

September 1, 2009

Chairman Judah: Good Morning.

We'll Go Ahead And Get Started With Our Board Of Commission Meeting.

Gosh, It's Already September 1.

This Year Is Flying By.

Nice To Have Everybody In Attendance And Those Viewing And Watching In.

We Have Reverend Gabriel.

Please Rise.

We Come Before You This Morning To Thank You For Everything You Have Done For Us.

We Know You Will Continue To Guide And Protect Us Through Trying Moments.

As You To The Time Of Our City, Please, Lord, Choose For Us, We'll Have The Right One.

God, Continue To Shed Your Guidance, Wisdom, Compassion, Caring And All The Things That Can Better For Us And Cause Us To Be Better.

Thank You, Lord.

We Pray You.

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, Reverend.

We Have Several Ceremonial Presentations And We'll Start Off With The First Read By Commissioner Hall Lee County Firefighter Appreciation Week.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Joe.

Hi, How Are.

Come Forward.

And Byron, I'll Ask You To Step Up To The Podium And Read This Resolution.

Recommending Firefighters And The Work That They Do And The Nature Of Firefighters That Come Forward, We Recognize What A Partnership Your Organization Has When Disaster Hits And When Every Professional Comes Forward To Help Communities From, We Are Proud To Read This Resolution To You.

Whereas Fighting Fires Is One Of The Most Hazardous Professions Requiring Physical Strength, Stamina, Extensive Training, Courage, Selfless Concern For The Welfare Of Our Citizens.

And, In Addition To Their Daily Service To Communities, Firefighters Throughout The State And Across The Nation Have Joined The Muscular Dystrophy Association For The Past 54 Years In The Fight Against Neuromuscular Diseases.

And Whereas The Muscular Dystrophy Association Is Extremely Grateful To Lee County Firefighters Whose Fill-The-Boot Campaign Will Assist M.D.A. In Providing Services Such As Local Clinics, Summer Camp, Research Grants, Support Groups, And Public Education Seminars At No Cost To Local Children And Families.

And In Honor Of The Efforts Of The Firefighters Of Lee County, M.D.A. Is Sponsoring Lee County Firefighter Appreciation Week For The Week Of September 6, 2009.

And It Is Appropriate For All Lee County Citizens To Join The Muscular Dystrophy Association In This Tribute To Our Firefighters.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida That We Do Hereby Proclaim The Week Of September 6, 2009 As Firefighter Appreciation Week.

I Present This To You This September 1, 2009, Presented By Chairman Judah.

We'll Have A Photograph And Get Both Of You.

Thank You Very Much.

You Have A Round Of Golf Later.

Thank You, Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Joe, If You Want To Say A Few Words About M.D.A.

And The Firefighters And If You Want To Comment On The Efforts, We'd Love To Hear From You.

Absolutely.

This Year Lee County Firefighters With The Help Of 15 Departments Here Raise Over \$112,000 In One Weekend.

This Is Our Biggest Year Ever.

They Raised \$30,000 More Than Last Year And We Had All Of Our Departments Really Putting A Big Effort, All Our Local Communities Giving To Firefighters And We Are Appreciative Of Everything They Do For Us.

They've Been Working With Us Every Year, Especially Byron, In The Coordinator For Us And Works Every Year To Put Together The Drives, And A Great Thing To See The Communities Coming Out And Supporting Us.

We Appreciate The Firefighters So Much And We Want To Do This 4 For Them.

Comm. Hall: You're Obviously A Hero To M.D.A.

You Want To Comment On Behalf Of Colleagues? Like To Thank The Firefighters Who Do This Every Year.

Again, Residents And Visitors Of Southwest Florida Who Make This Possible Every Year, Thank You.

[Applause] It's Indicative Of The Community We Are Having Difficult Times And People Are Struggling.

This Community Has A Big Heart To Help People In Need.

It's A Testament To Your Effort Over That Weekend That You Raised An Additional \$30,000 Over Last Year And Can't Thank The Community Enough For Their Support.

Chairman Judah: Thank You Commissioner Hall.

Thank You For Being Here This Morning.

Another Ceremony Presentation Recognizing Constitutional Week.

With This, Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: Thank You.

It's Hard To Believe It's Been A Year Since We Recognized Constitution Week But Fitting And Appropriate We Do That Every Year And We Do That With The Help Of Representatives

Of The Local Chapters Of The Sons Of The American Revolution And The Daughters Of American Revolution, And Proud To Brag That I Am, In Fact, A Member Of The Revolution In Good Standing.

We Welcome This Morning Terry And Fred From The Sons Of The American Revolution Local Chapter And Jean Hut Of The Greatest Council Of Regents, Daughters Of The American Revolution.

If You Would Approach There And I Will Proudly Read Our Resolution.

Whereas 222 Years Ago This September 17, Delegates To The Constitutional Convention In Philadelphia Signed One Of The Most Enduring Documents In History -- The Constitution Of The United States Of America.

And It Is Vital That All Citizens Fully Understand The Provisions, Principles And Meaning Of The Constitution In Order To Effectively Support, Preserve And Defend It Against Encroachment.

And As The Independence And Freedom Guaranteed By This Cornerstone Of The American System Of Self-Government Should Be Celebrated By Appropriate Ceremonies And Activities During Constitution Week September 12 Through 19 As Designated By The Proclamation Of The President Of The United States In Accordance With The Joint Resolution Of Congress Of February 29, 1952 And By Joint Resolution August 2, 1956.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida That We Do Hereby Proclaim September 17, 2009 As Constitution Day And Citizenship Day, And September 12 Through September 19, 2009 As Constitution Week.

We Encourage Civic, Social And Educational Organizations Such As The Caloosa Chapter, Sons Of The American Revolution, Southwest Florida Chapters Of The Daughters Of The American Revolution, And The Florida Society, Sons Of The Revolution, To The Conduct Ceremonies And Programs That Celebrate Our Constitution And Reaffirm Our Rights And Responsibilities As Citizens Of Our Great Nation.

Signed This Day September 1, 2009 And Signed By Commissioner Judah.

Thank You For All The Work You Guys Do.

[Applause] It's Picture Taking Time.

You've Seen The Drill.

Let Me Present You Guys With These Two Copies Of The Resolution.

You Want To Pass These? Fred, Let Fred Say Something While You Get Your Act Together Because He Has Something He Wants To Execute.

Good Morning.

Comm. Mann: Hold Your Resolution Up There, Terry.

You're Good.

You're Fine.

One, Two, Three.

One, Two, Three.

Thank You Very Much.

Comm. Mann: Fred, If You've Got A Comment.

As Part Of Our Promotion Of Patriotism In Lee County, I Wanted To Invite Each Of You Commissioners And Anybody Of The Public To Attend This Year's Seventh Annual Pride And Patriotism Program Put On By The 500 Kids Of Our School System Every Year For, This Will Be Our Seventh Year.

