We Can Try To Control, I Don't Think We Can Ever Entirely Exacerbate -- We Can Never Reduce The Population Down To Zero.

And Those Animals Wreak Havoc On A Lot Of The Terrain And If We Can Find Areas Of What They Do Naturally Occur In Areas In Gated Subdivisions, That's Something We Need To Consider.

And This Is Land That Could Do That.

When A Road Is Planned To Build Through This Land, It May Bifurcate It For That Purpose, But I Think The Fact That The Road Is Coming Through Doesn't Mean That The Storm Water Can't See This Through.

Chairman Judah: Any Further Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Passes.

Chairman Judah: We Go To 15a.

Motion By Commissioner Hall? Any Discussion, Any Objection? Hearing None, Motion Passes.

We Go To Walk-On Item Number 1.

Motioned By Commissioner --Public Hearing? Chairman Judah: You're Right.

We Do Have A Public Hearing Portion.

And Mike, We're Going To Hear From You.

Thank You.

Good Morning.

Michael Jacob Assistant County Attorney.

This Is A Request To Vacate An Easement On The Laundry List Of Addresses There.

[Reading From Document]I Viewed The Affidavit And Find Them Legal.

Chairman Judah: Any One Wish To Comment? Motioned By Commissioner Hall, Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objection? Hearing None, Motion Passes.

The Next Item? Motioned By Commissioner Hall? Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objections? Hearing None, Motion Passes.

We Go To Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Hall.

Comm. Hall: Thank You Very Much.

This Month I Have A Wonderful Art Display In My Office.

It's A Nice Change To Have Oils In My Office.

In The Spring Of 2008 Peter Was A Nominee In The Best New Artist Category For Angel Of The Arts And I Want To Thank Peter For Contacting My Office And Volunteering For Sharing His Wonderful Works.

Please Step Down To The Office And Take A Look.

All Of The Art Is For Sale.

You Can Contact The Artist Directly.

And I Want To Really Thank Parks And Recreation.

They Did A Phenomenal Job A Week Ago With The Fall Festival In North Fort Myers.

They Worked So Hard Of Getting Sponsors.

Everyone Got A Free Dinner And Free Snack And Soda.

It Was Sponsored By The Businesses In Cape Coral And Fort Myers.

All Of The Little Ghouls And Goblins Were Dressed Up Fantastically And You Do A Wonderful Jobs And The Residents Appreciated All The Goody Bags, The Free Dinner And Opportunity To Get Together With Neighbors And Enjoy An Evening In North Fort Myers.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Janes? Comm. Janes: All Of You That Don't Have An "I Voted" Sticker, There's Still Time.

I Think You May Be Able To Sneak Out And Go Vote.

I Hope That You Will.

Chairman Judah: Will You Pass Out The Punch And Cookies? Very Well Stated.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: To Tag On To What Commissioner Janes Began.

From All Indications Nationwide This May Very We'll Be The Greatest Turnout Perhaps In The History Of The United States Of America.

In Terms Of Total Numbers, Almost Sure To Be That And Percentages Almost That Too.

My Tv On This Morning At 6:30 And They Were Showing Lines Already In Lee County.

I Was In Line.

Good For You.

I Like Some Of The Others Was Able To Vote The Other Day And Get It Done.

It Looks Like Lee County Is Leading What We're Seeing As A National Trend And We Have Some Bragging Rights About That Historically What Lee County Has Been Able To Show In Its Commitment To Democracy.

I'm Just Saying God Bless America And God Bless All You People That Are Doing Your Part To Make This A Historic Day.

And I Want To Say As A Life-Long Resident Of Lee County, How Proud I Am Of My County Commissions And Particularly The Veterans That Have Been Here Recently To Have Brought The Stability To This County In So Many Ways.

It's My Home You're Helping Take Care Of, And I Thank You Two, Especially Up For Election This Time, And I Wish You Both The Very Best.

Thank You For All You've Done.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: I Want To Keep In Step With This.

To The Chairman, Vice Chairman, County Commissioners.

Best Of Luck And It's Been A Pleasure Serving With You.

To County Manager Don Stilwell And Others We Recognize Today, Thank You For Everything You've Done To Allow Me The Opportunity To Be A Public Servant.

That Does Not Fall Lightly On Me.

And I Appreciate That.

That's All I Have.

Thank You.

It's He Important We Did Recognize Veteran's Day Today.

Commissioner Hall You Are Eloquent In Stating That.

The Biggest Tribute We Can Give To Our Veterans Past And Present Is To Get Out And Vote.

For Those Of You Who Have Not Reached The Polls, I Encourage You To Do So.

