

February 2, 2010

Comm. Hall: Good Morning.

It's A Busy Morning.

Chairman Judah: Welcome, Everyone.

Thank You.

Bring Your Carts On Up.

Good Morning.

It's February The 2nd, Tuesday.

Thank You.

Thank You.

Thank You.

And I Would Like To Welcome You To Our Board Of County Commissioners Meeting.

We Start Our Meeting, As We Do Every Week, With An Invocation, And This Morning Is With Reverend Gabriel Followed By The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Please Rise.

Lord, We Thank You For This Good Opportunity We Have Right Now To Come Before You In Prayer.

Thank You For Everything You Have Done Through The Years.

Thank You For What You Are Doing And What You Continue To Do.

You Said In Your Word There's A Time For Everything.

A Time To Cry And A Time To Rejoice.

There Are A Lot Of People Who Are Crying At This Time, Suffering.

Make Their Vision For Them.

Thank You For That.

This Morning I Pray That You Will Direct In This Time Of Crisis And Lend Them Understanding And Help Them To Effectively Deal With The Situation As They Did For Us Haitian People.

Please Continue To Pour Your Blessing Upon This Good Nation, United States Of America.

Give Them Conviction.

Lord, We Ask You Please -- And Recognize That We Need A Fashioning For Our Effective Resolve To Our Need.

Strengthen Our Nation, Our City.

Bring Peace And Good Fortune To All Those Who Are Suffering.

In Jesus' Name We Pray.

Amen.

Chairman Judah: 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.

Please Be Seated.

I See Someone Has Been Messing With Our Agenda This Morning.

We Have A Lot Of Changes On It.

Because Of The Nature Of Public Input And Folks' Schedules, I Hope You Don't Mind -- Where Are You, Phil? There You Are.

Do You Mind If We Take Public Comments To Accommodate Some Of Our Business Folks Here And Then Get To You.

Thank You.

I Appreciate You Accommodating Us This Morning.

I Will Go To The Recap As Soon As I -- Well, Let's Do Recap First So That If There's Anything That Someone Wants To Change On The Recap, It Can Be Adjusted For Them.

With That We Have An Item To Defer For One Week To Follow For Further Review On Item

8a.

Administrative 8-A We're Asking To Defer To A Later Meeting To Allow For Further Review.

Do I Have A Motion To Accept Those Changes?

Comm. Mann: Yes.

Chairman Judah: I Have A Second By Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Janes: On 8-A -- Which Is The Credit?

The Consent?

Yeah.

Why Is That Being Deferred?

Chairman Judah: Because We Need To.

Comm. Janes: Can I Get A Response?

That Was At My Request.

Comm. Janes: At Whose Request?

By My Request, Yes.

I Wanted To Have More Detailed Information On It.

Comm. Janes: One Week?

Comm. Hall: If You Want To -- Comm. Janes: If You Could Take A Moment And Have Lindsey Explain.

There Is \$120,000 Sort Of On The Line, And I Really Wasn't Able To Clarify Whether One Week Is Going To Be A Substantial Problem -- Comm. Hall: Why Don't We Hold That Report, And That Way We Can Have Conversation On It.

Rather Than Defer It, We'll Have It Pulled.

Is There A Motion?

Secunder?

Thank You.

With That, Can I Have A Motion To -- All Those In Favor?

Aye.

Aye.

Comm. Hall: On Administrative 7-A Please Move 7-A To The Consent At C-7-C, And We Also Have C-13-B To Administrative Consent A-13-A.

Not To Complicate Things Further This Morning, Do I Have A Motion To Approve Those Changes?

I Have A Motion By Commissioner Janes And A Second By Commissioner Bigelow.

All Those In Favor?

Aye.

Opposed?

The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Now, I'm Going To Go On To Public Input.

We Have Quite A Few People Speaking This Morning, So I Would Ask The Administration To Please Watch The Time.

If You Could Just State Your Name, And We'll Have Three Minutes To State Whatever Issue It Is On The Consent Or The Administrative Agenda, And If You Did Not Turn In A Card, No Worries.

We'll Call Upon You After I Get Through The Cards.

Our First Speaker This Morning Is Brad Cornell.

Brad, Good Morning.

He Will Be Followed By Steve Brown.

Good Morning, Madam Chair And Commissioners.

I'm Brad Cornell, And I'm Here Onbehalf Of Collier County Audubon Society And Audubon Of Florida, And I Wish To Address The Item On Your Administrative Agenda Concerning The Biofuels Incorporated Consideration.

We Would Like To Support Your Decision On This To Move Forward With Incentivizing To Move To The County With A Good Portion Of Their Operations, Including Consideration For A First Incentive Program.

This Venture Offers Several Benefits For Lee County, As I'm Sure You're Aware, Not The Least Of Which Is About 120 Jobs Over The Next Several Years As Well As A Kind Of Industry That Lee County And All Of Southwest Florida Would Desire To Diversify Into.

We Would Like To Do Things Besides Just Tourism And Construction And Agriculture.

Not That Those Are Bad, But We Would Like To Add To Our Portfolio.

I Think All Of Us Agree On That.

As Well, This Is The Kind Of Industry That's Looking For Alternative Fuels, And This Is Another Venture That All Of Us Should Be Aspiring To.

We Strongly Support That Kind Of Industry And Your Incentivization Of It.

As An Audubon Speaker, I Would Like To Point Out That Relative To Your First Incentive Program And How You Ration Out That Money, A Bird In The Hand Is Worth Two In The Bush, So This Is A Good Program That You Need To Be Considering.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Brad.

Steve Brown Will Be Followed By Jennifer Heckler.

Thank You, Commissioners.

Steve Brown With The Research Group.

I Just Wanted To Quickly Speak In Favor Of The Algenal Biofuel Company As Well.

As Somebody Who Has Been Down Here Right Now Trying To Entice Companies To Relocate To This Area, I Know What A Difficult Task It Is, And I Have Officially Decided I Will Never Run To Work At The EdI Office Because I Think They Probably Have The Hardest Job Out There.

Everyone Is Out There Trying To Get The Same Kind Of Jobs, And It Becomes Very Difficult.

You Know, Someone Asked Me If I Thought The Red Sox Was A Good Idea At One Point In Time.

I Said There's A 10% Chance That It Has \$100 Million Economic Impact And A 90% Chance That It Exceeds It, I'm All In Favor Of It, And I Think That This Will Be The Same Way.

I Think If There's A 10% Chance That You Only Get Back \$100 Million In Economic Impact, But There's The Chance That The Number Could Hit The Billions, I Mean, To Me It Seems Like A Great Opportunity, And I Really Respect The Efforts That Have Been Put Forth To Get Them This Far To The Table, And Thank You, Guys, Very Much For Your Consideration.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Steve.

Jennifer Heckler Will Be Followed By Lloyd Beckler.

I'm From The Conservancy Have Southwest Florida Here Today On Behalf Of Our 6,000 Members In Southwest Florida To Support Alternative Fuel, Specifically To Propose For The Algenol Initiative.

It's Important We Diversify Our Economy To Find Compatible Industries To Preserve Our Unique Natural Resources And Quality Of Life.

We Believe This Proposal Has The Opportunity To Do That, And We Encourage You Support.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Jennifer.

Lloyd Beckford Who Will Be Followed By Ray Ann.

My Name Is Roadway Beckford I'm The Natural Resources Agent For The University Of Florida Lee County Extension.

I'm Delighted By The Plan To Produce Ethanol Fuel In Lee County, And Heightened By The Recent Support Received From Dell Chemical, As Well As The State Energy Office.

I Think It Will Be Great To Support Such An Effort And Help Conditions In Bioresearch And Development And The Adoption Of Technology That Is Decrease Our Economic And Energy Dependence On Foreign Oil.

Algenol Would Require Local Sources For Non-Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide To Feed The Algae.

This Is Another Concept.

It's Not Based On An Abstract Arrangement As We Often Hear About In Cap And Trade.

This Effort Will Increase The Rate For Bioethanol In Lee County And Provide Reduction In Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

The Spinoff, Though, As Avenues For Financial Investment And Job Creation In These Types Of Ventures Will Include Local Production Of A Significant Volume Of Ethanol Fuel To Replace Current Imports, Attraction To Lee County Of Companies That Produce Carbon Dioxide Gas As A Waste Or By-Product Of Manufacture, Purchase Of Carbon Emissions And Similar Entities, Which Will Emerge And Take Advantage Of Carbon Trading, Development Of A Lee County Led Effort Created By The Aforementioned Activities.

Job Creation Of Carbon Accounting To Accomplish Sales In Cap And Trade Actions Between Companies With These Things Developing Attraction Of A Look Ravish Green Investments To Take Advantage Of All The Above In Emergence Of Lee County As The Leader.

Also Creation Of -- That Can Provide Lee County A Strong Foundation For Economic Growth By Being Able To Channel Investments And Attract Green Business To Our Shores.

Fresh Water From The Process, And The Possible Uses Of These Diesel Nation Of Fresh Water For Agriculture And Reducing Agriculture Dependence On Water.

Our Extension Is Well Placed For Energy Analysis With Regard To Help Qualify Lee County's Potential Decision Making Concerning These Emerging Issues.

Thanks For Having A Proactive Approach And Planning A New Carbon Cycle Environment Ushered In By The Needs And Challenges Presented All Of Us In This New Century.

Thanks Very Much.

Comm. Hall: Thank You.

Rayan Wexel, And I See You Have Two Items You're Going To Talk About.

Administrative 1 And Administrative 8.

You'll Be Followed By Nick.

Do You Want Me To Talk About Them Both?
Comm. Hall: Why Don't You.

Good Morning.

I With Like To Speak In Support Of The Algenon Proposal.

This Coal-Powered Industrial Revolution Of The 19th Century And Oil Promoted The Production Of The Economy In The 20th Century, Harnessing The Power Of Natural Resources Is The Process, The Energy Evolution Is Taking For This Century And Beyond.

This Will Create New Opportunities In Research And Development, In Manufacturing, In Production, And Commercial Delivery.

It Has The Potential To Feed A Whole New Next Generation Of Economic Development And Diversify Our Economy.

Both In Our County And Regionally.

Research And Development And Technology Is The Kind Of Industry That Feeds Upon Itself And Builds Upon Itself As Newer Technology Evolve.

Benefits To This Particular Proposal Include The Fact That The Growth Will Utilize Existing Infrastructure.

It Will Not Create New Construction Or New Footprints, But It Will Start To Absorb Some Of The Footprints We Already Have.

It Will Not Create A New Demand For Water, Fresh Water Resources.

It Has A Potential To Spin Off All Kinds Of Technologies That Could Address Issues That We Have.

The City Of Sanibel Is Today Voting On A Resolution In Opposition To Oil Drilling.

A Topic That's Going To Be Actively And Hotly Debated This Legislative Session.

How Much Better To Have A 21st Century Alternative That Would Not Exceed With Food Crops, That Would Not Increase The Competition For Fresh Water Resources, That Alternatives That Will Not Jeopardize Our State's Billion Dollar Tourism Industry And May Even Generate A New Form Of Tourism, Technology Tourism.

So With That I Would Like To Encourage Your Support Of The Algenon Proposal.

Switch Around.

Same Person.

Here About The North Spreader.

I Just Wanted To Say That Following Up On Your Conversation Yesterday About The Cape Coral North Spreader Ecosystem Management Approach, This Effort Was Started Two Years Ago In Response To A Proposal That The City Of Cape Coral And The D.E.P. Came Up With To Allow The Removal Of The Boat Lift.

That Lift Was Originally Required By D.E.P. To Separate The Aquatic Preserve Waters From The Storm Water Of Cape Coral.

When The D.E.P. Approved The Removal Of The Boat Lift, A Group Of Challengers, Including The County, Petitioned To Have That Stopped, And The D.E.P. Proposed This Ecosystem Management Approach.

Sort Of A Mediation, If You Will.

I Have Been Participating In These Meetings For The Past Year And A Half And Have Come With Hopes Of Really Having A Larger Water Shed Scale Project To Address Water Quality.

Although There Have Been A Number Of Promising Proposals, The Commitment By Cape Coral Has Continued To Erode Over This Specific Period On The Specifics Of The Details, Such That The Proposal Is no Longer Providing An Ecosystem Benefit Or A Situation That Would Improve Conditions Above And Beyond Just Putting Back The Boat Lift.

We Continue To Participate In This Process With Great Hope And Expectation That We Might Be Able To Gain Some Advantages, But At This Point I Would Encourage You To Hold A Hard Line, To Really See Some Net Ecosystem Benefits Before Anything Is Approved As An Alternative To The Boat Lift Replacement.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Ray Ann.

Nick Followed By M.J. Scaperelli, And As You Know, We Did Defer Administrative A-A, But If You Do Want To Address The Board, You Will, As You Say Leann, You Still Can, Nick.