It's At Barbara B.Mann September 10.

Each Of You Have A Copy For Your Itinerary.

Comm. Mann: So You Can Attend This Year.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: I Hope Each Of You Are Able To Put On Your Calendars, A Delightful Evening Of Music, Poetry And Art Work Created By The Most Gifted People In The World Which Is Our Kids In Lee County.

Thank You.

Thank You So Much.

Comm. Janes: And Express Our Appreciation To The Commission For Recognizing Constitution Day.

This Means A Great Deal To The Community.

Thank You.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: Thank You All For Being Here.

We'll Go On To The Recap And Looks Like There's Nothing To Recap.

So Good To Go.

We'll Now Move On To The Public Comment On The Consent Of Administrative Agenda.

We'll Go To Jack Meeker And Brian Wallace.

Good Morning, Jack.

Good Morning.

I'm Here On The County Process.

A Good Process.

I Think The Next County Manager Will Be Very Fortunate To Inherit A Very Fine And Competent Staff.

I've Had A Chance To Work With Quite A Few Staff Members On Different Issues.

And Also I Think The County Manager Will Be Pleased To Work With Such A Competent Board Of Chosen Commissioners.

And That's The Truth.

I've Enjoyed Working With Each And Every One Of You And Will Continue In The Future.

One Thing I Am Concerned About, This County Has Experienced A Lot Of Growth.

And You Think It's Been Great And Generated A Lot Of Revenue But I Don't Think That Will Be Here For A While.

I'm Part Of The Sandwich Generation, You Took Care Of Your Parents And Take Care Of Your Kids.

I See Hard Times.

Watching The Pennies Are Going To Count.

If You Watch The Pennies, The Dollars Will Take Care Of Themselves And Good Luck.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Jack.

Byron Wallace Followed By Charles Gardner.

Good Morning.

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, The Board.

I'm Byron Wallace, We Commend This Board For Its Follow Through On A Program Started A Decade Ago.

The Establishment Of A Regional Library System For The County.

The First Half Of This Decade Funds Were Collected For This Purpose And They Were Set Aside Using Them As Needed To Build The Required Facilities Throughout The County.

The Last Major Part Is The Fort Myers Library.

Personally I've Seen The Cooperation Between The County And The City Of Fort Myers And You As Leaders, Your Staffs, The Picking Of The Site And Negotiating The Local Governmental Agreement Was Well Done.

I Believe This Is A Win-Win Situation For The City And County, But Especially For The Thousands Of Patrons For The Library And For That I Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Mr. Wallace.

Charles Gardner? As Mr. Gardner Approaches, Anyone Else That Wishes To Speak? We'll Need A Card For You.

Good Morning.

Thank You.

Commissioners, After Listening To Charlie Green At Last Week's Meeting, I Was Concerned As A Lee County Resident That Information Technology Outsourcing Does Not Include Cost Savings Or Pricing As A Consideration.

Chairman Judah: No, That's True.

I Apologize, Sir.

It Is Not On The Agenda.

Be Happy To Hear From You Next Tuesday At 5:00 If That Would Be Okay.

Sorry About The Inconvenience.

Good Morning.

Thank You.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

I'm Don Paige And Here To Speak On Behalf Of The Local Agreement On 7-A Administrative Agenda.

I Want To Express My Gratitude To The County Staff, To Commissioner Chairman Judah For Working On This Agreement.

Jim Lavender And The Legal Staff Worked In Trying To Put This Together So It Is A Win-Win.

The City Moved Ahead With The Land Acquisition As Soon As The Approval Is Given On The Agreement And Follow That Up With A Lease Agreement.

All Pieces In Place And Think This Will Be A Great Edition To The Library Edition For The People Of Lee County.

Encourage You To Support The Local Agreement On The Library.

Chairman Judah: Don, Before You Leave, On Behalf Of The Board, Thank You Speaking On The County But I Got To Tell You It's Been A Great Partnership And You Working To This Point, We Can't Thank You Enough.

I Appreciate The Opportunity To Do That.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Any Other Cards Or People That Would Like To Speak? We Will Go On To The Consent Agenda.

Start With Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: None.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Janes.

Comm. Janes: None.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Hall.

Comm. Hall: None.

Chairman Judah: Motion To Move The Consent Agenda.

Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

Yeah, We Do.

There Is One Item On The Consent Agenda, Authority Board? Let Me Go Back To That Item.

Thank You, Commissioner Hall.

Item 17-A.

Okay? A Motion By Commissioner Hall? Do I Second? Discussion, Objection.

Motion Passes.

Now Reconvenes As The Board Of County Commissioners.

As We Go On To The Administrative Agenda, Let Me Ask This Board, And I Appreciate The Great Work You've Done, Provided A Very Voluminous Amount Of Material By His Company And Through His Good Work Through A Pool Of 81 Candidates, Now Expecting The Short List, Consider Interviews, But Before We Do, As Chair I Ask Karen, Unanimous That We Supported Karen To Step Ins As The Interim County Manager.

She Did So And I Think We Can All Attest Observed Her The Way She Has Conducted Herself.

She's Done A Phenomenal Job Filling In As Interim County Manager.

Something You Would Agree On.

Taken On Difficult Challenges.

Very Fortright And Honest In Stating That Her Passion, Her Commitment Was Really With The Department Of Human Services And Done Such An Outstanding Job.

One Of The Reasons We Felt Comfortable Bringing Her On Her Right-Hand Person Is Just So Competent And So Insightful And Knowledgeable About The Work With Which She Inherited Department Of Services We Felt We Weren't Losing A Step By Bringing Karen On As Interim County Manager And Letting Ann Handle The Reins At Department Of Human Services And That's Really Borne Out.

What I Wanted To Ask This Board, Karen Was Honest And Indicated She Would Like To Return To The Directorship Of Human Services Once We Selected A Permanent Manager.

To Be Honest With You, I Asked Karen Not Just Once, Not Just Twice But Numerous Times To Ask If She Would Consider Being An Applicant For The Post Of County Manager.

I Think For The Sake Of Continuity, Knowledge, Insight She Would Rank As One Of The Top Qualified Applicants For This Board To Consider.

But, Again At The Time Was Reluctant To Suggest She Should Enter Her Name On The List Of The Pool Of Candidates.

So This Board Doesn't Have Any Other Choice But To Go Forward With The Executive Search It's Been A Great Exercise Finding Out The Talent Pool Out There.

And Some Question As Far As The Depth Of Applicants That Have Stepped Forward, I Would Admit There Are A Number Of Well-Qualified Candidates For This Board To Consider.