I Have A Couple Other Quick Items.

The South Florida Water Management District Recently Submitted A Legislation 20/20.

There Was 4,600 Acres Entitled To Be Acquired And Most Of 4,000 Acres Have Been Acquired.

There's Some Remaining Lands The District Would Like To Acquire, But They Ran Out Of Funds.

What They're Asking Of The Committee Is To Consider Buying Some Of The Lands Owned By The District Where The District Had Purchased The Lands From Willing Sellers.

They Would Then Turn Around And Use The Moneys To Finish Up The Crew Acquisition Project.

The Conservation 20/20 Felt This Issue Should Come Back To This Board So I'm Asking That Be Schedule At Management Planning.

Years Ago County Commission Used To Go To The District And Sell Land To The District In Order To Get More Money To Buy More Land In The Six Mile Slough.

So We Had This Joint Partnership And Now It's In Reverse.

If We Can Continue The Partnership I Think It Would Be A Good Thing To Finish Up The Acquisition.

That's Something That Can Be Discussed In Planning.

Commissioner Hall: Because Of The Acquisitions, 20/20 Is Pretty Much Going To Be Spent Out Before The End Of The Year For The Coming Year.

There's Some Key Parcels That Are Hanging There And I Would Like To Have Karen Provide Us With An Overview -- And There's Some Big Large Key Parcels, I'd Like For Don To Sit Down And See If There's Some Financing On Some Of The Larger Parcels That Will Be Key As We Go Forward 20/20.

I Don't Want To Miss Those Opportunities Especially In This Down Market.

I Would Like To See Where We're At.

We Probably Will Not -- Commissioner Mann, We Will Be Out Of Money And We Won't Be Purchasing For Two Years, Which Will Be Disappointing Because The Market Will Come Back Up.

If That Could Be Included So We Have A Better Take On What's Happening There?
Chairman Judah: Very Timely.

Absolutely.

We'll Direct That To Mnp Then? Are These Lands Commissioners Are Trying To Buy In Collier County? Chairman Judah: No, They're In Lee.

They're Asking To Sell The Plans To --They're Looking To Acquire -- Chairman Judah: We're Looking To Acquire Lands In Lee.

Then Why Can't We --Buy That Land? Chairman Judah: Because You Can't Use Conservation 20/20 To Condemn Land.

To Condemn Land? Comm. Hall: Why Don't We Wait For The Discussion And Then We Can See The Maps Rather Than Piecemeal It.

We Can Approach Land Owners And Ask Them -- Comm. Hall: Right.

Chairman Judah: That Will Be Presented Then.

Very Good.

One Other Last Issue And I Think It Has To Do With Scheduling.

Administration Do You Want To Bring It Up With Regards To The Upcoming Holidays? Do You Have The Dates? December 25th.

I Know The Date.

What Are We Doing? Chairman Judah: Do You --In The Last Two Meetings In December, The 23rd And 30th.

Typically You Do Not Meet.

That's The End -- Chairman Judah: You Usually Get Two Days There.

23rd And 24th? 23rd And 30th.

Chairman Judah: That We Will Not Meet.

No Board Meetings On That Day.

And The 11th? November 11th? Are We Meeting? November 11th Is Veteran's Day, That's Automatic.

Chairman Judah: Okay, We'll Need To Take Action, But We Will Not Officially Formally Meet On December 23rd And 30th.

Motion By Commissioner Janes? Seconded By Commissioner Hall? Discussion? Objection? No Objection? Motion Passes.

Karen, I Didn't Give You A Whole Lot Of Time.

I Could Go To The County Manager And Buy A Few More Minutes.

Okay.

For The Record, Karen Forsyth.

From Reading In More Detail, It Looks Prohibitive Of Any Structure At All.

In Fact, Florida Statute 704.06 Specifically Says This Type Of Conservation Easements Prohibition Of Construction Of Building, Road Signs Or Other Advertising Or Other Structures At Or Above The Ground And Further In The Easement Agreement It States No Dedication, No Right Of Access By The General Public To Any Portion Of The Property Is Conveyed By The Conservation Easement.

So If You Want To Defer It For Us To Look Further With The County Attorney's Office -- Chairman Judah: It Would Be A Shame Not To Be Able To Provide An Elevated Boardwalk That Would Not Be Harmful To The Environment.

We'll Defer This One Week.

Motion By Commissioner Hall To Defer 6 C, One Week.

Seconded By Commissioner Mann.

Under Discussion.

So You'll -- You'll Have Two Weeks.

That's Right.

Thank You.