Good Morning.

Nick Batos.

I Have Been Reading About The Possibility Of The County Making An Investment Of About \$10 Million To Attract A Biofuel Company That Will Establish A Research And Development Facility Here In Lee County.

I Had The Opportunity Yesterday To Watch The Proceedings On Television And Learn More About The Process And The Possibilities.

I'm Here To Support That Effort.

I Think This Is An Opportunity For You To Take The County And To Renew -- Into A New Direction And It Would Be A Vast Growth Area For The County And Its Residents.

We All Understand The Importance Of Diversification, Whether It Be In Our Own Portfolios Or In How The County Derives Its Revenues.

With The Addition Of Algenol, We Will Have Taken A Giant Step In That Direction And Would Have The Benefit Of Thousands Of Jobs In The Next Few Years.

Yes, It Will Be Those Who Say No To The Spending Of The Money, But I Think They Are Being Short-Sighted.

By You Approving This Project Today, You Will, Again, Be Visionaries.

You Will Not Only Establish Almost Immediately High-Paying, High-Tech Jobs, But You Will Have Established The Base For Thousands Of Jobs For The Thousands Of Our Residents Who Will Need Them Now And In The Years To Come.

You Will Do All This, And At The Same Time Take The Lead In Our Area, Our State, And, Indeed, Our Country For An Industry That May Well Be A Big Part Of The Answer To Our Global Air Pollution Problems And, In Fact, Could Help Our Water Problems At The Same Time.

I Would Encourage You Today To Be Bold.

Be Strong.

Take The Steps That Would Make -- That Could Be The Single Most Important Step That We Could Take To Help Strengthen Our County's Economy And A Number Of Our Environmental Problems.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: M.J. Followed By Bert Hamilton.

Good Morning, M.J.

Good Morning.

M.J. Scarpelli.

I'm Here Representing Care Properties, One Of Their Businesses The Embassy Suite On Cork Screw, 123, The Seven-Story Hotel Off To The Right.

On December 3rd We Hosted An Event Called Bio-Florida.

It Was The Second Of Its Kind.

What Happened Is That Night We Had Quite A Great Selection Of Guest Speakers.

Our First Speaker Was Someone Who Brought A Lot Of Excitement To The Room.

His Name Was Paul Woods With Algenol.

It Was Amazing The Energy That Came Out Of That Evening And The Talk And The Opportunity For A Future.

We May Just Be A hotel, But We're An Inland Hotel, And What Surprises Me We Have A Lot Of Land You Should The Opportunity For Development, And Nothing Is Really Happening Right Now.

Things Are Just Kind Of Sitting.

People Don't Have A Vision Of A Future.

Paul Woods Made For A Lot Of Energy That Is Carrying Us Over Into 2010.

What We Would Like To Do As Far As The Embassy Suites -- And I Have Been Following This For Over A Year And A Half Now -- Business Guests Are Really Important To Us.

Not Only Are The Leisure Travellers, But The Business Guest That Would Be Coming In Year After Year, Day After Day, Month After Month.

It's Something That We Need, And It's Something To Stimulate Our Economy, Diversify Our Economy, And I Think The Word Catalyst Is Perfect For The Company Algenol.

I Would Like To Be The Host Hotel For That, And So Would The Carols.

I Would Like To Thank You For Your Consideration.

I Think We Need To Bring Invasion Into This Area, And Why Not Keep It Here? We've Already Got It.

Why Not Keep It Here And Keep Bringing More?
Thank You Very Much.

Thank You, M.J.

Bert Hamilton Followed By Mike.

I Guess I'm Going To Step Up Here And Be The Unpopular Person Here.

Every Organization That I Support And I Go For 100% That Stood Up Here And Said They're For The Ethanol Project, I, Myself, Am For It Also.

I Think In Theory It Is The Right Thing For This Area.

It Is A Good Investment, But I Am Also A Businessman Here, And I'm Looking At It From A Business Standpoint.

I'm Very Much Into Technology.

That's -- I Live And Breathe It Every Day.

I Live And Breathe Green Technology Every Day.

My Concern Is I See A Large Chunk Of Money That The E.D.L. Has That You're Going To Be Taking Away From Other Technology Companies That Could Potentially Come Here To Do This Project, And What I Think That Money Was Really Earmarked Was Actually For Maybe A Little Bit Smaller Portions To Spread Out Our Portfolio.

There's No Question That This Is A Venture Capital Deal, And I Think It Is A Sound Venture Capital Deal Myself.

I Think It's Got Credibility.

I Just Question -- And This Is Why I Had A Hard Time Deciding If It Was For, Against, Or Other.

I Think I'm Almost Somewhere Between All Three Of Those.

The Problem I Have Is I Think This Money Should Come From Another Source, Myself, Or You Need To Make Sure That The E.D.L. Has Sufficient Funds Afterwards To Continue On Their Project.

I Know A Lot Of Times Jim Moore And I Agreed On The Issues, But I Think The One Thought Of Feeding A Lot Of Different Technology Companies For This Area Is A Sound One I Think Taking Nearly 50% Of The Money And Putting It On One Venture Capital Deal, I Would Raise Questions About That.

So, I Guess, That's All I Have To Say.

Comm. Hall: We Love Hearing Everyone's Opinion.

Mike Followed By Kent Stevens.

Good Morning, Mike.

Good To See You All Again.

Michael Valaket.

Wearing A Couple Of Hats Today.

I'm Speaking As A Chairman And One Of The Founders Of The Pure Water Coalition, And I'm Also Speaking As Chairman Of The Sanibel Planning Commission, Speaking At The Request Of Mayor Nick Denim Who Cannot Be Here Today Due To Our Council Meeting.

It's Extremely Important Council Meeting.

He Asked Me To Speak On His Behalf, And We Are In Agreement That Algenol Biofuels Is An Extremely Impair Ti Thing To Have Here In Lee County.

As You Know, Pure Has Been Fighting For Over Six Years Now To Help Clean Up And Do What We Can To Raise Public Awareness, Raise Legislative Awaranz.

We've Worked Hard Up In Washington With Senator Nelson And The Congress To Get Certain Legislation Passed For Algae Clean-Up, And The Bill That We Have.

Biofuels, The First Time I Heard That Word, It Was In A Science Fiction Movie Decades Ago.

Now Here We Are.

Biofuels Is The Wave Of The Future, No Question About It, And In Nick's Own Words, Anything That Can Move Us Away From Foreign Oil And Fossil Fuel Consumption And Into Using Natural Products Again That Are Clean, We're All In Favor Of That, And I Agree With The Mayor On That.

We're Here To Let You Know That The Pure Water Coalition Is Here To Help You As We Have Offered Before To Raise Public Awareness On This Issue And Do Anything We Can Do To Help This Deal Go Through.

Comm. Hall: Thank You.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Ken Sweden Followed By Jerry Moore.

Good Morning, And Thank You Very Much For This Opportunity, And, By The Way, Thank You, Mr. Moore, And The E.D.L. And The Horizon Council And All The Others Who Helped Make This Opportunity Possible.

The Fact That We Could Even Come Here Today And Discuss This.

My Name Is Kim Sneed.

I'm Here To Speak Strongly In Support Of Providing The Requested Incentive Funds To Algenol.

The Reason I'm Here Is Two-Fold.

First Of All, I Heard Mr. Woods Speak At That Bio-Florida Chapter Meeting That Was Talked About Earlier At The Embassy Suites On Cork Screw Road On 75 On December 3rd.

I Was Incredibly Impressed Not Only By That Speech, But The Speech I Listened Here Yesterday In These Chambers.

I'm Just Unbelievably Impressed By The Product This Person Represents, And More Importantly, The Economic Potential That This Opportunity Represents For Lee County.

Second, As A Communications Consultant, I Have Been Working With The Southwest Florida Regional Planning On Efforts To Educate The Public About The Role Green Technologies Can Play In This Region's Future Prosperity.

Now, Let Me State Clearly I'm Here Just Speaking For Myself Today.

Not On Behalf Of The Council Or Any Other Client.

My Research For The Council, However, Has Led Me To One Inescapable Conclusion.

America Is Investing In Green Technologies At An Unprecedented Rate.

Aside From The Billions Already Set Aside In The White House Stimulus Plan, Some Of Which Has Made Its Way To Lee County Thanks To The Great Efforts Of Staff And Leadership Here.

Aside From Those Billions, You Also See The Private Sector Names -- Warren Buffett, T. Boone Pickens, Richard Branson -- Investing In This Green Marketplace, This Burgeoning Green Marketplace.

One Silicone Valley Billionaire Investor Recently Said Going Green Is Bigger Than The Internet.

It Could Be The Biggest Economic Opportunity Of The 21st Century.

Now, I Believe, As Other Speakers Have Said Here Today, That Algenol Represents Lee County's Best Opportunity To Participate In That Economy, Participate In It Right Away, Participate In A Big Way, And I See Providing The Requested Incentive As A Win-Win-Win Scenario All The Way Down The Board.

It's A Win For Our Economy, As We've All Heard In Terms Of Jobs, Higher Incomes, The Very Real Ability Of Algenol To Attract Like-Minded Firms.

It's A Big Win For The Education System And Tourism And Housing.

Imagine, If You Will, Those Doll And Lynndie Scientists Coming To Fort Myers To Have Meetings And To Meet With Algenol And Have Other Meetings At Inland Hotels And Beach Hotels.

Imagine Them, Like So Many Other Sea Level Executives Buying Second Homes Here And Retiring Here.

It's Also A Win For Energy Independence, As Other People Have Spoken About.

Energy Independence For American.

Let's Stop Spending Our Money With People That Want To Destroy Us.

To Think We Get This For \$10 Million.

I Know That's A Lot Of Money.

I Personally Believe We Will Get That Money Back And More Just From The Great National And International Media Publicity That Will Be Generated As The Fact That Fort Myers Has Become The Home Of One Of The Leading Innovative Biofuel Industries In America.

I Really Do Believe That The Public Relations Value Of This Alone Is Tremendous.

\$10 Million Is A Lot Of Money, But I Remember Growing Up In North Carolina, The Leaders There Had The Decisions, The Tough Decisions, To Make About Diversifying The Economy Away From Textile Furniture And Tobacco, And Tough Decisions Were Made.

Money Was Invested.

Today They Kail Call That The Research Triangle Park.

It's The Largest Research Park In America, One Of The Highest Concentrations Of High-Tech Workers In America, And I Would Love To See That Happen In Lee County.

Thank You For Your Time.

Thank You, Ken.

Jerry Moore Will Be Followed By Dr. Ronald.

Good Morning, Jerry.

Good Morning.

Comm. Hall: Nice To See You.

I'm Jerry Moore.

I Think Most Of You Know Me.

Takes A Lot To Bring Me Out After Being Out As A Candidate Three Times In 1992 For Your Positions.

I Wasn't Successful, But I Had Fun And Wasted Some Of My Money.

A Lot Of My Money.

Not Anybody Else's Money, Because I Used My Own Money.

I Have Done A Lot Of Thought About This, But It's Just Been In The Past Few Days Because I Had Not Been Too Much Aware Of This, But If You Will Look Back Years Ago, It Seems Like, A.P.C. Corporation Was A Big Discussion.

We Spent Many Hours In Here Discussing A.P.C.

In Case You Don't Know What That Is, It's American Power Corporation.

American Power Corporation Is A Big Produce A Lot Of Things As Far As With Computers, Battery Systems, And There's No Doubt About It, It's Successful.

I Feel Like This Product Could Very Much Likely Be Successful, But My Information That I Found Out About A.P.C. -- And I Say My, Because I Was The Only One That Mentioned It Here, And Afterwards I Was Caught By The Media And Wanted To Know More Information, And Find Out There Was Insider Trading.

It Was In "The News Press" Several Months Prior To That.

Anyway, What Goes Is Sometimes Things Have To Be Brought Out.

Thank Goodness We Saved Taxpayers Some Money, And I Think It Was A Great Decision That They Finally Pulled Out Because We Didn't Have To Vote Because They Didn't Like The Bad Media.

I Think It Is Ridiculous To Waste Taxpayers Money Of \$10 Million.

Algenol Apparently Has Unlimited Contacts With Very Large Sums Of Money Available To Them, But They're Trying To Seek \$10 Million From Lee County For Assistance.

First Of All, How Much Algenol Have They Produced So Far?

Does Anybody Know?

Maybe 100 Gallons.

Might Run My Car For A Few Days.

A Few Weeks, Actually.

I Don't Drive That Much Anymore.

That's A Good Question.

You Know, They're Not The Only Company With The Idea Of This Process.

All Have You To Do Is Get Some Information On That.

For An Example, There's A Company In Japan.

I'm Sure They're Familiar With It.

Origin Oil.

Japan Partnered To Produce Jet Fuel From Algae.