I Have Since Talked To Karen As We Are Getting Closer To Crunch Time Where It Was Prudent And Appropriate To Expend The Dollars We Did To Do The Executive Search To See Who Was Out There And Quite Clearly, A Number Of These Candidates Will Sit As Potential

County Managers In Other Locals.

As I Look To Karen Again And Now Finally Received The Response I Hoped To Have Received Early On Is, Yes, She Would Consider The Post.

I Don't Want To Catch This Board Cold.

You Have An Opportunity, Karen.

I Think It's Been Very Helpful To Have Gone Through The Process To See Who Would Compare Karen To But Realize That Given The Additional Costs That Would Come Into Play With Travel Expenses To Bring Other Potential Candidates To This County For An Interview For Consideration, The Privacy And Respect We Should Afford These Applicants If In Fact We Are Interested In Perhaps Maintaining The Continuity Of The Stability If We All Feel Strongly Enough About Making A Decision Today To Off The Position To Karen.

I Have It Straight From Her This Morning She Would Well And Faithfully Take On The Position And Certainly Accept It If It Were Offered.

I've Just Kind Of Laid Out My Thoughts.

Again, I Don't Want To Pre-Empt Action By This Board But I Need To Help From All Of You Before I Hear From Mr. Bassinger.

Comm. Janes: I Would Start Out Or Continue By Saying I Couldn't Be Happier Hearing What You Just Got Done Saying And That Is That Karen Would Be Interested In Being Considered With The Slot Of County Manager.

I Think Karen Has Done An Absolutely Superb, Superb Job In The Interim.

She Has Brought Us To Order, Sense Of Calm, Peaceful Through An Area In Which It Was Sorely Needed.

And She Can Do A Lot To Restructure The Organization In A Positive Way It Would Meet Our Needs For The Foreseeable Future.

Karen Has Done An Outstanding Job In Human Services.

Outstanding.

Probably Isn't A Better Director Anywhere In The U.S.

Her Number Two And Every Bit As Good.

Between The Two Of Them We Couldn't Have A Finer Human Services Department Than What We Have Here So I Am Pleased Karen Is Considered For The Position As County Manager.

I'm Happy To Hear That And Tell You, Maybe I'm Speaking Too Fast, Too Far, After Looking

At The Horrendous List Of Candidates, I've Kind Of Come To The Conclusion We Ought To Be Looking, Spending More Time Looking At Our Idea Promoting From Within Which Would Be Giving Karen The Opportunity To Apply.

Karen Would Make An Outstanding County Manager.

Every Indication During The Temporary Period, Outstanding In The Interim, We Need To Be And I'm Sure We Are Pleased At What She's Been Able To Accomplish.

Our Congratulations Go Out To Her.

I, Too, Feel The Same Way.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Commissioner Janes.

Fellow Commissioners? Comm. Hall: I'll Go Ahead.

You Sort Of Stole What I Was Going To Say.

This Is A Difficult Process.

We Had A Tremendous Information On Very Intelligent, Articulate Candidates From All Over The Country.

It Was Difficult For Me.

I Could Only Get Down To Four And I Had To Go Back And Forth This Week To See Who Would Fit Lee County.

Who Is The Right Person On Paper That Could Come In, In This Very Difficult Time We Are Having In Florida's Economy And Understand The Dynamics Of A County And Where We've Been, Where We Are Today And Where We Need To Go And Made Me Nervous To Look Outside.

I Myself Spoke To Karen Last Week And Said I'm Very Nervous About The Short List Because I'm Having A Hard Time Finding, If You Will, The Rock Star.

I See Some Very Qualified Candidates But Always That Unknown When You Come Into An Organization Size Of Ours And Dealing With The Challenges.

We Are Dealing With This Year But Three To Four More Years Of Dealing With The Challenges And The Leadership That The County Manager And Her Department Heads Are Going To Provide Are What Are Going To Get Us Through This.

We're The Policy Makers.

They're On The Ground, In The Trenches And Doing The Hard Work.

When Karen Told Me And I Also Said Really Think About It.

Really Think About It.

I Agree With You.

I Would Prefer If Karen Was A Candidate, She Would Be My Number One Choice.

Based On The Four I Selected And If I Had Karen In That, I Would Rank Karen One.

To Avoid The Expense And Bring People In From All Over And Take Up The Days Doing What We Are Doing I Don't See The Purpose In It And Support At The Appropriate Time Making That Recommendation Of Karen For The Position.

Chairman Judah: Can't Get Any More Open Than This.

And I Know This Caught Us By Surprise And We Need To Have This Discussion, Though.

Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: We Need To Be Addressing This And I Suspect You, Mr. Bigelow, Have Comments As Well.

I Don't Know Where To Start Here.

Much Of What My Thoughts Are Have Been Expressed By You Three.

Especially The Point About Hiring From Within.

If That's Possible, In My Judgment That's Always The Best Thing.

To Get Somebody Who Knows The Job That Makes For The Seamless Transition And You Don't Have To -- No Getting Up To Speed Time.

And As Far As Karen Is Concerned, 15 Years Ago When You And I Were Here And None Of The Others, When We Were Looking For A Acting County Administrator, It Came Down To Karen And Mr. Hammond And Perfectly Comfortable At That Time And That Was 15 Years Ago She Had Proven Her Worth And Competence And Confidence With Which She Was Held.

Look, I Have All They Little Yellow Dog Ears Here.

I Came Down To Six I Would Have Liked To Interview.

Seemed To Me Very Competent People.

Again, If We Get Somebody Home Ground And Been Here And Knows The Issues And The Challenges, That's All The Better.

What I Would Like To Do And I Think It's Totally Within The Spirit Of Where You're Headed Here, Mr. Chairman, Is Perhaps Suspended The Recruitment Process, Give You An Opportunity To Meet With Karen And Talk Things Like Salaries And Give Us Each An

Opportunity To Meet With Her.

We Haven't Had An Nevada Process Here And Talk About Mission And Vision And Those Things.

We Can Accomplish That This Week And Set For The First Item On The Administrative Agenda Your Recommendations Brought To Us.

I Think That Would Be The Professional Way To Approach This.

And Have Any Last-Minute Questions Answered And Gives Her A Chance To Spent More Time With Her Husband, Family And Think About This Because She's Done A Super Job In The Role She's Been.

And Now We Are Taping Her Out Of That Comfortable Frying Pan And Putting Her Right Smack In The Fire In The Middle Of A Recession And Layoffs And Tough Stuff.

And This All Started, The Rumor Started Going Around Yesterday She Might Consider It Which Excited Me.

I Was Very Pleased To Hear It.

That Would Be My Suggestion A To How, I Would Be Happy To Make That As A Motion We Suspended The Recruitment Process And Give The Chairman Opportunity To Negotiate Directly With Miss Haus And Bring Back Your Recommendation.

Comm. Bigelow: I Would Like To Make Comments.