So The Motion Will Be Deferred Two Weeks.

How Are We Okay With Regards To The Permit? I Don't Think The Deferral Of Two Weeks Will Be A Problem.

Chairman Judah: So We Can Get This Hammered Out Then.

Yes.

Chairman Judah, I Need To Make A Correction If I Could Regarding The Administrative Item, The Purchase Of The Beck Parcel.

Chairman Judah: Sure, Let Me Call A Motion On This One.

Any Discussion? Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Passes.

You Had Questioned The \$6 Purchase And I Stated That Was Orchid Isles.

That Was Not.

That Was Property Owned By Frank As Trustee And It Was Acquisition For The Future Retention Ponds For The Colonial Boulevard Project And That Purchase Occurred, I Believe, Well Over Two Years Ago.

Orchid Isles Was Purchased Later On For \$3.50 A Foot.

That's Closer To The Boulevard? Yes, It's On The Same Side Of The Road.

It's On The Northside Of The Road As The Beck Parcel.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: You Deal With A Lot Of Parcels, Karen.

Thank You For Clarifying On The Record.

We'll Go To County Manager -- Well, Wait A Minute.

Committee Appointments? Comm. Hall: None.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: Jacqueline Turner Will Be The School Board Representative.

Chairman Judah: Motion By Commissioner Mann.

Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objection? No Objection, Motion Passes.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: I Have Two Appointments To The 20/20 Committee.

Chairman Judah: Motion By Commissioner Bigelow? Seconded By Commissioner Mann.

Objection Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: A New Appointment Of William Beck.

Chairman Judah: To 20/20? Yes.

Chairman Judah: Okay.

Motion Passes.

Comm. Bigelow: Reappointment Dan.

Chairman Judah: Motion By Commissioner Bigelow.

Seconded By Commissioner Mann On Both Appointments.

Any Discussion? Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Passes.

Comm. Hall: Did Anyone Get The Email About The District At Larges Appointments? I Appreciate Her Clarifying That If We Can Stay In Rotation, That's Fine.

I Have A District One And I -- I Appreciate Staff Clarifying That For Us.

I Wanted To Make Sure Everybody Got That So The Commissioners Can Make Their Appointments.

Chairman Judah: I Was Hoping To Get My Appointment In.

Well, Now Under The County Manager.

County Attorney? Well, Thank You.

Let Me On The County Attorney's Item.

David Owen Did A Phenomenal Job Working On The Contract With The Boston Red Sox.

We All Felt When We Needed To Do Was Actually Have A Form -- Because This Is An Inclusive Effort And I Wanted To Make Sure That This Board And Individuals Were Part Of This Negotiating Contract And Able To Sign The Lease Agreement When It's Brought Back To This Board To Approve It.

Don, Jim, I Don't Know If You Have Anything Else To Add? Bill? You Have Been Phenomenal With This Effort.

That Probably Will Be In December, You Think? The Lease Agreement? Mr. Chairman, I Would Reinforce What You Said About These Wonderful People, But The One Guy That

Worked That Didn't Get Paid For It Was Jay.

Chairman Judah: Absolutely.

Thank You Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Hall: And I Want To Thank The Chairman That Takes An Extraordinary Amount Of Time In Addition To The Other Hats He Wears And Pull That One In The Condensed Period And Have Your Race Going At The Same Time.

I Know That The Red Sox Appreciated The Commitment You Made.

There Were Calls Being Made At All Hours To Bring This Forward And Staff Supporting Your Effort And Leadership You're Making.

We Had A Business Decision And Not An Emotional Decision.

This Is About The Business Of Our Economy And The Business Of Our Tourism And Sports Marketing In This Community.

It's Not Because We're All Fans Of The Red Sox.

There's A Very Business Approach To This Also, And I Wanted To Thank You Myself For Taking On That Leadership.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Commissioner Hall.

Yes, Sir, It Might Be A Good Time To Indicate That Mr. Yarbrough Is Working On This.

I'm Not Talking About Reemploying Him, But On This Project He's Been Invaluable.

There's No One That Has The Background Like He Does. We'll Let You Know What Happens.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

Is He Going To Find Another Team For The City Of Palms Park? Chairman Judah: Yes, He Is.

That Has Been Started Some Time Ago.

Is There Any Progress? Yes, Sir, There Is.

I Won't Ask Who, But I'm Glad To Hear That.

Yes, And That's Been The Plan All Along And There's Been Some Preliminary Things Happen.

I Heard It Was The Yankees.

No.

[Laughter] Chairman Judah: Well, Thank You All Very Much.

We Are Adjourned.