Origin Oil Produces The Technology And Resources For Algenol Fuel Production.

They Had A Test Flight One Year Ago, And Using Biofuels, And It Was More Efficient Than Kerosene.

I've Always Said, You Know, When You Have -- You Can Give Away A Cow, But Don't Give Away The Whole Farm, And We'll Be Successful, And I Think The Money Is Better Spent In Other Means.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Jerry.

It's Nice To See You Again.

Dr. -- Followed By Jack Neeker.

Good Morning, Dr. Toll.

Good Morning, Madam Chair, And Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak.

My Name Is Dr. Ron Toll.

I'm Co-Host And Vice President For Academic Affairs On Florida Gulf Coast University.

I Speak In Favor And Support For Algenol.

I Speakas Someone -- The Science And The Technology Supporting Algenol Is Sound, And It Has Huge Transforming Potential To Protect Our Environment, Drive Economic Development, And Drive Education Here In Lee County.

As Far As The Gulf Coast University Serves As An Engine Of Education, An Engine Of Economic Development, And An Engine Of Change To Improve The Conditions Locally, Regionally, State-Wide, Nationally, And Internationally.

We Have Demonstrated Leadership In Curriculum Related To Environmental Matters, Green Building Design, And Public-Private Partnerships To Leverage Public Funds For The Public Good.

The Algenol Plant Headquarters Relocation Here To Lee County Will Serve To Do A Variety Of Things, Including Create Attractive Educational Opportunities, Attract And Retain Exceptional Additional Teachers And Scholars To Our Faculty, And Demonstrate The To Students And To Our Citizens That Lee County Strategic Vision Is To Contribute To Environmental Sustainability And Investing In Economic Development In Transformative Technologies.

There's An Enormous Opportunity That Will Go Somewhere In The United States Fp It Does Not Come Here To Lee County.

I Urge The Commissioners To Support The Transition Of Algenol To Lee County.

In Terms Of Educational Programs That Will Be Immediately And Directly Supported On The Campus Of Fgcu And At The Facility That Algenol Will Bring Here.

Our Undergraduate Degrees In Biotechnology, Chemistry, Bioengineering, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Studies, Marine Science, Secondary Education As Well As Graduate Degrees And Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, And Public Administration With The Concentration In Environmental Policy.

This Is Just The Start.

Thank You For Supporting Algenol.

Comm. Hall: Next Is Jack Meeker Followed By Amy Davies.

Good Morning, Jack.

Good Morning.

For The Record, Jack Meeshg From Estero.

I Do Support Algenol Project, And I Congratulate This Commission For Putting Aside \$25 Million For Economic Development.

What Better Place Than Lee County To House Two Of Our Great Pioneers, Thomas Edison, And Henry Ford.

Two Great Innovators, Scientists, Entrepreneurs Who Chose Lee County To Spend Their Winters.

I Think It's Only Fitting That We Welcome This Project, And I Firmly Believe That This Will Be A Catalyst To Bring Other Research And Development Companies Into Lee County.

This Is Just The Beginning, And I Urge Your Support And Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Jack.

Amy Davies.

Good Morning, Amy.

Followed By Dr. Joe Shepherd.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

For The Record, Amy Davies.

I Come Here Today To Speak In Support Of The Algenol Plant.

I Would Like To, First Of All, Commend You For Taking The Lead And Reducing Your Carbon Emissions.

If You Remember, You Just Received A \$3 Million Grant To Implement Eight Projects That Will Reduce Your Carbon Footprint, Including The New Biodiesel Plant.

We've Applied For A \$35 Million Grant To The Department Of Energy For A Solar Hot Water Heater Initiative.

The Fgcu I-Hub That You Will Hear About Later Today, And This Algenol Plant.

When I Was A Member Of The News Press Editorial Board A Few Months Ago We Were Tasked With Coming Up With Ideas To Jump-Start The Economy.

Just Eight Months Ago We Encouraged You, This Commission, To Concentrate On Higher Education, High-Tech Employment, And Reducing Dependence On Tourism And The Construction Industry.

This Algenol Plant Supports These Objectives.

I Urge You To Support This Project And Continue You To Read Southwest Florida And Reduce Our Green House Gas Emissions.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Amy.

Good Morning, Dr. Shepherd.

Next Will Be Followed By John Bart.

For The Record Jerry Shepherd, Vice President For Administrative Services In Finance.

I Want To Again For Gulf Coast Florida University.

I Want To Begin By Saying It Would Be My Ideal To Travel 30 Miles From My Home And My Neighbor's Home Using Ethanol.

It Would Be My Ideal To Use Our Metro Rail System And Have That Use In Biofuel.

I Think Those Are Great Ideas, But Equally As Important Is One Of Policy.

We Have \$25 Million In A Fund.

We're Asking For Algenol Asking Like \$10 Million Of It.

That Might Seem Like A Lot Of Money To Some People.

The Question Is Bigger Than That.

About 30 Years Ago In New York They Elected So Start Nanotechnology, And Today It's Over A \$3 Billion Industry.

Raleigh Durham Asked The Same Question In North Carolina.

That's A Billion Dollar Business.

The Question Before You Is A Larger One Than \$10 Million.

The Question Before You Is Where Do You Want Lee County To Be In The Next 30 Years?
What Kind Of Industry Do You Want It To Support?

We At The University, Of Course, Are Very Committed To Environmental Sustainability.

We Support Algenol For All The Reasons That The Provost And Others Have Mentioned.

We Want To Challenge The Commission To Look At What We're Doing In Terms Of For Lee County.

15 Years Ago You Selected Fgcu To Pursue Us As A Viable Option For The Economic Development Of This Region.

Today In Many Ways You're Asking The Same Question.

You Are Pursuing What To Do In Terms Of Research Development In This Area.

Whether It's Algenol Or The Research Loop, Whether It's Freeman Or Other Areas From Daniels And So Forth, Creating Sustainable Energy Opportunities In Research, I Think, Are Viable Solutions For Our County.

We Must Move Beyond A Colour Brochure And A Branding Tag And Start To Implement Action, And I Think Today Is Your Opportunity To Do That.

The Price Tag, \$10 Million.

The Return On Investment, Billions.

Thank You Very Much.

Comm. Hall: Good Morning.

John Bart.

You Have Two Cards.

You Know We're Deferring This Now, But You're Still Welcome To Speak On That, And Also On Algenol.

You Will Be Followed By Ron Inge.

Good Morning, Mr. Bart.

Thank You, Commissioners.

You've Heard A Lot Of Smoke This Morning.

It's All Been Pretty -- Very Inform Ti.

I Have Been Somewhat Involved In That Technology Of Trying To Grow Things, And I Have Been Out To Look At The Trough That Is Being Used As The First Operation Out There Behind Lee County Co-Op.

It's An Interesting Process.

It's A Very Slow Process, And They're Doing A Lot Of Learning In That Process.

I Think It's Important For People To Really See The Yield Right On Some Of These Things, And You Haven't Heard Too Much About The Growth Rate, So Forth.

I Do Feel That It's A Right Approach To Be Taken On Plan Management.

I've Always Been Rather Outspoken About Using Large Farm Areas To Create Fuel.

It's Difficult To Imagine How Much Oil You Can Get Out Of Eight Inches Of Dirt.

I Am Very Much In Support Of This Activity At This Point.

Comm. Hall: Thank You.

Do You Want To Speak On The Spread, Or Do You Want To Wait?
Yeah.

I Would Rather Get It Over With.

Comm. Hall: That's Fine.

You're Welcome To.

I Have Been Attending Most Of The Spreader Canal Meetings, And I Feel That Cape Coral Is

Being Painted As A Bad Group Of People.

We Have A Tremendously Large City That Has From Its Very Beginning A Soil Drainage System To Control Storm Water.

I Call It Surface Water Management, And It's Finally Beginning To Soak Into The Council That That's What We Have.

We Have A Huge Bridging Program.

It's -- It All Provides Clean Water To Go To The Spreader Canal, And I Was Impressed With The Facilitators And Their Effort To Demonstrate Where Water Comes From And Where Water Goes In The Spreader Canal.

It Was Amazing To Find Out That Only A Mile And A Half Of Water Actually Moves Through That Area.

Everything Else For Years Has Gone Other Places.

I Have Never Seen Water Go Over That Area.

I Have Walked Out In The End Of The One That Was Described When There Wasn't Any Trickle Of Water Going Around It, And I've Seen It Develop Into A Total Mess That We Have Now.

Can You Fix It With Another Feeder?

I Can't Find A Place That I Would Put Another One That Would Do Anything To Assist Mother Nature In Performing Her Duties.

We've Studied The Activity Of The Water Flows Coming Into The Gator Slew.

The County Is Now Contributing A Substantial Amount Of Water Into Gator Slew With All Of Their Duties At The Other Side Of 41.

The City Itself Has Cleaned Up So Much And Done So Much On Cleaning Up The System And Making It Functional Now.

We've Spent Millions Of Dollars Every Year On Surface Water Management.

I Don't Know How Much More We Can Be Asked To Do.

Putting Huge Ponds And So Forth In The City For More Retention In My Opinion Is Absurd.

It Just Doesn't Make Sense.

We Have Huge Ponds In Our Canal System That Will Do All Of These Things, So -- And We're Struggling On Trying To Come Up With Financing And So Forth To Improve Our Water System, And I Just Don't Feel That We're Being Given The Credit Of The Ingenuity That Has Been Provided Through These Meetings.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: Rob Inge Will Be Followed By Pete.

Good Morning.

My Name Is Ron Inge.

I'm Here To Speak On Administrative Item 1-A, Which Is The Consideration Of The First Ward For The Algenol Biofuels Operation.

I Would Like To Point Out That Even Though I'm Oftentimes Associated With My Development, On The Horizon Council, I'm Not Here Speaking On Behalf Of The Council.

I'm Speaking Here Individually.

You'll Recall That When The Proposal Was Brought Forth For You Guys To Consider Back In 2008 For The Establishment Of Incentive Fund To Be Used To Encourage Businesses To Relocate To Lee County, It Had A Variety Of Factors That We Wanted To Consider.

Certainly The Addition Of High Wage Employment And Employment Opportunities Was A Crucial Factor, And Given Our Economy, That's A Very Important Issue.

Then It Also Included Things Such As The Ability To Generate Spin-Offs, Subsidiaries Or Draw In Other Related Businesses As Well To Become, As Other Speakers Have Said Today, A Catalyst To Try To Encourage The Diversification Of Our Economy.

Those Are Key Points To Consider.

All That Has To Be Put On The Plate, And All Has To Be Addressed As You Review The Possible Is To Algenol Today.

I Will Say That As You Go Through Those Deliberations, When The Incentive Program Is Structured, There Are Oftentimes Hurdles And Standards That Have To Be Met To Allow That To Occur.

I Want To Make Sure That Everyone Knows That You Want To Make Sure As A Policy Decision That The Items That The Company Brings Forth, The Opportunities That It Brings Searches To Achieve The Items That Program Has.

You Have To Evaluate In Total To Insure That Occurs From A Variety Of Reasons -- Or For A Variety Of Circumstances.

The Employment Opportunities Plus The Catalyst Opportunities, The Subsidiary Related Businesses And The Ability To Go Out And Draw Others In The Area.

What We Really Want Is For Folks To Become Key Marketing People To Draw People In.

I Would Encourage You To Consider All Aspects As You Review This.

Some May Ask, Well, Why Does The Horizon Council Take A Position On This Particular Issue, And I Want To Address That.

Speaking Individually And Not On Behalf Of The Council.

Recall That The Council Is An Advisory Board To You On Business-Related Issues.

It's Not Designed To Take A Specific Position On A Specific Issue.

I Can't Tell You In All The Years That I Have Been Involved With The Horizon Council How Many Times Someone Has Come Forth With What Looks Like A Great Proposal For A Development Project Here Or Zoning Project There And Asked The Council To Be Involved.

We've Always Resisted That Because We Can't Become An Advocate For Any One Particular Issue, But We Can Become An Advocate For Economic Development, Growth, And Advisory On Policy Type Issues, And That's What The Council Did When It Brought Forth The Incentive Program For Your Consideration.

It's Going To Be Up To You.

That's The Way It Was Designed.

The Council Does Add More Those Funds.

The Horizon Council Is Not In Control Of Those.

You Are.

You Have To Evaluate The Opportunity.

You Have To Evaluate The Viability.

You Have To Evaluate What The Opportunity Brings To Lee County And Make That Decision From A Policy Standpoint.

I Want To Make Sure That You Understood Why The Council, At Least In My Opinion, Should Not Take A Specific Position On Any Particular Award.

That Back In July Of 2008 Was A Question Asked By This Board When That Was Brought Forth.

Hey, Is The Horizon Council Going To Administer This, Are They Pushing This Issue Or That Issue?

The Answer Is Clearly No, And That's The Case Here.