I A Sat With Karen And We Felt Similarly About The Process.

And We Both Were Candid With Each Other, Lots Of Details About This Process That Wasn't Getting Me To A Of Comfortable Place.

And I Asked Her If She Would Consider Staying On Longer If I Couldn't Get More Comfortable.

I'm Not Yet Comfortable.

So I'm Really Comforted By This Decision.

At Least We Know She'll Be In Longer.

And If We Have To, We Can Make A Course Correction Later.

I'm Looking Basically For Four Major Attributes In County Manager.

In No Particular Order There Is One That's More Important.

Looking For Passion, Passion For The Job, Empathy For The Folks We Are Serving.

I'm Looking For Open-Mindedness To New Ways Of Thinking, Different Ideas, Not Getting Locked In After Having Heard Other Significant Players In The Process.

And Thirdly The Budgetary Background Is Critical.

The One That's Most Important Is Open-Mindedness Approach For Me.

Karen Has Each Of Those Attributes In Her Pocket.

But She's Got, I Think, More Than Any Other Of Those Four, That Open-Mindedness Which Is For Me Very Refreshing And Worked Very, Very Well.

I Think If I Understand The Motion Would Be To Suspended It But I Guess Hold It On A Shelf In Case Whatever Reason We Don't See Eye-To-Eye On A Contract.

Correct? We'll Have That A Plan B.

We're Not Killing It.

Chairman Judah: Right.

Karen, Before I Ask For A Motion.

Appropriate To Hear From You At This Time.

If You'd Like To Respond.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

To Be Sitting Here And Hearing These Words Is Very Humbling And I Very Much Appreciate The Confidence You Are Voicing And Have In My Performance These Past Few Months And A Human Services Director.

Past Few Weeks, I Have Been Thinking About The Possibility Of This Question Being Posed To Me.

And It Doesn't Come Lightly, This Decision.

One Of The Positives About Being In This Position Is Knowing The Team, The People Who Sit Beside Me And Here In The Audience, Department Directors And I Feel They Have Provided Support To Me And I Very Much Appreciate It And Seriously Will Consider.

The Answer Is, Yes.

I Really Do Want To Sit Down And Meet With Each One Of You To Identify Exactly What Your Expectations Are And Get A Feeling On A Performance Plan So That We Know What Our Expectations Of One Another And What Our Performance Is Going To Be Over This Next Year.

So I Look Forward To Meeting With Each One Of You.

Chairman Judah: Karen, That Said We'll Move Forward.

What We've Heard From The Board You'll Meet With Each Commissioner Between Now And Tuesday.

And Then When We Meet, We'll Talk Contractual Conditions I'll Then Present To This Board.

At Least Give You An Opportunity To Talk Long-Term Strategy And What We Are Expecting Of You And What You're Expecting Of Us And Have Everything Ironed Out By Next Tuesday.

Commissioner Hall? Comm. Hall: Are We Going To And I Say This In A Week Because Tuesday Is Tuesday And Seven Days And Two Days Of A Weekend In There.

I'm Going To Assume You're Going To Bring To Us The Structure Of A Contract That Then Can Be Drafted By The County Attorney And Reviewed By Karen For Final Adoption.

Tuesday Assuming Our Conversations Go Well, We'll Basically Have An Outline To Approve To Go To Final Document.

I Certainly Would Not Want David To Have To Drop A Lot Of Things And I'm Sure Karen Would Like An Opportunity To Have Her Own Council Look At A Contract To Make Sure It's Appropriate, Too, And Don't Want To Have To Cram It All.

If I Understood Commissioner Mann's Suggested Motion, Suspended The Process, Give Us A Chance To Do Our One-On-One Interview With Our Candidate Of Choice.

Give You An Opportunity To Negotiate The Scope Of A Contract That Would Come Back To Us On Tuesday To Be Implemented To Come Back As Final Document For Approval?
Chairman Judah: Correct.

A Great Point, Commissioner Hall.

Before I Entertain A Motion, Let Me Ask For Mr. Bassinger To Step Forward Briefly.

Thank You.

And I Know This May Have Caught You By Surprise.

It May Not Be Necessarily Unprecedented In Your Work And Dealings With Other Communities Through The Nation.

You've Done What We've Asked Of You.

Like I Said At The Offset -- Onset It Was Worth Seeing The Applicants And What They Brought To The Table.

Clearly We Look For The Appropriate Fit In This County And The Out Most Confidence In Karen.

Thank You.

You Are Absolutely Correct.

It's Not Unprecedented And I've Seen It Happen Before.

One Of The Things That Sometimes Happens Is That Someone Who Does Not Want The Job At The Beginning When They Have An Opportunity To Do It, They Get Comfortable In It And Change Their Mind.

The Board Certainly Knows Miss Haus Very Well.

My Contact With Her Is She's Been Excellent And You Probably Made A Wise Decision.

Chairman Judah: Out Of Respect To The Applicants, Important To Make The Decision.

If Any Other Board Member Would Like To Comment.

Commissioner Hall? Comm. Hall: I Assume He'll Be Contacting Them We Are Suspended Until Next Tuesday And At That Point We'll Conclude This Process Moving Forward So Is That What We're Going To Instruct Him To Do Then? Chairman Judah: Yes.

Comm. Hall: And Conclude.

Okay.

I Know These Applicants Are Watching On Their Computers Or On Their Television So Want To Make Sure We Are Clear For Them For Our Purpose What We're Going To Do So We'll Try To Wrap This Up.

And If I Might Add, Great Working With You.

A Great Commission As One Of The Speakers Said Earlier.

Chairman Judah: A Motion? Perhaps We Could Elaborate On That Motion A Bit.

Comm. Janes: A Motion We Suspended Recruitment Effort So We Can Give Karen A Chance To Speak With Us Individually And Let Us Know, Kind Of A One-On-One Situation.

And Begin Preparing For A Report Back.

I Gather, Mr. Chairman, From You As To Where We Ought To Proceed.

Chairman Judah: Construction Of A Contract.

Comm. Janes: Yes.

And That Covers It.

Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: I'm Flattered By The Error.

Chairman Judah: We Do Have A Motion By Commissioner Janes.

A Second? Comm. Bigelow: Commissioner Bigelow Seconds That Motion And Thank You For Clarifying The Motion.

Chairman Judah: Everyone Knows What We Are Trying To Accomplish.

Comm. Mann: My Thanks To Mr. Bassinger For The Work He's Done.

We May See You Next Week.

I Met With Him Yesterday.

When I Had Gone Through My First Peripheral Glance At The Names, I Was Thinking By Golly, These Don't Excite Me Like I Wanted.

His Personal Insight Since He Knew All These People Personally And Talked With Them Helped Me A Great Deal And I Was Doing My Homework And All These Yellow Sticky Notes.

I Think He's Done A Superb Job.

This In No Way Should We Reflect On The Job He Has Done That We Didn't Take Your Suggestions.

We Just Got A Better Deal Here At Home We Didn't Know Was Available Or We May Have Never Troubled You.

Thank You For The Superb Quality Of Work And I Want To Say That On The Record Before We Went Through With The Motion.

Chairman Judah: Any Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

Thank You, Karen.

Thank You.

We'll Move On To Item 7-A.

A Motion? Comm. Hall: I Have A Couple Of Motions.

A Couple Classification.

Chairman Judah: Is Sheldon Here? Comm. Hall: Yes, He's Here.

Chairman Judah: Maybe You Can Park Yourself -- Come Up To The Front Row.

We'll Have An Opportunity To Respond To Questions Of The Board.

Comm. Hall: Jim, What's The Size Of Northwest Library? Approximately 40 Thousand Square Feet.

Comm. Hall: Even In Our Size.

When It Comes Down To Page 4 Item 3, Completion Of Library And Site Design Within Eight Months The Site Design Approval.

Is That The Design Of The Building's Interior Or Laying Out The Site.

It Wasn't Clear To Me.

That's Intended To Be The Entire Project Design.

Comm. Hall: I Have A Little Bit Of An Issue For That.

We Didn't Go To The City Of Cape Coral And Have Them Sign Off On The Structural And Design Process.

I Don't Have A Problem With The City, They Are Purchasing Land And Meeting It On The Site And Meeting The Criteria That They Have.

But For Them To Have Final Sign-Off On The Design, We Have A Good Structure In Our Library System.

We Are Spending More Money On This Particular Library Because It's A Multi-Storey.

We Are In Difficult Times.

I've Been Touring The Local Libraries, The Big Ones And Seeing A Lot Of Cutbacks.

That Millage Maintains Everything For The Library, Not Just A Capital Account.

And Cost And Time, I'm Watching The Budget And That Concerns Me.

We Have To Go Back In A Public Meeting And Have A Sign-Off On A Design Of The Interior -- I Mean, I Sat Through Some Of The Meeting Yesterday With The Downtown.

I Haven't Had An Opportunity To Serve On Council, That's Going To Be A Challenge For Us, I Think.

It's Rare We Build A Library Such An Integral Part Of A City.

Usually Outlying Areas Where There's Not Neighboring Architecture Or Businesses Or Not In An Urban Setting.

We Sort Of Struggle With This Issue.

I Think That During The Lead-Up Time We Begin Our Preliminary Design And Going To Go To Them Or At Least One Of Their Council People Early On And I Think By The Time We Go To Get Their Approval That It Will Pretty Much Be, Meet Their Desires.

I'm Confident That We Can Come To Terms.

I'm Going Back To The Parking Garage.

We Designed A Parking Garage.

We Thought We Had An Understanding And Became An Expensive Process For Us In That Final Design That They Had To Sign Off On And Expensive For The County And The Taxpayers Of The County And Very Sensitive That There's Nowhere In Here.

We See Where We Have A Time Frame Within Eight Months.

We Have A Budget And I'm Okay With The Exterior Because I Understand.

When It Comes To The Interior And Things, It's Up To Our Librarian.

I'm Not Comfortable With Interior Sign-Off Of Layout.

I Certainly Have No Issue And We've Been Good Partners With The City Recognizing The Exterior Of Our Buildings Impact, The Feel And Sense Of The Process They've Gone Through In The Drawing Plan And Going Through That.

Why I Want A Clarification.

It Says Site Approval And I'm Going To Interpret It As That.

When We Go To Them And Show Them The Exterior, We Have A Lot, Friends Of The Library Working With Sheldon On The Interior.

I Don't Want To See A Lot Of Elected Officials.

Even We Don't Get Engaged In Sign Off On The Interiors Of The Buildings.

So I'm Going To Hold You To What This Says.

I Don't Want To Hear We Want This And These Lights Because We Have A Great Group Without Putting Sheldon Through That Pain.

Chairman Judah: That's A Good Call And A Motion.

There's An Understanding.

Comm. Hall: Right.

Then We Move Over -- Comm. Bigelow: If You're Going To Amend This Only To Clarify This Only To Interior Design, Right? Comm. Hall: I'm Going To Clarify What Site Design Means.

Exterior.

Exterior And Layout.

See, My Vernacular, A Birds Eye View How The Site Is Designed.

It Doesn't Incorporate Interior So Unusual It Would Be Brought In Here Now.

Comm. Hall: Other Things In The Contract That Would Infer There's More Approval Process.

Very Easy To Clarify It In One Claws.

Chairman Judah: I Apologize.

Jim May Have A Follow-Up On That Question.

We Built A Number Of Buildings In The City Over My Team Time And The City Has Never Gotten Involved In Interior Design.

Public Communities In Public Works Won An Award.

Didn't Get Involved.

We Do Have To Go Through The P.U.D. Process But Never Get Involved In That Detail.

Don Just Mentioned To Me They Don't Intend To Get Involved In That So I Don't See That Happening But Believe Me, I Will Stick To The Letter Of The Agreement.

I Understand Your Concern.

Comm. Hall: The Other Thing We Have Here And I Want Clarification On Is Line 6.

The County Agreed To Contribute Up To 150,000 For Art Work For The Library Project.

The Library Will Purchase Any And All Art Pieces For The City.

That's Very Ambiguous For Me.

They Have An Art Committee.

Will They Figure Out How To Buy Exterior Art? Interior Of The Building? Normally The City Requires Any Developer To Contribute \$150,000 To An Art Fund.

We Have An Arrangement With The City Whereby We Are Allowed To Spend \$150,000 On

Our Project Rather Than Contribute To A Fund Where The Art May Be Put Somewhere Else In The City.

In The Case Of A Parking Garage, We Did Go Through The City's Public Art Committee.

They Did A Terrific Job.

We Selected Art For The Parking Garage And Everything Went Well.

However, It Is Dependent Upon The County's Approval Of Any Art On Our Approval Of Any Art Selected And I'm Sure It Will Be A Collaboration Between The Art Group, Libraries, Friends, A Number Of People Involved.

I Can't Tell You What Shape Or Form It Will Take.

It Could Be Interior Art Work, Exterior Architecture, Part Of The Architecture.

It's A Process We Go Through.

As It Turns Out In The Garage It's Part Of The Fabric.

We Try And Make The Art Cost-Effective, Efficient And Don't Go Out And Arbitrarily Place Art.

We Get Input And I Expect We'll Go Through The City's Committee.

Comm. Hall: Again.

Very Difficult Times Now.

We Are Going Through A Budget Process Where A Lot Of Things Are Not Being Paid For.