We Want To Make Sure That The Horizon, I Would Think, Wants To Make Sure That You Adhere To And Look At The Policies Involved And The Program Involved And Give Due

Consideration To Although Opportunities That It Brings Forward.

Again, I Want To State That That's Why I Believe That The Horizon Council Cannot Take A Specific Position On That Particular Issue.

Thank You Very Much.

Comm. Hall: Pete Klausan.

Followed By Kevin Taylor.

Madam Chair, Members Of Lee County.

On Behalf Of The Audubon And On Many Of-- Behalf Of Myself.

It Hasn't Been Said By Me, So Here We Go.

I Feel Like I'm Batting Clean-Up, And I Can't Think Of Any Opportunity For Public Comment That May Have A More Profound Impact On The Future Of Our Community.

China Spent Over \$400 Billion In The Last Year On Energy Research.

Those At The World Economic Forum, The Topic Was Clean Energy.

I'm Very Happy Paul Woods Was Here In Lee County And Not Where He Would Be Courted To Move His Facilities There.

As Lindsey Gram Says, Every Day That We Delay, China Uses To Dominate Our New Green Economy.

In The Energy Section Alone, We Are Talking About The Potential For 20 Million Jobs By 2030.

Trillions Of Dollars Of Revenue.

The Florida Supreme Court Will Soon Hear The Challenge To The Half A Billion Dollar U.S. Sugar Purchase.

Much Of Which Is Designed Clean Up The Water For Our Everglades.

Only Last Week Did We Hear That The Water Management District Has Finally Come Up With Technologies And Hybrid Stas That Allow Us To Get To The Legal Requirements For Moving Water Into The Everglades.

That Means That Water Does Not Have To Be Dumped Down The Caloosahatchee.

What Does This Have To Do With Algenol?
I Say Everything.

It Is Not A Question Of Whether Or Not There Will Be A Research And Development Of Algae To Produce Transportation Fuels Or Chemical Building Blocks For Our Industry Or Even Clean, Fresh Water From Our Polluted Water Sources, But Where That Research And Development Will Be Done, And Which Companies Will Benefit First From Having That Research And, Later, From Its Applications.

Wherever That Research Is Done, The Communities In The Nearby Will Benefit From Having These Bright Minds In Our Community.

Everyone Is Wondering What The Next Green Crop For Florida Might Be.

I Suggest It May Not Be Green.

It Might Be The Colour Of Red Drift Algae Or Red Tide Or Bleed Green Algae That Is Pole Outing Our Communities.

Everyone Knows Firsthand What Happens If You Turn Off Your Pool Filter For A Few Days.

The Promise Of Algenol Is To Be The Engineer On A Train That Has Virtually An Unlimited Number Of Cars.

Its Successful Technologies Are Being Developed And Applied And Could Provide An Alternate To Off Shore Oil Drilling.

It Could Provide The Proceeds That Goes Into The Empty Container Cars Going Back To China If We Ever Get An Inland Port.

It Could Provide The Technology To Do The Storm Water Clean-Up That We Have To Make Our Quality Of Life.

We Need To Have These People Here.

\$10 Million Is A Lot Of Money To Invest In A Relatively Few Numbers Of Jobs.

I Can Draw All Kinds Of Analogies.

We All Know About Baseball.

First You Hire Some Good Pitchers And Some Batters.

Then You Put Together The Rest Of The Team, And We All Know What A Successful Franchise Can Mean To A Community.

Maybe The Easiest Parallel Is The University.

Someone Had To Have The Vision Before We Built The Buildings And Hired The Professors And We All Know What A Tremendous Contribution To The Community Fgcu Has Been.

I Urge You To Think Big And Have A New Clean Energy Vision For Southwest Florida And

Invest In Bringing To Lee County Those Brilliant Minds That Can Turn Pond Scum To Gold And To Tax Revenues And Better Clean Up The Polluted Waters Of Our Community.

Thank You Very Much.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Steve.

Would Kevin Come Up.

This Is Our Last Card.

We'll Ask If There's Anyone Else That Wants To Speak After Kevin.

Kevin.

Good Morning, Madam Chairman And Commissioners.

Thank You So Much For Having Us Today.

I Speak To You This Morning As The Vice President Of Business Development From The Maddan Research Loop And The Co-Chair Of Chamber Of Bio-Florida.

We've Been Working Hard To Create The Vision Of This Research Having The Technology And The Companies Coming In That Will Make Us All Proud For The Future.

I'll Have To Reiterate, The Other Night That Paul Woods Spoke At, One Of The Main Problems I Have Been Talking With Ceos Looking To Come In To This Area, Recruiting Ph.D.S, Retaining Ph.D.S Into This Area, And The More We Build Those Level Of Employees In This Area, The Easier, I Believe, That It Will Be To Recruit Those Type Of Companies.

As I Looked At The Bio-Florida Statistics From The Scripps Institute, Burnham Institute, Torrey Pines, All These Have Taken Hundreds Of Millions To Move Those Into The Region Of The State.

As They Built Their Institutions, Those Relationships Of The Ph.D.S And The Chief Scientific Officers And The Ceos And Coos Are The Ones That Can Get It Done, Can Make This Happen Of The Science.

Paul Woods At Our Meeting Was The Ceo That Said We Can Recruit And Retain That Level Of Staff Here.

And We Will.

I Believe In Him Then And Now, And I Do Believe That It's Not Just About The Clean Tech, But Even The Bio-Tech.

Companies Around That, I'll Say Science, Compare Notes, And It's Very Important That You're Not Only Helping To Create Ethanol And People Think Ethanol Is Only Energy, But Ethanol Has Other Scientific Ramifications That Are Very Positive For All Companies In That

Scientific World Coming In Here.

You've Laid Out A Wonderful Foundation For The Future Of Land With The University, With The Potential.

Now We Have To Jump-Start It.

You Have Done Wonderful With Other Companies Here, But I Think This One Will Help Spark A New Beginning.

It Is About The Relationships.

It Is About The Vision.

Actually, The Most Blessed Thing I See Here Is Our History.

We Were Blessed To Have The History Right Here And Now It's Our Opportunity To Take That History Of Thomas Edison And Really Put It To Work For Us In The Future.

Wouldn't It Be Nice If The President Of The United States Would Return Here And Say, Wow, Look At What This Community Has Done?
It Has Turned Green.

It Has Cleaned Water.

It Has Taken The Carbon Footprint And Created Jobs And Built A Vision That Our Country Can Be Proud Of.

Thank You Very Much.

Comm. Hall: Thank You.

That Is The Last Card I Have.

Is Anyone Else From The Audience Wishing To Come Into The Board And Items On The Consent Or Administrative Agenda?
Ok.

Seeing None, We'll Post Other Comments.

We'll Go Back To Our Regular Agenda Now, Which Is We Patiently Have Been Waiting For A Very Special Resolution This Morning.

Commissioner Judah Will Have The Honor To Speak On Behalf Of Our Board.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

Any One Of The Board Members Could Have Read This Resolution.

Are You All Good Friends, And We Certainly Hold In High Esteem The Individual That We're About To Honor This Morning.

Wayne, If Would You Please Step Forward.

I Believe Marty, Your Lovely Wife, Is Here Today, And Marty, It Would Be Great To Have You Accompany Glen.

Comm. Hall: Before You Start -- I Haven't Front Of About You.

You're Next.

Chairman Judah: This Is A Tough One.

You Have Been Such A Force In The Region For So Many Years And Such A Positive Way, And I'm Going To Get To The Resolution In Just A Second, But, My Gosh, I Don't Know Of Any Individual Who Hasn't Crossed Paths With You, Has Not Been Impressed With Your Intellect, Your Demeanour, Your Incredible Passion, Commitment To Helping To Improve The Lives For Everybody.

As I Said, Throughout The Region.

In Fact, Throughout The State.

I Know A Good Secretary Of The Department Of Community Affairs Was A Close Friend Of Yours And Certainly Holds You In The Highest Esteem, As All Your Colleagues Do.

What's Tough Today Is I Know And I'm Hopeful That This Is Not Recognizing Your Accomplishments And Bidding You Farewell To Another Chapter In Your Life.

You Have Been The Catalyst On So Many Issues From Complete Streets To The Coastal Regional Water Land Trust To The Grassroots Effort Of Conservation In 2020 To The Hurricane Preparedness.

It Runs The Entire Gambit Of Government Service And, Above All, Doing It With The Utmost Integrity.

Having Said That, You Are Like The Energizer Bunny On Steroids, And I Hope That You Will Certainly Continue To Stay Involved.

Not Only In The O.P. Which You Served On, But In So Many Other Areas And Challenges That We Continue To Delve Into To Overall Enhance Our Community.

It Is With A Great Privilege To Read This Resolution.

Since 2002 Wayne Has Served As Lee County Smart Growth Director.

Prior To This He Spent 27 Years With The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Including 20 Years As Its Executive Director.

Throughout His Career Which Has Been A Driving Force Behind And Advocate For Hurricane Preparedness, Water Policy, Everglades Restoration, Energy Conservation, Protection, Including The Estuary Program And Land Conservation Program, And Including Conservation In 2020 And The Preservation Of Cut Ranch.

He Is A Fellow Of The American Institute Of Certified Planner.

His Induction Went As Followed.

Wayne's Contribution To Hurricane Preparedness, Everglades Restoration, And Harbour Protection Have Positively Impacted Local And National Programs.

He Founded The Florida Chapter Of Annual Old China Hands Reception, Which Is Dedicated To The New Planners, Our Departed Friends, And Us.

Wayne Believes That A Level Playing Field Is Necessary To Make The Commitment To Manage The Future.

Not Just Today.

Wayne's Other Recognitions Are Too Numerous To Include Here, But Include The Florida Chapter Of The American Planning Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, The Florida Planning And Zoning Association's 2002 George W. Simons Jr. Memorial Award, The Local Government Awards From The Florida Shore And Beach Preservation Association, And Being Named By The Fort Myers News Press As One Of The 125 Most Influential People In Southwest Florida History.

Which Stated, For Almost Four Decades Wayne Has Showed Southwest Florida's Evolution.

A Pragmatic Environmentalist.

He Is Known For Big Picture Thinking, As Well As Spectacular Conversation On Philosophy, History, Politics, Literature, Geography, And Human Nature.

In February Of 2002 Wayne Was Tapped To Lead The County's Newly Created Smart Department And Shepherd The Smart Growth Advisory Committee To Make Recommendations To Help Balance Quality Of Life, The Economy, And Our Environment Heading Into The Future.

The Rest Is History.

Whereas, Wayne With Good Humor Served Southwest Florida And Its Citizens, Past, Present, And Future.

Wayne Will Be Retiring.

You Will Continue To Be A Driving Force In Sound Plan And Growth Management And Make Important Contributions To His Communities Through The Many Groups And Organizations

To Which He Belongs.

Now, It Be Resolved The Lee County Smart Growth Advisory Committee Hereby Convey Our Grateful Appreciation To Wayne For His Hard Work, Outstanding Svgs, And Contributions To Lee County, And Thank Wayne For His Commitment To The Liveability Of Our Community.

The 2nd Day Of February, 2010, And As Chairwoman Of The County Commissioners Sign The Resolution.

Thank You For Sharing Wayne Daltry With Our Community And For Your Own Accomplishments.

Thank You.

[Applause]
One, Two, Three.

One More.

We've Got A Couple More People.

If You Could There.

Thank You.

Compensate All Of Our Conversation This Morning.

Great.

Thank You.

Wayne, We Would Love To Hear From You.

Senators Make Alternatives.

Just A Few Words.

First, I Just Want To Prove I Can Answer The Questions That Have Puzzled All Of You.

Yes, I Have A Shirt I Can Button.

For This Honored Occasion, I Sure Do.

I Really Just Want To Thank People.

First I Want To Thank My Long Suffering Spouse, Marty, Who Promised Me She Has A Honesty Do List That Will Make Me Regret The Aging Process.

Second I Would Like To Thank The Smart Growth Committee.

When I Was First Agreed To Serve, I Was Told That This Committee Was Made Up Of 15 Of The, Well, Words You Can't Say On Public Access Tv, And I Looked At The List, And I Said, But They're All My Friends.

So It Was.

As Time Went On, Each One Was Appointed And Yet Came Another Friend.

For That I Thank You.

I Thank Them, Because For Me It Always Was An Honor, Not A Duty, But An Honor To Bring The Recommendations Forward To You And It Was A Real Honor To See The Greatest Part Of Them Actually Executed, Carried Out As Either Policy Or Actions.

I Commend Them To You And Whichever One Of You Is Lucky Enough To Continue To Be The Liaison With Them.

Second, I Would Like To State My Appreciation For All The People With Whom I Worked, All 2,4 Had Been Of Them, Plus Or Minus.

They Are The Finest Degree Of Professionalism That You Could Ever Hope To Have.