When I Look At The Interior Of Our Libraries Now And See The Things We Are Taking Off The Shelves, Shut Down Hours, This Is Money That's Going Away From Operations To Go Into Capital And It Makes Me Very Negatives When I Hear People Calling Me Going, Wow, I Went To The Library To Get This And They Know Longer Have It.

It It's On Hold Because Of Cutbacks.

Last Year We Went Through The Budget Process.

We Asked Very Clearly Of Then County Manager Stilwell If We Lower This, Does It Affect The Operations Of The Library, Not Just The Capital But Our Operation A We Are Going Into The Recession And The Answer Was, No.

Going Out To Pine Island Which Is A Very The Library.

Occupied Way Out There, It's Sad To See What's Happening With The Books And Things Happening.

The Little North Fort Myers Library With Some Of The Largest Attendance And Having To Cut Back.

I Applaud Sheldon And His Staff For Finding Ways.

Not That I'm Against Public Art But We Have To Decide Today That Or This.

I Wasn't Aware, David, This Was A Legal Requirement Of Getting A Permit In The City Of Fort Myers To Contribute To Public Art.

I Thought It Was A Public Request.

As We Move Through The Project, I Hope We Can Find That Balance In The Sense That I'm Not Nickel And Diming My Operations Of Libraries So I Can Put Public Art Outside Of A Building.

That's More Of A Public-Private Partnership Using People's Tax Dollars, I Would Rather Have Them Have The Service.

Costs No More To Have An Architecturally Attractive Building.

When I Have To Spend Separate Of That, \$150,000 To Put A Piece Of Art In Front, I Don't Want To See The Services Decline Because Of That.

And I Guess I Want To Thank The City, District Fees That May Be Applicable, I'm Not Sure What The Fees Are But I Want To Thank The City For Helping Us Save Dollars On Fees That We Have.

And All I Have.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Commissioner Hall.

Any Other Comments? Questions? Jim, Let Me Make Sure.

I Know The Project Is Not To Exceed \$20 Million.

Sure.

Chairman Judah: You Feel Comfortable With That Figure.

We'll Use The Standard Process And Make Sure It Comes In Within Project.

Chairman Judah: And The Requirement Make This Certified.

Speaks Lines How The County Has Moved Forward, The Measures In The Building And The Partnership We've Worked Out With The City Is Commendable.

Any Other Comments? Comm. Hall: I Have One.

The Budget On Northwest.

Northwest Came In Around -- Chairman Judah: I'm Sorry, Jim.

Sheldon Kay.

The Entire Budget For Northwest Just \$15 Million.

Chairman Judah: Great Job President Not Only As Library Director But Making This Process A Smooth One And Getting All The Input Ready To This Point.

Thanks To You As Well.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Sheldon.

Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: This Does Not Because I Can't Find It -- Address What Becomes Of The Current Building.

Correct? Addressed In The Property Site Agreement, Right? Just A Reference To The Existing Building With Regard To Its Disposition Once Out.

Comm. Hall: On Page 6, It Talks About We May Have To Demo The Building.

They Touched On The Potential, If We Are Required To Demo It.

On Major 6, The County Agrees To Construct Costs Including The Cost Of Demolition Of Existing Libraries Requested By The City Required Up To But Not Exceeding The Total Budget Of \$20 Million.

And Then On Page 2 It Talks, The City Is Determined That The Existing Fort Myers Library Relocation Of Fire Station One So Touching Both Bases On It.

Comm. Bigelow: Whatever Is To Become Of That Building Is Not Being Agreed To Here.

It's Open Ended.

It's My Understanding They Are Having To Juggle What They Are Doing.

We Gave Them An Option.

\$20 Million Is A Cap And The Demolition Would Have To Come Out Of That If They Choose.

We Have To Make A Budgetary Decision As To Whether They Want To Do It, Keep The Building After We Evacuate It For Such Time Until They Want To Demolish It.

A Number Of Ways To Achieve It.

That's Where We Left It.

They Will Have To Make A Decision.

Chairman Judah: Sheldon Before I Entertain A Motion.

Don, If You Can Step Forward.

A Phenomenal Partnership And Elaborate With Fire Station Issues And Lee County Not Upsetting The Existence, This Is Just A Wonderful Situation.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

The Intent Is To Once The New Library Is Completed, Is To Move The Fire Station Site To The Current Library Site.

News Press Acquired The New Station On Lee And Martin Luther King Boulevard And Extend The Time Frame To Complete The New Library.

There's No Double Moves Involve.

And Then At That Time As Jim Indicated, We'll Take A Look.

Our Preference Is The Money Should Go Into The Library Building.

If It Comes In Under Budget And Sufficient Funds We Can Request Demolition Of The Old Library Site.

The Money We Are Using For The Site Acquisition Is The Fire Station's Land Acquisition Funds.

We Had Money Budgeted For That To Acquire The Library Site And Move The Fire Station Across The Street.

An Adequate Size.

The Fire Chief Is Comfortable With That Site And A Win-Win For Us, I Know.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Don.

Comm. Hall: Commissioner Chairman? Once We Move, Donating The Structure To The City If They Choose To Have It Or Demolition.

It Doesn't Indicate The Time Frame Or The Years We Have With The Lease Option With The City.

We Need To Negotiation A Lease Within Three Months With The Library.

Comm. Hall: And Make It Clear, When I Got On The Board And The City Council, We've Been Working On This Downtown Library For Years.

Went Through A Arduous Process To Create A Campus With The Southwest Florida Historical Museum And I Do Believe The Relocation Of The Library Where It's Relocated Will Be A Huge Benefit.

Not Just The Residents Of Downtown But Ourselves Of The Downtown Area And Certainly Provide A Better Parking, A Better Flow And Wonderful To Have An Urban Library.

I Use These Libraries All The Time And This Is Going To Be Another Structure I Think We Can All Be Proud Of As Residents Of Lee County.

My Questions Were Not Certainly That I Don't Think This Is A Very Valuable Worth While Project.

Just Due Diligence Making Sure The Dollars Are Conscientious.

Comm. Mann: I'm Confused Now.

I Thought I Heard Mr. Lavender Say The Demo Of The Existing Library Would Come Out Of The \$20 Million? Wasn't Clear Who Is Responsible.

It's Clear In The Language Here The \$20 Million Is A Cap And Should The City Decide They Want The County To Demolish It, It Will Come Out Of The Project Budget.

Comm. Mann: So It's Part Of The \$20 Million.

Yes.

Comm. Mann: I Was Afraid We'll Be Spending 20 Million And The City Will Come Back And Say Could We Have A Half Million To Demo The Building.

All Part Of The Project.

Correct.

Comm. Hall: I'd Like A Motion We Approve The Local Agreement Between The County And The City With The Understanding Page 4 Section 3 That City's Final Approval Is For Site Design.

So Moved.

Very Good.

Chairman Judah: Exterior Not Interior.