Hurricane Charlie Was Our Proudest Moment.

Not Because Of The Damage, But Because Of The Way They Pitched In.

They Demonstrated As People.

They Do Not Come Into A Shift In This 24-7 Operation That You Run Thinking That Their Goal Is To Get To The End Of A Shift, But To Make Tomorrow A Better Day Than Today And To Make 2020 And 2050 Better Than They Would Be Without This Commitment.

Folks, 2050 May Seem Like A Long Way Off, But There Are Kids In School Today That Will Be Sitting As Middle-Aged Persons Where You Are Sitting Today.

No Matter How Many Times You Get Re-Elected.

Third, Would I Like To Thank You, All Five Of You, For This Opportunity To Serve.

You Are -- You've Heard Me Say It Before.

You Are The Soul Of The County.

This Is Where -- While The Federal Government Continues To Disintegrate In Its Bickering, While The State Government Continues To Have Dreams, You Really Work With Visions, And Visions To Which You Commit.

When There Is Strife, The Community Suffers, But When You Strive, The Community Prospers, And As Your Agenda Shows, You Are Continually Strive It Make In A Better Community.

Sometimes When You Sit There, You Think, Well, I Ran To Get Elected To Serve A Spot, And It Looks Like I Have Been Sentenced To Four Years Rather Than Service, But It Is A Service, And You Personify The True Meaning Of The Phrase "Of The People, By The People, And For The People."
Finally, I Like To Thank The Thousands Of People, If I Could Wish Finally.

Thousands Of People With Whom I've Come In Contact In Doing This Job At The Smart Growth Guy.

I Would Like To Thank Booth And Lee.

It's A Program That Pays Unmeasurable Dividends, But Each Of These People Helped Me Understand That They Know Good Government Is Not An Entitlement.

It Requires Work By All Of Us.

All Of Us In The County.

It Requires Investment, Ask Sometimes It Requires Sacrifice.

It Is A Sacrifice That Spurs Us On.

There Is A Stone Out Front That Means Most Of Those In Lee County Who Made The Ultimate Sacrifice.

They Also Serve To Represent Those Who Went And Came Back Having Lost Only Their Youth.

There Are Probably Only 19 When They Left, And Not One Left For A Millage Rate Or A Budget Or A Bottom Line.

They Left Because Someone Needed To Sacrifice Their Home, Their Family, And Their Community And Their Country.

So Those Have An Obligation To Keep This A Home So That When They Come Back, They Need To Come Back To A Home.

They Have One To Which It Is Worthwhile Returning.

That Is, In Fact, What You Charge Me To Do As Smart Group Director, And That's What I Tried To Do For Seven And A Half Years, And I Recommit As A Senior Citizen Activist, One Of Those Darn Senior Citizen Activist, For Which I Have A Uniform, Flip-Flops And Mismatching Socks, That I Will Make The Time For That Commitment.

So In Final Word, I Recently Received From A Friend, Thank You, Stephanie, The Original

Reporting Of Thanks For The Memories And To Hear That Particular Recording, You Know What Became The Song Of The World War II Generation, I Close With This.

Thanks For The Memories.

Thank You So Much.

[Applause]
Madam Chair.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

I Hope I'll See You All On Thursday.

With That, We Are Going To Go Back To Our Deferred Agenda, And We Do Now Have The Opportunity To Hear From The Southwest Florida Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District Lower West Coast Water Supply And Update.

Thank You For Your Patience.

Hey, That's A Tough Act To Follow.

Our Process, Too, Has Benefitted From The Wisdom And Input From Wayne.

He Has Touched A Lot Of Things Over Here.

My Name Is Mark.

I'm The Division Director Of The Water Supply Development Division In The South Florida Water Management District.

I'm Here Today To Give You A Briefing On Our Process To Update The Lower West Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, And Then I Appreciate The Time Allocated To Us.

We've Been Planning In This Region For Over A Decade And A Half, The First Water Supply Plant Was Completed In 1994, Believe It Or Not.

Lee County Has Been Actively Participating In Our Previous Process In Doing So And The One We Have Ongoing.

Especially Doug Mir, Lee, Tom, And Your Planning Department Staff.

We Really Appreciate That Partnership In Addressing Your Future Water Needs.

Today I'll Talk About What A Water Supply Plan Is, Activity For Public Participation, And Why Is This Plan Important To You As A Local Government.

The Importance Of Local Government, Water Conservation, And Then This Schedule For Our Plan Development.

First Our Water Supply Planning Has Been Leaked Informally To Several Different Aspects, Including Water Use Regulation, Alternative Water Supply, Local Comprehensive Plan, And Natural Systems.

A Couple Years Ago Legislation Passed And Formalized This Link Between Water Supply Planning And Your Local Comprehensive Plans.

The Department Of Community Affairs When Reviewing Your Comprehensive Plan Takes A Strong Position On Water Supply And Natural Resource Protection, Which I'll Get Into A Little Later.

What Is The Water Supply Plan?

We're Developing -- We Divide Our District Into Four Regional Areas, And We Have Plans To Develop For Each Of Those.

We're In The Process Of Updating The Lower West Coast And Upper East Coast, And Following Completion Of These, We Len Gauge In The Kissimmee Basin Of The Lower East Coast.

Simply Speaking, A Water Supply Plan Is A Look Towards Water Supply.

We Know That There's Going To Be Every Increased Need For Water Over Time.

Let's Start Now Planning To Meet That Need, Developing Strategies And Water Source Options And Meet That Need While Also Meeting The Needs Of Our Natural Resources.

The Plan Must Require -- Is Required To Identify Sufficient Sources Of Water To Meet The Projected Needs And Must Be Based On A 20-Year Lanning Horizon.

For This Update Our Horizon Is 2005 To 2030.

The Plants Must Be Updated Every Five Years, And I Think The Last Three Years Are Evident Of Why That Requirement Is There, To Make Sure They're Current And Based On Current Experience And Knowledge.

An Important Thing In The Water Supply Plans Is It's Not A Master Permanent And Authorization To Use Water.

There's Another Level Of Analysis That's Necessary, But This Creates The Framework For Which Future Water Decisions Will Be Made.

A Preliminary Work Indicates That The Population Is Going To Increase In This Region To By About 72% Through 2030 To About 1.5 Million People.

We're Still Working With Local Planning Departments And Utilities And Refining That Number.

The Last Plan Completed In This Region Was In 2006.

The Conclusion Of That Effort Was That The Region Can't Be Met With Appropriate Management And Diversification Of Water Supply Sources Through 2025.

We Want To Put Emphasis On Conservation, Use Of -- Increased Use Of The -- As Well As Increased Use Leave Claimed Water.

The County Has Taken The Leadership Role.

82% Of Your Waste Water Is Being Used For A Beneficial Purpose, And In All Intents And Purposes, That's 100% Reuse.

That's Tremendous.

You Diversified Your Supplied Source At 25% Of Your Water Treatment Capacity.

Now It Comes From Reverse Os Moses.

Have You Developed Asr Wells With A Planned Portable Water Storage, And You Have Taken The Leadership Role In Conservation.

You Were The First County In Our District To Adopt A Two Day A Week -- Two Day Ae Week Landscape Conservation In 2005.

A Tremendous Effort And We Recognize That.

We're Also Working With You In Development Of The County's Integrated Water Resources Master Plan That Was Really Important In Looking At Future Water Supply.

We Have Been Happy To Partner With You, Our Funding Over 10 Alternative Water Supply Projects To The Tune Of Over \$4.5 Million.

Public Participation Is Invaluable For The Water Process.

We Have Several Different Venues To Get That Input.

Our Primary Means Is Through Public Meetings Or Stakeholder Meetings Through The District's Water Resources Advisory Commission.

Those Are Meetings That Are Held About Every Other Month Locally Moving Between Collier County And Lee County.

We're Also Having Presentations To Local Governments Like The One Today, And We'll Also Be Meeting With The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council As We Move Forward.

Why Is Our Local Involvement Important?

It's Really Critical That This Plan Reflects The Issues And Concerns Of The People And Local Governments In The Area.

You Know, We Need To Have Accurate Population Projections And Demand Projects Thatwe Can Move Forward With.

Your Input, Your Utility Staff As Well As Your Planning Staff Is Critical To Make Sure That This Plan Does Reflect The Local Issues And Concerns, And You As A Local Government Are Going To Have To Identify Sufficient Projects To Meet Your Future Water Needs And I'll Goat That Linkage In A Minute.

Why Is This Important To You?

Your Input Will Be Used In Development Of This Plan, Which Creates A Framework Over The Next 20 Years In The Way Of Water Supply, Water Demand, And How We're Going To Meet Those, But, Also, If You Remember The Water Resource Management Puzzle At The Beginning, I Mentioned That A Stronger Linkage Between Your Plan And Your Planning And Our Planning And It's Required That Within 18 Months After Approval The Regional Water Supply Plan, You Have To Update Your 10-Year Facility's Work Plan Containing Your Comprehensive Plan And Identify Projects Over The Next 10 Years On How You're Going To Meet Your Demand, And These Water Supply Plans Will Be Used In Evaluation Of Your Comprehensive Plan.

Conservation Is A Good Part Of Our Future.

In The Last Three Years It Really Shows Us That Our Water Resources Are Not Infinite And That We Need To Use Them Effectively And Efficiently.

The Water Management District Developed And Approved A Comprehensive Water Conservation Program In 2008 And Commissioner Hall Participated In The Stakeholder Group And Developed This, And What This Does Is Lay Out A Program To Try To -- To Create A Conservation Effort, Not Just In Droughts But Year-Round.

Almost Like Recycling That We're Using Water Effectively And Efficiently Day In And Day Out.

You Know, This Reduces The Impact On The Water Resources.

It Reduces The Waste Water That Has To Be Treated And Disposed, And It Also Reduces The Impact Of Drought.

For Conservation, The Cheapest Gallon Of Water Is A Gallon We Don't Waste.

It's A Lot Cheaper Than Constructing Alternative Water Supplies.

Our Process, There's A Lot Going On Here, But We Kicked Off With The Meeting In December.

We Have Another Meeting Coming Up March 5th.

In The Aqua Boxes In Here, Local Government Presentations, We Do Plan On Keeping You Informed As We Move Forward In Development Of This Plan, And We -- Our Plan Is To Go Ahead And Have It Completed In March Of 2011.

I Want To Thank You For Your Time.

We Look Forward To The Continuation Of Working With Your Staff In The Way Of Addressing Southwest Florida's Water Supply Needs.

That Concludes My Presentation.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

I Know There Are Questions.

Who Would Like To Start?

Madam Chair, What I Will Do Is Submit Questions To Get A Response.

Just A Couple Of Points I Would Like To Make.

Mark, Thank You For Being Here For Your Presentation.

Lee County Really Has Done A Tremendous Amount Of Work With Regards To Protecting Our Critical Water Supplies.

As You Said, Utilizing That 18% Of Waste Water For Irrigation Purposes.

It's Something The District Needs To Do And Lee County Is Now Doing To Protect The Ground Water Supply To The Tune Of 11 Million Gallons A Day Now.

The Water Restrictions That Were Imposed Here In Southwest Florida That Still The District Has Yet To Impose Over On The East Coast Is Irrigation At Two Days A Week, And, Of Course, The Line Acquisition Programs To Protect Surface And Ground Waters And Areas In Which The Aquifers Can Be Recharged Because The Lay Of The Land Is Protected.

You Have A Plethora Of Consent To Water Use Permits In The Water Use Basin.

I Hope There Will Be More Attention Placed On Requiring Those Venues That Are Set To Conserve, Restore, To Rehydrate Their Lands Versus The Lack Of Attention Or Care To Precious Water Resources That Has Been Going On Much Too Long.

Actually, Drying Up The Very Basin We're So Dependent On.

We Have Seen Exceed Ants Of Level That Is The District Really Ought To Be Insuring That Not Occur, Because If Lee County And, Of Course, Areas Not Being Treated Fairly With Regards To Appropriate Environmental To Be On The Same Level Playing Field As Utilities And Ag Cultural Users In The Lake Okeechobee Water Shed Basin.

All I'm Hopeful Is You Will Continue To Strive For A Balance, Recognizing The Importance Of Mineral Resources And Recognize The Importance Of Protecting The Caloosahatchee Water Shed.

I Would Just Like To -- There Are A Couple Of Opportunities.

This Is Very Important, And It Will Be Discussed By Our Governing Board Come Up Next Week At Their Wednesday Work Mop.

It's A Joint Meeting With Our Water Resources Advisory Committee.

They Are Going To Be Discussing Adaptive Protocols Regarding Lake Okeechobee, And On Wednesday -- Or Thursday They Are Going To Be Discussing The Lake Okeechobee Service Area Permits And It Will Be A Good Opportunity, You Know Accident As That Discussion Moves Forward, But Also, You Know, If Necessary If We Need To Bring Over, You Know, Staff To Go Ahead And Discuss These Issues Further, We Can Go Ahead And Arrange That.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: We Appreciate That.

Any Other Questions?
We Appreciate Your Presentation.

Thank You Very Much.

Next We'll Move On To The Consent Agenda.

Items To Be Polled.

Commissioner Bigelow.

8-A Is Being Pulled To Discuss, Which We Didn't Defer.

We Don't Need To Pull That One.

Any Others?
Yes, Madam Chair.

13-C.

Commissioner Judah.

Commissioner James.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: D.

Comm. Hall: I Have None.

I Have A Motion By Commissioner Judah.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

Is There Further Discussion In All Those In Favor?
Aye.

Opposed?
Motion Carries Unanimously.

Karen, 8-A.

8-A.

Karen Asked This To Be Pulled.

Comm. Janes: 8-A First?
Good Morning, Commissioners.

For The Record Lindsey Sampson.

The Item Before You Is Related To The County's Engaging A Broker.

Karen Had Some Questions This Morning And Asked To Defer This So We Could Respond To Provide County Administration With A More Clear Understanding Of What This Involves.

With Regard To The Relationship To A Larger County Perspective On Energy And Carbon Reductions.

What We Have Brought Forth Here Is With Respect To The Waste And Energy Facility, We Currently Have Validated And Verified Carbon Credits For The Years 2007 And 2008.

Approximately 15,000 Units In 2007 And Almost 70,000 For 2008.

Now, These Are Voluntary Carbon Units, Which Means That, Of Course, The County Was Not Mandated To Build The Waste Energy Third Combustion Unit.

To Demonstrate, The County Had To Provide A Significantly Complex Report To Demonstrate That Area Was, Indeed, An Offset Of Greenhouse Gas That Would Have Been Formed Had The County Land Filled Garbage Instead Of Using It To Create Energy.

There's A Short Time Frame, In Essence, The 2007-2008 Vintage Of These Carbon Units Is Getting Very Dated.

We Have Been In This Process To Learn And To Determine, To Finalize The Determination Of These Units, The Validation Of These Units, And, Finally, The Verification Of These Units.

Since This Is All Non-Regulated, Non-Mandated Markets, There Has Been An Overwhelming Exercise In This Market To Maintain A Record In Some Sort Of Form That Can Be Classified As Bonafide.

Folks That Operate In These Carbon Standards Markets Are Using Extreme Caution To Avoid Any Type Of Image That This Is A Scam, And It Can Be Certainly Easily Understood That The Trading, Marketing, Sales, And Purchase Of Essentially An Intangible Item Could Have Some Repercussions Of Being Marginally Valid, And That's Why The County Has Gone To Such Extreme Steps To Get The Necessary Validation And Verification From Reputable Third Party Concerns.

Comm. Hall: You're Going Way Beyond What We Asked For.

Again, I Wanted To Bring You Up-To-Date.

Comm. Hall: Go Ahead.

I'll Go To Chris And Then I Have A Couple Of Questions.

I'm Deeply Impressed With The Effort That The Staff Has Undertaken.

As You Said To Verify And Validate, Legitimize What I Believe Is Going To Be The Future In This Country.

You Are Doing It In A Voluntary Way, But You Are Taking Advantage Of The Good Work Of What's Concerned With Regard To Taking Garbage Turning Into A Resource, Reducing The Carbon Footprint, And Potentially Positioning Ourselves For Carbon Credit.

I Welcome Pursuing This.

I Hope Our County Manager Wants To Give You A Chance To Review The Item.

We'll Come Back In A Week.

Is That My Understanding?

Let Me Bring Up -- This Will Be A Short-Term Agreement.

These Broker Companies Look For, Of Course, Exclusive Representation, And I Don't Necessarily Have A Problem With That, But I Would Suggest, Perhaps Even Perhaps To Amend The Blue Sheet If You Want To Go Forward Would Be To Include All Three Of These Brokers, But, Yet, If We Do An Exclusive Agreement, It Would Probably Be For No More Than Six Weeks.

So Same Thing As In Real Estate.

You Don't Want To Tie Yourself If A Broker Isn't Going To Represent As Mess.

That's Sort Of Where I Am Heading With This Type Of Arrangement.

Extremely Short-Term.

An Exclusive Basis.

Perhaps Something Longer If It's Nonexclusive.

And, Of Course, The Ability To Change Representations Within An Extremely Short And Reasonable Notice.

If It's Appropriate, We'll -- You Can Make A Motion.

Comm. Hall: I'm Not Going To Probably Support It.

That's Ok.

We Have A Motion By Commissioner -- Comm. Bigelow: With The Other Brokers To Be Included.

Not Just One Broker.

I Wasn't Think That Way Until Last Week.

I Started Thinking About This, And I Think That Would Open Up Our Options.

Since This Is A Short-Term Thing And Then We Can Roll To Somebody Else.

Comm. Hall: I Have A Motion By Commissioner Judah.

Is There A Second?

Comm. Hall: I Have A Second By Commissioner Judah For Discussion.

My Issue With This Is We've Had A Meeting When We Started Talking About What We Were Going To Do With Carbon And Cap And Trade And All The Other Things Of A Big Global Vision, And Nowhere In That Mp Did Anyone Say -- You Guys -- This Has Been Undertaken For Quite Some Time, And I Guess My Frustration Lies In This Whole Conversation Unbeknownst To Us We Had This Other Program Going On, And I Understand That They're Coming To Exploration, If That's What You Are In Waiting.

All The Other Things, And I Don't Have Major Issues With That, But I Don't Like -- I Do Have Issue With I Don't Understand How It's Coming In For A Landing With The Other Things We're Doing.

I Don't See A Contract Here.

I Don't Know What It Means To Have A Short-Term Relationship.

I Have 1,000 Questions.

We Just Had An Mp -- We Had Several Talking About This Issue, And I Guess What I'm Disappointed In Is Somehow, Karen, I Look At A Disconnect Between Our Departments That This Was Not, Oh, And, By The Way, Waste Is Doing This.

We're Spending Money, This Board Approved, A Substantial Amount Of Money To Work

With A Consultant To Talk About These Types Of Things.

We're Spending Substantial Money In Washington D.C. Talking To Legislators And Things Like That.

I Would Just Like It To Be Cohesive So That The Left Hand Knows What The Right Hand Is Doing And That Our Dollars Are Being Used Sufficiently, And If These Are Going To Be Purchased Through The Waste And Energy, I Would Like To Understand What That Means, Where It's Going, And How It Relates To Where We're Going.

Again, Not Opposed To It, But Just Like To Have The Bigger Picture Discussion, So I Can't Support It This Week, Which Is Fine.

I'm Happy To Look At It Next Week.

I'm Happy To Sit Down.

We Do Have On Retainer A Consultant That Can Help Us Understand How This Is All Coming Together.

That's My Position.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: What's The Problem With Waiting A Week?

Is I Mean, That's Really -- Comm. Hall: I Don't Have A Problem With It, But We Have A Motion On The Floor.

Comm. Mann: I Know.

Comm. Bigelow: I'm Ok With That Motion.

It Looks Like We Have To Wait One Week.

Comm. Hall: No Reason For The Time Constraints.

I Have A Pending -- I Won't Say I Have A Potential Pending Offer Through This Broker For 30,000 Units If, Again -- Comm. Bigelow: Do We Lose That Opportunity If We Wait A Week?

I Don't Know.

Comm. Bigelow: I Don't See A -- Exactly.

I Do Want To Stress That The Demand For This -- In This Market Is Very Low.

There Are Not A Lot Of Folks Beating On The Door To Buy In The Current Environment, And, Again, The Vintage Of These Units Is Getting Old, So I Can Go Either Way.

It's Not A Large -- For The 30,000 Yin Its, We Could Be In The Neighborhood Of \$100,000.

Comm. Bigelow: Questions, I'm Sure.

Comm. Janes: How Did You Come Up With These Three Brokers?

Was It A Bid Out On The Street?

Primarily These Brokers Were Provided To Us As A Reference From Covanta.

Comm. Janes: These Have Just Been Referred To Us.

We've Not Opened This Up.

It Can Be Deferred For Any Time.

Comm. Janes: So If These Were Referred To Us And We Have -- I'm Sorry.

Comm. Bigelow: I Guess We Don't Know What Else We Might -- What Other Fees We Might Get If We Open This Up, Right?

I Think Those Three Was What Between.

I Don't Have The Sheet, But Between 2% And 3% With The Three Companies.

I Don't Recall What -- Comm. Janes: That's 2%, 2.5%, 3%.

Those Were Referred To.

That's Losing A Sale.

I Mean -- I Don't Look At The Difference In Those Brokerage Fees, And That's Why I Even Suggested Perhaps Looking At All Three Of Them As Being, You Know, Essentially A Go Or No Go On Any Particular Firm.

It Showed They're All In The Same Ballpark.

Comm. Hall: Yes, Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: I Don't Have Any Problem, Commissioner Judah.

I Don't See Any Measurable Risk For Postponing The One Week, And That's What I Would -- Would Be My Wish.

We Could Bring It Back And Perhaps Pass Your Very Same Motion In A Week.

Comm. Janes: Let's Make A Motion To Defer For One Week.

Comm. Hall: I Just Want To Say That If You Want To Start This To Get It Out There, I Don't Have A Problem With That.

You Know, If You Have And -- I Don't Have A Problem Going Forward With Just That Sale And If It Doesn't Happen, It Doesn't Happen, And Bring This Issue Back, But, Honestly, I

Guess My Frustration, Again, Lies With Let's Communicate.

These Are Big Decision That We're Making, And There Was No Briefing Involved.

We've Been Talking About This.

Hello.

Let's Mention It To Us.

Have Some Integration Into What's Happening, And I Hope Part Of Our Strategic Plan Is How Do We Communicate Better Internally So After We've Sat Here For An Hour And A Half Listening About Energy And All These Things, You're Kind Of Involved In That Also, Even Though You're Solid Waste, And Over Here Just Like Doug And All The Other Departments, Let's Make Sure We're All On The Same Page As To What The Priorities And How We're Going To Do These Things.

I Certainly Don't Want To Lose A Sale And Have These Things Expire And Go Away.

I Don't Mind Going Forward.

If The Sale Goes And This Is What We're Going To Do, Go For The Sale, But I'm Not Prepared To Assign A Broker, Do All Of That.

I Can Assure Commissioner Bigelow's Concern Is What Else Is Out There?
I Appreciate Saying These Are Guys We Work With.

No Brainer.

This Guy Right Here, 2% Has A Deal Right Now If You Want To Take It.

I Don't Know.

If We're Going Wait A Week, I'm Fine With That, Too.

I Guess That's What We're Going To Do.

Ok.

We're Going To Defer A Week.

I Have A Motion To Defer One Week.

Comm. Mann: You Need To Call The Motion?

I Have A Motion By Commissioner Judah And A Second By Commissioner Janes.

All Those In Favor.

Aye.

Opposed?
Motion Carries Unanimously.

Item 13-C.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: Thank You, Madam Chair.

This Will Be Quick And Painless.

This Is Just The Selection Committee And The Fact That We Don't Have Predetermined Criteria, And Would I Just Like To Ask The County Manager If She Would Please Consider At Least Maybe Come Up With Some Predetermined Or Consider Coming Up With Some Predetermined Criteria By Whichthe Applicants Can Know How We'll Be Measured In The Review Process, On The Selection Process.

Maybe We Can Talk About This Privately, But I Think It's Important.

Comm. Hall: Have I A Motion By Commissioner Judah.

Second By Commissioner Mann For Further Discussion.

Motion Carries Unanimously.

Commissioner Bigelow Descending.

Item 12-B.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: I Just Want To -- This Is Another Road Resurfacing Project In Lehigh Acres.

I Want To Thank The Department For Their Continued Focus On This Real Serious Issue Out There When This Subdivision Was Awe Proved 50 Degrees Ago.

We Had No Standards For Road Construction, So They Were Built In A Really Flimsy Fashion Without Curbs, Gutters, Side Walks, Anything Like That, So We Have A Huge Unmet Need That Sometimes We Wonder If We're Ever Going To Be Able To Get Our Arms Around It.

Thanks To The Serious Reduction In Prices That We're Seeing Come In On These Bids, We've Been Able To Take Advantage Of That.

Two Years Ago Pour This Three-Quarter Of A Million Dollars We Were Getting 38 Projects.

We Got 75 In This Particular Contract.

This Is A Good Thing, And I Want To Thank The Department For The Focus On This.

I Want To Thank The Commission For Continuing To Recognize There's A Need That We Need To Keep Focussing Our Attention On, And It's Just A Really Good Thing.

Thank You, Everybody, And Y'all Have Done More In The Last Three Years Than In Any Similar Three-Year Period, And You Guys Are To Be Commended For Your Continued Support Of This Effort.