And Motion By Commissioner Hall And Seconded By Commissioner Bigelow.

Councilmen, We Doesn't Thank You Enough.

Convey Our Well Wishes To The Rest Of Your Council And Thank You For The Partnership.

Any Further Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

Okay.

We Move On To 16-A.

Comm. Hall: I'll Approve The Amend The Moral Justice Grant.

Chairman Judah: Do We Have A Second? Seconded By Commissioner Bigelow.

Discussion? Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: The Problem Here Is That We're Hiring A Bunch Of Live Bodies.

I Can Answer The Question.

Comm. Mann: We Are Hiring Live Bodies For A Period Of Months And Then The Federal Money, Stimulus Money, Whatever It Is Money Goes Away.

Kind Of The Way This Works? That's Correct.

Although We Had Preliminary Discussions With The County Straighter And He Will Work To Fold This Into The Budget Through Corresponding With The Commissioner, Cutbacks Or Whatever If Things Have Not Turned Around In 30 Months.

Comm. Mann: Well, This Has Been The Dilemma Faced By Many Governments Across The Nation As We Dealt With These Dollars That Are Suddenly Flowing To Fill The Void Of Revenues That We Have Here.

When This Money Goes Away, It It's Back In Our Laps And We Need To All Be Aware Of That.

I Wish The Very Best In Trying To Squeeze His Budget Even More.

And A Growing Circuit, I Don't Know How You Do That.

Just Saying I'll Support This But With Great Trepidation Knowing We'll Have This Issue Before Us Again.

We May Have To Lay These Same People Off.

If I Can Add One More Thing.

We'll See A Significant Savings Or At Least Contain The Costs On The Jail Side.

We've Experienced A Significant Reduction In The Jail Population In The Last Year Or So.

Part Of That Is Societal But I Believe A Good Part Of That Is The Case Management System And This Will Help That A Lot And Allow Us Push Construction Or Community Corrections In The Interim As A Measure.

Comm. Mann: Mr. Chairman.

Just Part Of The Same Issue I Heard You Express Concern About Many Times, A Lot Of This Is State Responsibility When You Talk About Prosecutors And Defenders.

This Is One More Example Where The County Is Asked To Assume State Responsibilities Which Were The Partnership Continues To Shift The Responsibility To Us.

And We Got Some Free Money Coming Down.

We All Hate That Term But There's Going To Be A Day That The Chickens Come Home And Want Us All On Guard When That Day Comes Because It Will Arrive.

Chairman Judah: The Caveat Well Noted And Appreciate That, Commissioner Mann.

Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

Okay.

We'll Go On To The Public Hearing Portion Of Our Agenda.

Michael Some.

Good Morning.

County Attorney.

I Have Your Public Hearing Number 1.

Legally Sufficient.

I'll Enter That Into Record Now.

A Petition To Vacate A Right-Of-Way At 1860verside Avenue.

Chairman Judah: A Public Hearing, Any Public Comments On The Item Before Us? Hearing None.

Motion By Commissioner Mann.

Seconded By Commissioner Hall.

Motion Passes.

Thank You, Michael.

Chairman Judah: Walk-Ons And Carry-Overs.

None.

Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Mann? Commissioner Janes? Comm. Janes: One City Appointment.

Chairman Judah: We'll Get To That.

Any Commissioner Items? Commissioner Hall? Comm. Hall: A Couple Of Quick Ones.

A Town Hall Meeting To Go Over The Babcock Ranch.

Residents Who Were Very Concerned They Were Not Part Of The Process Of The Settlement Agreement.

It Bothered Me And Especially Some Of The E-Mails I Got.

I Had A Meeting Here In Chambers.

And I Have To Tell You, Natural Resources, Department Of Transportation, I Expressed To David On The County Attorney's Behalf, Our Staff Did A Superb Job.

A Two And A Half Hour Meeting.

In These Chambers So It Could Be Recorded And Televised.

They Went Through The Steps That Babcock, Where We Are And Where We See Us Being And It Really Clarified A Lot Of The Information That Was In The Past To What Is Now The Level Of Pertinent Information Currently Moved Forward.

I Can't Thank Staff Enough For Helping To Educate The Community.

We Have Over 40 Residents Here.

An Hour's Worth Of Questions And Interactions And A Couple Of Things Came Out Of That I Expressed To Those Participants.

I Think I Do Not Feel This Board Has Stated -- That We Would Like To Have As Much Of The Impact Stay In Charlotte County.

And They Requested And I Used The Form Of A Resolution That We Could Send A Resolution To The Commission, Draft Something That Would Make That Clear.

Where's The Document.

The Question Started Out About A Vision.

Why No Document About A Vision That Lee County Wants The Same Impact As Charlotte County And Recognizes The Agreement Was Not That Document.

The Amendment Is Not That Document.

Where Is That Document When They Go Before The Commissioners To State Their Commission.

This Is Their Vision.

This Is What They Would Like.

I Want To Bring That Back To The Board See If The Board Would Entertain That Form Of A Resolution And Bouncing This Because It Just Happened Last Night.

If You Would Like To Bring This Back Next Week And Think About That A Little Bit, I'm Okay With That.

The Second Issue That Was Resonating High On Everyone's Agenda Was The Fact That Babcock Is Probably An Anomaly.

Probably Never See Another Babcock In Our Lifetime.

An Area We Never Dreamed Would Have A City.

Call It Whatever You Want, 78,000-Acres Of Preserve And A City.

We Made A Deal With The Devil And This Is What We Have Now.

Chairman Judah: The Devil Being The State.

Comm. Hall: Yes.

And Lee County Didn't.

I Want To Make It Clear.

We Did Not Like That Process But It Is What It Is And We Are Dealing With It.

A Lot Of These Residents Work.

They Want To Participate In The Public Process When It Affords Them Opportunity And Their Big Concern Is We Recognize Public Hearing Is 5:00.

Don't Have An Agenda Item.

Could Babcock Have An Agenda To Have An Opportunity To Participate In That.

The Example The Settlement Agenda.

They Would Have Liked To Have Had More People Here To Hear That.

Structurally We Will Carry Things Over To A 5:00, So Again I Put That, I Said I Would Pose That Question To Our Board.

I Don't Know How Many In The Future, How Many Issues Will Come Up As Public Hearings But The Issues That Our Administrative Or Consent Agenda, That Would Be More Proper That We Could Adjust To That.

I Wanted To Share That With The Board And See What Your Thoughts Were On That.

Chairman Judah: Let Me Thank You For Taking The Time And Holding Our Public Meeting.

Not Only Get To Get With Council And Bring The Issues Back Next Week.

Comm. Hall: That Would Be Great.

Thank You.

That's All I Have.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: The City Of Sanibel, You May Have Received Copies.

Copied A Resolution And Sent To The State And The Governor Supporting Appropriations Of Joint Fund For Housing Programs Which It Was Intended To.

Also To Eliminate The Cap On The State Housing Local Trust Fund.

If You Would Like, I Can Have Staff So You Can Get Your Name On The List Of Those Requesting A Cap And Use The Trust Fund Moneys For The Intended Purpose And That's The Housing Programs.

Comm. Janes: So Moved.

Chairman Judah: Seconded By Commissioner Hall.

Motion Passes.

Staff Can Put The Resolution On The Board.

Commissioner, I Want To Thank You With Your Efforts On The Corps Of Engineers.

You Helped To Move Mountains.

Now My Understanding Secretary Of The Army Has Worked Out An Arrangement With

Regards To The Land Value Of The Project.

Looks Like That's Going Forward Finally And Ask The Board To Extend Me The Opportunity To Extend Appreciation To Rock Salt.

Comm. Hall: Absolutely.

And Going On Tour To Meet On Schedule And Make Sure No Issues.

Chairman Judah: That Chief Report Finally Signed Within A Reasonable Time Frame.

Commissioner Hall, Your Motion? Comm. Hall: Absolutely.

Chairman Judah: Seconded By? Comm. Mann: Oh, Sure.

Chairman Judah: Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

Driving Into Work Today, I Heard On N.P.R. And It Didn't Surprise Me Because I Knew This Was Going Forward.

The European Union Is Phasing Out Incandescent Light Bulbs In The Effort To Reduce The Carbon Foot Print And Conserve Energy.

All Sorts Of Resolutions Floating Around Suggesting By 2020 Or 2030 We'll Reduce And Provide For Stronger Conservation Efforts.

What I Wanted To Ask, While That's All Well And Good We Can Take A Step Now.

27 Countries In The European Union Or Moving Forward And L.E.D. Or Halogen Lighting For Conservation And Tremendous Economic Savings, We Ought To Be Able To Consider Doing That Here In Lee County.

If The Board Would Allow Jim Lavender And His Staff To -- I Know They Are Doing It On An Experimental Basis To Determine If There's Adequate Lighting And Cost Savings.

The Cost Of Putting In The Replacement Lighting.

Also Will Be A Huge Economic Savings, Environment Benefits And No Reason Why This County Doesn't Provide In That Direction.

Jim, If You Could Research That And Get Back To Us When It's Appropriate.

Comm. Hall: I Would Love To Hear The Transition.

Something Else Very Interesting, I Was An Speaker At An Earth Day Event And The Team Put Together A Comprehensive Report For Me As To What The County Uses In Energy And How Many Kilowatt Hours.

One Of The Gentlemen Said Do Any Of You Know How Many Kilowatt Hours You Use And I

Said, I Do.

Jim, When You Come Back To Present, It Would Be Great For The Board To Look At Where We've Been And Where We Are And The Progress We've Made As We Go And Replace Things.

While This Light Bulb Might Be \$99 And Replaced It With This \$5 Bulb But What That's Reduced Which Equates To Dollars And Like To Thank Rich And His Team For Preparing Quite A Bit Of Information I Got Out In Three Mounts But It Was Worth While And People Were Impressed With What The County Has Been Doing.

Along That Vein, Someone Brought Up The Bio-Deisel Fuel Which Is A Private Development Seems To Be A Perception Or Maybe A Reality, I Don't Know, About The Emissions That A Facility Puts Out And I Don't Know If It's This One Or That One.

I Wouldn't Mind.

If We Are Looking At Our Carbon Foot Print Right Now, Those Kinds Of Facilities If We Could Look At We Have Our Energy Which At That Time The Perception Was Emissions Are X, Y And Z.

I Wouldn't Mind To Have A Bit About Admissions And Where We Are Going With That And Where We've Been Able To Reduce And The Technology We Are Using.

It's A Same If We Have Facts, We Can Educate The Public Because A Lot Of These Things Have To Go Through The Public Service Commission When They Are Cited.

We Are Excited About Coal, Clean Coal And A Lot Of Information On That.

When I Started Looking This Up, I Was Shocked At What Someone Could Perceive As What You Are Saving Here, You're Here And Goes Back To Your Hybrid When You Dump That Battery, Where Is The Benefit? What Is Really The Benefit.

If You Don't Mind If We Could Add That.

Chairman Judah: Clear Up A Lot Of Misunderstanding Out There.

No Harmful Emissions.

It Does Me Better For People To Education Themselves.

Comm. Mann: Mr. Chairman, Take Note That City Of Fort Myers Most Famous Resident Ever Would Roll In His Grave If We Discuss The Elimination Of The Incandescent Light Bulb And At Some Point Offer A Moment Of Silence.

In All Seriousness I Have Not Heard The Answer To The Mercury Issue.

I Would Like That Answered Because It's A Real Issue And Apparently The European Union Doesn't Mind Mercury But It's Killing Fish Here.

Chairman Judah: I Don't Think That's The Case.

They've Done Their Research But, Yes, We Need That Input, Too.

Comm. Hall: Goes Back To The Battery And The Car Thing, Too.

One Positive And One Negative, Here.

Chairman Judah: Don't They Have Scrubbers? The Carbon Injection System.

First In The Nation To Have One.

I Wanted To Mention One Other Thing And Disheartening To See What Happened To The Rec Center With The Tremendous Vandalism And Graffiti.

I'm Prepared To If The Board Agrees If It Hasn't Been Discussed To Offer A Reward.

These People Need To Be Brought To Terms.

Jim, I Don't Know If You've Coordinated With The Sheriff's Department But Nothing Like A Reward To Get The Information We Need To Catch The Perpetrators.

There Is An Award Through Crimestoppers.

Chairman Judah: Is There? The Best Antidote Is Clean It Up The Next Day And They Can't Show Their Buddies And Brag And Clean It Up In 24 Hours.

Chairman Judah: Don't Bad We Can't Get The Ones Who Created The Problem To Clean It Up.

Jim, That's Fine.

I Understand.

I Want To Make Sure We Do What We Can To Catch Those That Did This.

First Coyotes And Now Gangsters In Estero? Chairman Judah: Not Even On The Same Level.

I'll Take Coyotes Any Day.

That's It.

As Far As The Commissioner Items, I Appreciate The Board's Indulgence: Motion By Commissioner Mann? No Objection.

Commissioner Janes.

Comm. Janes: Gail Archer With The Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee.

Chairman Judah: Discussion, Objection.

Motion Passes.

Anything Else? Comm. Janes: That's It.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Sir.

Commissioner Hall? Bigelow? And I Have None.

County Manager Items.

Comm. Hall: I'll Wait Until After The Contract Is Signed.

[Laughter] Chairman Judah: Thank You.

David? Thank You Very Much.

We Are Adjourned.

Have A Good Day.