Thank You.

Comm. Hall: I Have A Motion By Commissioner Mann And Commissioner Judah.

All Those In Favor.

Opposed?

Mission Carries Unanimously.

Item 1-A.

Would I -- My Hope Is That We Will All Be Inclusive In Recognizing This As An Opportunity To Invest In American Ingenuity And Innovation, As I Mentioned Yesterday, And I'm Hopeful That The Presentation And The Comments Received Today.

I Would Be Proud To Second A Motion To Move Forward On A Very Proactive Area In Contracting Out With Algenol.

Comm. Hall: Ok.

We've Had A Short Presentation Yesterday And Heard From Many Members Of Our Public Today.

Is There Any Other Questions, Or Can I Have A Motion?

Comm. Mann: And To Make The Motion To Support Contact With Algenol.

Comm. Hall: I Have A Motion By Commissioner Judah.

Do I Have A Second?

I Have A Second By Commissioner Janes.

Is There Further Discussion?

Yes, Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: Madam Chair, We Took Two Hours Yesterday And We've Had More Than An Hour Input This Morning From The Public, So I Think It's Appropriate For Us To Sort Of Express Ourselves Before We Vote On This So People Will Know What We're Thinking.

I Would Join What Seems To Be A Unanimous Understanding Of Everybody That Made Presentations This Morning Is That We Still Have Much To Do In This Nation About

Searching For Alternative Fuels And Heading In That Direction.

I Speak With Some Bit Of A History Here In The Late 1970s.

I Had The Honor To Chair The House Select Committee On Energy For The Florida Legislature.

That Was The Time When We Had Automobiles Backed Up All Across Nation Waiting For Fuel.

You Couldn't Get It.

Jimmy Carter Was President At The Time, And Everybody Came Together And Made A Strong Commitment And All These Statements About How We're, By God, Going To Get A Handle On This And We're Not Going To Be Kidnapped By The Arab Nations That Had All The Oil, And We're Inputting.

Every President Since Has Made That Same Speech.

Every Congressman Makes That Same Speech, And We're Worse Off Today Than We've Ever Been, And There's Never Been A Time In This Nation's History Where We Were More Threatened By Outside Interests And Our Inability To Provide Our Own Energy Needs.

No One Can Argue That The Technology That These Two Gentlemen Have Been Discussing Here Is Critically Important, And It's Cutting Edge, And We Need To Make That Final Research Transition Into Production.

That Has Never Been My Problem, And, In Fact, I Had Been Very Impressed With These Gentlemen.

I Have Expressed My Reluctance To Jump On This For Reasons That Had Nothing To Do With A Need As What I Have Just Expressed Here.

It's Not Been My Problem.

I That I The Department Of Manager And Their \$25 Million Grant To This Project Is Quite Appropriate.

Thankfully For This Type Of A Thing, That's Where I Think These Type Of Entrepreneurial Efforts Should Direct Their Attention For Grants.

We're Not In That Kind Of Grant Business Here At The County Level.

That Has Been My Problem.

I've Tried To Get My Arms Around This And Stretch Out My Thinking To Say How Can I Take This \$25 Million That We Set Aside And Justify Investing In This Project? I Mean, Everything Everybody Said This Morning Was Certainly Valid, But I Can't Get Around The Rules That We Set For Ourselves When We Set Aside \$25 Million Of County

Money.

This Is Tax Dollars.

That's The Most Precious Money That We Have.

It Comes Out Of Your Own Tax.

And Your Little Business Tax.

It's Your Taxes.

I Was A Little Reluctant To Even Set \$25 Million Aside Of Taxes Because I Knew We Had A Recession Here.

Our Revenues Were Way Down.

We Were Going To Need This Money Here Just To Run The County And Hire The Deputies And Keep Them On The Road.

Insure Public Safety And That Sort Of Thing.

Yet, I Went Ahead With It Because The Nation Under The Pre-Administration Had Just Committed Big Bucks To Make Certain Our Banks Didn't Fail.

The New Administration Was Coming In With Huge Stimulus Packages.

We Here Had Directed The D.O.T. And Mr. Lavender To Get Everything We Had Shovel-Ready Out And Going Because We Had The Cash Available.

Let's Do Our Part For Economic Stimulation.

I Could Justify That In My Mind, Yes, We Did Have The \$20 Million Available.

Let's Do Our Part With The Rest Of The Nation And See If We Can Turn This Economic Situation Around.

With 15% Unemployment Here In Lee County It's Critically Important We Did That.

We Focused On Jobs.

Jobs.

J-O-B-S.

That's My Final Reluctance Here To Be Able To Move Forward With This Because We Said We Were Going To Create Jobs.

This Project With All Its Goals And Promise Doesn't Pass Our Initial Test Of The Creation Of

Jobs.

In Fact, It Falls Significantly Short Of The Proposal That Is Have Come Before Us That We've Already Accepted.

That Is My Problem.

We've Taken The \$25 Million From Our Taxpayers, 15% Of Whom Are Out Of Work Today. That's The Most Precious Money We Have.

I Have Another Year Staring Me In The Face.

Do We All Want To Be \$70 Million To \$90 Million Short In General Revenue? That's Duplicating What We're Doing This Year.

The Following Year Appears To Be The Same Thick.

That Money Is Going To Become More And More Precious.

I Commend These Yes.

I'm Glad They're Lee County Citizens.

I Truly Wish Them Well.

For Reasons As Far As The Structure Of Our Original Commitment And The Preciousness Of Those Dollars Available, This Is Just Not One That I Can Support At This Time, But, Once Again, I Wish You Guys Well.

I'm Proud Of The Job You're Doing, And I'm Glad You're Lee County Citizens, And I Hope You Find Ways To Stay.

Comm. Hall: Thank You, Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Bigelow?

Comm. Bigelow: Let Me First Talk About The Process Because A Lot Of Folks Don't Know What Has Taken Place Before We Yesterday Discussed This As A Body, But The Economic Development Director, New Director, Met With Me Twice And We Hashed Out A Lot Of The Problems With This Particular Request.

I Have To Be Honest.

My First Reaction Was O.M.G.

It Was Just Too Much Money, Too Little Jobs, Bad Timing.

It Was -- But I Said, Ok, Well, How About If We Could Collaborate With The University And Do Something Very Serious About How To Get The University Linked Up With These Folks,

So I Knew That Mr. Newland Was Going To Incentivize To Help Us Grow.

I Think That's What We Called Them.

While I Was Assured They -- There Was Some Discussion, I Didn't See Anything In The Proposal That would Memorialize That, Solidify It.

I Didn't See Proof That There Was Any Skin In The Game By The University, Although We Heard From Some Of Them Today.

I'm Not Convinced.

Anyway, I Asked The Director To Pursue That, And I Appreciate That You Did.

Karen, I Want To Thank You For Coming To Us Yesterday In Advance Of Today's Decision.

That's Positive Constructive Change.

And, Yet, We Don't Have A County Management Recommendation.

That Troubles Me.

I Want To Pick Up On Something Commissioner Mann Has Alluded To.

Perhaps It's A Public Fact, But The County Manager Tells Me That We Are Facing Revenue Shortfalls.

We Will Definitely Face Revenue Shortfalls.

Our Current Budget Based Upon A Certain Revenue Coming In.

That's Going Fall Short.

I Can't Ignore That.

It's A Fact That We Know It's Taking Place.

We Just Don't Know The Depth Of That.

Hey, I Was -- I Am So -- This Is Really Tough For Me, Because I'm Struggling With Two Little Angels On My Shoulder.

You Know, My Environmental Self Really Wants This, Really -- Is Really Interested In This.

I Left Yesterday Marine E Leaning Towards Doing This.

What Happened Last Night Is I Struggled Personally With How To Make This Decision With, You Know, My Constituents At Large Many My Mind, And So What I Did Is I Thought About How If This Was \$25,000 Of My Money That Was Discretionary, Just To Bring It Down To

Size.

It's Plausible That I Could Consider \$10,000 Of That \$25,000 As An Investment Into Venture Capital Projects Like This, And Would I Be Comfortable With That?
Could I Put That Amount Of This Investment Money At Risk, Because All Of This Is To Be Put To Some Level Of Risk.

I Came To The Conclusion I Just Couldn't Do It Personally.

I Wouldn't Be Able To Commit 40% Of My \$25,000 Set Aside To Such A Speculative Venture.

I Think That's How I Have To Look At It, But Keeping In Mind, Also, The Reality Of What We're Facing As A County.

There's Another Aspect To This, Which Is Interesting.

Commissioner Mann Was Hitting On It.

This Is The Federal Government's Job.

I Mean, They're Looking -- This Is Really An Effort To Try To Get The Country Energy Self-Sufficient, And They've Got \$25 Million To Give For This, And I Think It's Appropriate, But, You Know, We're Not The Federal Government.

If That's \$10 Million Of Local Dollars For This Kind Of Operation, What Are We Then Getting Locally?

Since We're Going To Do This Work, You Know, For The Cult's Benefit, What Do We Get Locally, And We Have To Look At The Number Of Jobs And The Benefit That That -- That The County At Large Gets For That \$2 Million Investment, And I Just Don't Think That That's Enough For Me To Do This, But I Have To Tell You, I Was So Torn, So Very, Very Torn On This, And Given More Time I Would Maybe Go The Other Way, But I Can't Right Now.

That's Where I'm At.

Comm. Hall: I Have A Couple Of Comments.

This One Has Been A Difficult One, Because I Served As The Liaison To The Horizon Council Prior To My -- He Took On For Liaison After The Board Had Decided To Support The Advisory Board's Recommendation That We Set Aside \$25 Million To Incentivize This Economy.

The Decision For Me Isn't About Algenol, Whether The Algenol Itself As A Whole Will Be -- I Do Believe And I Have Done Enough Research To Understand That, Yes, We're Going Down That Line.

The Decision For Me Is More What Does It Mean To The County And How Does It Relate To The \$25 Million We Set Aside To Diversify This Economy?

I Had A Conversation With Jim Moore Earlier This Morning And Said Are We Serious About Putting Research And Development In Lee County?
Whether It's Algenol Or X, Y, Z?
Similar To What I Said Yesterday.

It Was An Interesting Statement Made To Me.

I Didn't Know We Were Talking About Research And Development.

I Was Kind Of Taken Aback By That, And I Was Kind Of Taken Aback By The Public Comment That Ron Had About What The Rise In The Council Position Is.

I Put The Chambers And Separated The Chambers In The Form.

I Was An Advocate, A Volunteer, And A Businessperson Sitting On That Committee.

I'm Employing To Tell You, We Have Always Endeavored To Have Research And Development Occur In This County.

Karen, I Want To Workshop With The Wiseman Council.

That Statement Itself Bothers Me Greatly.

I Have Never Not Heard Or Never Would Understand That Our Goal At Some Point In Time Was To Have Research And Development Occur.

Now, At The Time We Didn't Have A University.

Shortly Thereafter We Got A University.

Shortly Thereafter Everything Started Occurring.

A New Airport.

Now A Huge Airport.

Now A Much Larger, More Mature University.

Today For Me, As We're Sitting Here Going To Hear About An Innovative Hub, As The Airport Moved Forward To Lease Property To A Madden Group For Innovation And Research, And We're Sitting Here Today Having A Discussion That We're Not Going To Support Research And Development?
I Know \$10 Million Is A Lot Of Money.

I Recognize It's 40%.

I Was One Of The Few Commissioners Who Would Not Support Moving Forward With Replenishing The Funds Because We Set Aside Of Taxpayers' Money \$25 Million.

Not \$25 Million This Year And Then Let's Add \$2 Million To It To Make It \$25 Million This Year And Let's Add \$2 Million To Make It \$25 Million.

When It's Spent, It's Spent.

When We're Over With That, Then We'll Reassess What We've Accomplished, While We've Spent Down That \$20 Million And Where We Feel We Need To Go.

In The Meantime, I Supported A Pop Of \$25 Million.

Done.

Our Reserves, Our Supporting Us Through This Process.

We Are \$60 Million Short In Our Budget.

That's What Our Budget Reflects.

70, 90, Or 100.

We Have A \$3 Million Deficit If Nothing Changes In Our Budget Year.

We Already Know That's Occurring.

We Already Have Changes In Our Budget Year.

What That End Number Will Be We Don't Know Yet.

We Know It's Not Going To Be More Than \$60 Million.

It's Going To Be Either \$60 Million Or Less.

How We Go Into Next Year's Budget, I Don't Know Yet.

We're Still Working On That, And That's Part Of Our Challenges We're Looking Into Today.

Commissioner Bigelow And Commissioner Mann, I Understand That We Cannot Live On Our Expenses.

No, We're Not Going To Be Doing That, But We Had Time To Put Forth A Strategic Plan And Put Forth A Change In A More Pragmatic Way Rather Than Throwing The Baby Out With The Bath Water And Disseminating The County Government And Trying To Rebuild.

I Understand That, And I Appreciate The Staff And The Effort That They've Made To Do That In A Way That Will Insure That Services Continue In Lee County.

Research And Development In My Mind As Have I Gone Around The Country And The World, We Are In A Competitive Marketplace.

If We Don't Put Research And Development Here, It Will Go Somewhere Else.

We've Already Seen That Over And Over Again.

I Use The Analogy Of The Arena Because That To Me Is As Basic As It Gets.

We Were Too Afraid In Our Position As County Commissioners By The Public, A Portion Of The Public, Not Supporting An Acquisition That At The Time Seemed Like An Enormous Amount Of Money.

Then Eight Years Later, 10 Years Later We Spent Three Times That On A Smaller Parcel That Was Less Because We Really Had To Do It.

I Served On The Edison Trustee Board And Interacted With The Fund In New Jersey.

None Of These Decisions Are Easy, And We're Going To Get A Lot Of Criticism.

You Know What, We Step Up To Take The Heat In The Kitchen.

We Signed Up To Know That As We Have Information, That The Public Depends On Us To Make Hard Decisions.

Commissioner Bigelow, You Have Been A Champion Of Hard Decisions.

Believe It Or Not, I Admire The Position That You Have Taken.

I'm An Advocate For You Because Always Your Positions Come From The Heart.

They Come From Your Conviction.

They May Not Be Mine.

I May Not Agree With Them, But I Certainly Always Respect Them, And You Can Talk To Several People Out Here .

It Is With Respect.

Just We Have A Difference Of Opinion Because You Truly Champion What You Feel Is The Right Thing To Do, And I Truly Admire That.

Just As Myself.

So While We Don't Agree, I Agree To Disagree With You.

I Have To Support This.

I Have Been On The Fence.

I Just Have Not Been Able To Come Up With A Where Are We Going To Go?

At Some Point We Need To Put A Flag In The Sand And Support Research And Development.

Do I Do It With A Company That's Out Of State?

Do I Do It With A Company From China?

Do I Do It With A Company From Somewhere Else In Florida?

Do I Do It With Two People Who Live Here Who Have To Go Into Pup Licks And Stand At The Meat County And Justify Our Decisions?

We Have A Contract, Yes.

It's \$83,000 Per Job, 120 Jobs, Like All Of Our Contracts.

If These Jobs Are Not Created, We Have To Begin To Pay Back The Dollars To Us.

We Have A Reimbursable.

I Don't Believe That The Challenge Is Any Different Than Any Company We've Done.

People Have Talked About What Are We Going To Do?

What About All The Small Businesses?

We Have Various Programs For Small Businesses.

The Idea Is Putting Together A Small Business Loan Program Because We Recognize The Challenge Of Banks And Being Able To Keep Small Businesses Afloat.

We Have Other Mechanisms That You See Coming To This Board That Have Nothing To Do With This \$25 Million, But Other Incentives For Businesses.

We To Date Have Expanded Three Businesses And Have Brought Three Other Businesses To This Community.

They Are Not Businesses In Research And Development.

They Are In Publication And Media And Manufacturing.

We Don't Have A Large Number Of Those.

It's A Small Percentage.

We're Growing That.

This Truly Is The First Research And Development Company That We're Bringing Here.

I Appreciate Commissioner Judah's Life Science Project And The Numbers That He Gave To Us, And I Am Wanting To Stand With My Two Colleagues Shoulder To Shoulder To Say, Yes, This Is A Difficult Decision, As There Are Going To Be Many Decision This Is Board Makes, And I Do Believe It's A Right Decision, And I'm Willing To Put Every Bit Of My Effort.

I Am Now, As I Am With The Olympians, The New Best Friend.

I Will Maximize Every Single Opportunity And Push The Office Of Economic Development To Maximize Our Efforts To Bring In Who Those Companies Will Be And To Work With Mary Begins In Development And Jim Robiner To Make Sure We Have The Regulatory Basis To Turn The Opportunity For These People To Get Their Projects Built, Get Them Permitted And Get Them Into The Marketplace Where People In This Community Can Benefit From The Employment And Our University Students Can Enjoy An Opportunity To Stay Here In Southwest Florida.

Comm. Bigelow: Madam Chair. Comm. Hall: Yes, Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: My Second Bite At This.

You Know, Timing Is Everything Sometimes, And I Could See If I Had Been On The Board Back When, You Know, We Were So Flush And We Were Committed To Diversifying Our Economy And It Was Easier To Spend This Kind Of Money On This Kind Of Risk, I Could See Doing It Then.

Unfortunately, We Didn't Come To The Realization We Were Willing To Put Our Dollars On The Line Until, You Know, The Bottom Was Falling Out Of Just About Everything, And So Here We Are In This Time And Place With This Request, And That \$25 Million Is Sitting There Which Could Be Taken Back If Necessary Approximate If The Immediate Was Critical Muff, And Here's The Context In Which I'm Making This Decision.

As I Told You, I'm Torn Over.

That Is That The \$60 Million That We Spent In Reserves To Keep Our Financial Boat Afloat Was As We Were Looking Forward To This Budget.

What I'm Telling You, The County Management, County Manager Herself, Is Telling Me That The Revenues Are Short-Falling, Which Means We've Got To Come Up With More Money Or We've Got To Look At Drastic Cost Saving Measures, And Then What? Then I Have To Say I Knew We Were Shorts-Falling, And, Yet, I Decided To Spend This Money.

I'm Sorry, But I Have To Kind Of Throw It Back Out There, But The Depth Of The I Just Don't Feel Like We're Reacting To It Appropriately With This.

I'm Sorry.

I Have To Put It That Way, But I Do, As You Said, Feel Strongly About This.

Comm. Hall: We Don't Have An Open Dialogue With No Regard.

Comm. Bigelow: Can We Take A Five-Minute Break?

Comm. Hall: Well, Sure.

Why Don't We Give Really A Five Minute.

I Said That.

Please Be Back Here No Later Than 20 Minutes To 11:00.

Comm. Hall: Thank You Very Much For Your Time.

They're Working On It, And I'm Just Talking While They're Working On It.

Let's Go On To Item 2-A.

Review And Approve Agreement With Captiva Island Association.

I Have A Motion By Commissioner Mann.

I Have A Second By Commissioner Judah.

Is There Further Discussion?

All Those In Favor.

Opposed?

Motion Carries Unanimously.

7-A.

We've Already Approved Under The Concept Agenda.

Item 8-A As Deferred.

Item 13-A, Which Was Moved To Administrative.

This Is The Memo That Does Provide For Us Regarding The Dividing The Existing Lcu Into Two Separate Manuals.

I Have A Motion By Commissioner Judah.

I Have A Second By Commissioner Janes.

Is There Further Discussion?

All Those In Favor?

Aye.

Comm. Hall: Opposed?

The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Item 14-A.

A Settlement With Lee County Versus Travis Kate.

This Is Regarding Road Widening.

I Have A Motion By Commissioner Janes.

Second.

Comm. Hall: Have I A Second By Commissioner Judah.

All Those In Favor.

Opposed?

Motion Carries Unanimously.

In The Administrative Agenda We Have No Walk-Ones, Which Was The Resolution We've Already Taken.

We Move On To Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: No, Madam.

Comm. Hall: Commissioner Judah.

Chairman Judah: I Just Want To Briefly Talk About -- I Think U.S. Chair Would Be The One To Bring This Issue Back To This Board, Because I Know That There's Been Some Discussions Emanating From The South Florida Water Management Study.

Potentially The District Hiring A New Consultant.

Also, Potentially Having That Consultant Work With A Different Model Than The Current Model, And I Know You Are Very Well Aware Of The Ramifications Of Deviating From These.

What I Remain Hopeful Is That You, If You Wouldn't Mind, On Behalf Engage In The Public Conversations With The District To Get Back To This Board As To The Position We Need To Take To Insure The Independent Unbiased And Scientific Base Analysis That We Rely Upon As We Make Our Final Decisions Regarding Not Only The Appropriate Location, Sizing, Or Maybe No Installation Of Culverts At I-75, But Also, As It Relates To The Southwest Florida Feasibility Study And The Drgr.

I Think It Would Be Important To Give You That Opportunity To Work With The District And Get Back To Us To Understand Their Definitive Position With Regard To The Modelling.

Comm. Hall: I Have Time Set Aside With Ms. Wheelie To Have That Discussion With Her.

I Talked Her Briefly This Morning.

If I Cannot Give You Back An Answer On Tuesday, I Will Not Delay Some Action By The Board The Week Thereafter, So If You Can Just Give Me Up To Two Weeks, Would I Appreciate That.

Chairman Judah: Sure.

Thank You For Taking The Lead.

Comm. Hall: Commissioner Janes.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: One Of Those Little Happy Things, Sunshine Note That I Would Like To Make Here.

There's A Gentleman That Lives Actually Only A Few Hundred Feet From Where I Live, And He Told Me That There's A Man In His Late 070s.

He Had Him Many His Front Yard, A Culvert That Comes Off The North River Road.

It's At The End Of A Short S-Curve.

Of All The 10 Miles Of North River Road Out There, The One Place That People Continue To Run Off The Road Is Right There.

The D.O.T. Has Put Little Chevrons All Around There.

The Road Was Properly Built, But, Still, If Somebody Is Going To Have A Wreck, That's Where It Happens, And The Little Man Called Me To Say I'm So Afraid That Somebody Is Really Going To Get Hurt Or Killed There Because There Have Been Many Injuries There.

I've Brought This To The Attention Of Our County Department Of Transportation.

Are Any Of The Members Still Here?
Well, I Hope You Guys Are Listening.

This Is Commissioner Mann That Asks You Questions From Time To Time.

The Man Called Me And Said Those People Were So Nice To Me When I Called Them Directly Originally, And Then He Wanted To Follow-Up With Me.

They Seemed So Helpful.

Our D.O.T.

That's Why I Am Bringing This Up.

That's A Public Comment.

Mr. Campbell Went Out There Himself, Checked It Out, Looked At The Place.

They Said, Yes, Even Though We Didn't Do Anything Wrong And Nobody Said They Did,

There Are Improvements There That Could Be Made.

They Have Responded Immediately.

There Is A Crew Out There This Morning.

They're Going To Extend The Culverts So That Instead Of Going Into A Ditch, You'll Go On Flat Land If Are You Going Too Fast, Into The Woods.

It's A Quick Response And A Proper Response, And Our D.O.T., Contrary To What Some People Might Accuse Them Of Or Think, Do Respond Effectively, Quickly, And I'm Profoundly Grateful On Behalf Of My Neighbor.

I Want To Say Thank You D.O.T. For Great Work.

That's All.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: I Would Like To Tag On To That Because I've Had A Couple Recent Experience That Is Are Similar, And I Think It's Important To Share Them Publicly As Well.

Folks Shared With Me A Problem Where The Shoulder Of The Road Was Deteriorating, And We Notified D.O.T., And They Quickly Responded By Placing Some Gravel In It.

Now, Of Course, The Residents Wanted Curb And Gutter, And They Wanted -- But They Were Appreciative Of The Timing And The Response.

Recently I Was Driving Through The Intersection At Colonial, And A Tourist Had Turned Left Out Of The Necessary Lines And Was Going Totally The Wrong Direction, But There Were No One-Way Signs Indicating That They Should Have Turned Right And Not Taken A Left.

Within I Think 24 Hours After Notifying Them They Had Put Up He Not Just A One-Way Sign There, But At Several Other Locations.

Yeah, The Response Time At The D.O.T. Is Remarkable.

I Appreciate That, Too.

Comm. Hall: Great.

D.O.T., Good Work.

I Have Just One Item I Want To Make The Board Aware Of.

The Convention Bureau Meeting, We'll Have One Update, One From Our Water Consultant Who Is Scheduled To Go On Right Away, If You Want To Come And Attend That And Get That Update.

That Will Be At 9:00.

Then Immediately Following That Presentation Will Be A Presentation By The Complex And Their Negotiations And Where They're At With The City Of Cape Coral.

I Would Invite Any Board Member Who Would Wish To Sit In On Those Or Get Minutes Of Those Two Presentations That Will Be At The Convention Bureau.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: I Have None.

Comm. Hall: Commissioner Judah.

Comm. Janes: None.

Comm. Hall: I Have None.

County Manager Items?

County Attorney Items?

Ok.

We Are Going To Adjourn This Board Meeting, And We Convene In A Workshop Setting To Hear Discussion On The Innovative Hub.

I Need To Give Them Time To Adjourn And Shut Down And Reopen As A Workshop.

For The Board.

If You Want To Take Two Minutes To Do That And If You Want To Have To -- Go Ahead.

I Need 10 Minutes For Them To Reboot.

Thank You.