

January 19, 2009

Comm. Janes: I Would Like To Call The Meeting To Order.

I Apologize For My Tardiness, But I'm Just Slow.

I Made A Promise To Myself, I Was Going To Try To Speed Things Up Today.

What I'm Going To Do In An Effort To Speed Things Up Is Turn The Meeting Over To My Colleague, Whose Stature Is Not All That Great, But He Has A Tremendous Reputation And More Than Offsets The Height He May Be Carrying Around, And All We Can Do Is Ask Him To Please Stand, Always Stand When He Talks.

In The Meantime I'm Sure We'll Have A Great Day And A Great Meeting.

Thanks To Commissioner Judah.

Comm. Judah: I Thought He Was Talking About Commissioner Mann.

[Laughter] Sorry About Getting Started Just A Few Minutes Late, But We Do Have A Quorum.

We'll Start By Please Rising And We'll Have The Invocation From Pastor Clint Cottrell.

Good Morning.

Good Morning, Friends.

Shall We Pray.

Gracious And Loving God, As We Gather Together, We Are Safe, Secure And Blessed Beyond Measure.

That Only A Few Miles From Here, Some Folks In Haiti Are Still Digging Out.

Some Of These Folks Remain Trapped And Their Hours Are Falling Short.

We Pray For Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones.

We Pray For Those In Our Community Who Have Ties To Haiti.

Some Who Still Do Not Know The Status Of Their Loved Ones, Lord Be With Them An Bring

Them Peace.

Lord, On This Day As We Mark The Work Of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, We Pray You Would Work In This Community As Well As Along Our Country To Set Aside Racial Differences, So In The Words Of Reverend King, "All Of God's Children, Protestants An Catholics Will Be Able To Join Hands." Now God, We Ask That You Would Be With These Fine Commissioners.

First We Pray That You Be With Those Who Could Not Be Here Today, Watch Over Them, Keep Them Safe.

We Ask You Bless These Commissioners So They Can Make Wise Decisions To Guide And Lead Our County.

Lord, Be With All Who Enter These Chambers These Days That They Find Good Governance.

We Pray For Our Firemen, Everyone Involved In Public Service That Emergencies May Be Feeling And Compassion Bound.

We Pray That You're With All Of Our County Workers From Parks And Recreation To The Receptionist At The Front Desk.

Bless The Residents And Visitors Of Our County, May They Find Their Lives Strengthened And Renew And Work With Them As You Restore Economic Vitality To Our Area.

Now God, Be With Your Government, Be It In Washington, D.C., In Tallahassee, Or Most Particularly In This Wonderful Place We Call Home, Lee County.

And All Of God's People Said, 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.

Comm. Janes: Thank You, Pastor.

Thank You Very Much.

Comm. Judah: Be Seated.

We Have A Number Of Ceremonial Presentations And I Believe Commissioner Mann, You Will Be Reading The First One Celebrating 20th Anniversary.

Let Me Ask Dr. Brock, And Their P.R. Turner, If You Would Join Us At The Mike Up There And We Will Read Fine Words About Your University And Get Your Take.

We're Very Pleased To Have You With Us Representing An You Standing Educational Institution In Lee County.

Whereas, Hodges University Founded In 1990 As International College Of Naples Began Classes In A Rental Facility With Only 85 Students, Has Grown Into Two Free-Standing Campuses In Naples And Fort Myers, Along With Five Learning Sides Across The State With Over 2600 Students.

And Whereas Hodges University Served Its Students And The Community For The Past 20 Years By Providing Professional Programs Of Study That Afford Life And Career Enrichment, And Whereas Hodges University, A Member Of The Independent College And Universities Of Florida, Has Emerged As One Of The State's Leading Institutions Of Higher Learning And Garnered Recognition For Serving The Needs Of Students Who Balance Their Economic Obligations With Full-Time Jobs And Family Responsibilities.

And Whereas The Programs Of Study Offered At Hodges University, As Well As The Faculty Who Teach Within These Programs, Prepare Students To Meet Challenges Of Today's Society And Beyond, And Whereas Hodges University Directly Contributes A Strong Highly Skilled Workforce To Our Community, Which Helps To Ensure Long-Term Economic Growth For Our Region Of Florida, Now Therefore Be It Resolved Had The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County Florida Does Here Proclaim January 22nd, 2010 To Be Hodges University Day.

In Lee County In Celebration Of Providing 20 Years Of Academic Excellence To Our Community.

We Also Take This Time To Commend The Student, Staff And Faculty Of The Institution For Current And Future Contributions To Lee County And The Surrounding Area.

As Well, As The Thousands Of Alumni Who Have Gone On To Strengthen The Communities In Which They Live.

We Also Commend The University Board Of Trust East And Foundation Board For Its Efforts In Guiding The Future Of This Institution For The Next 20 Years, And Beyond.

Duly Executed This 19th Day Of January, 2010 With The Apologies, Signed By Our Chairwoman Who Could Not Be With Us Today But Sends Her Best Wishes And Greetings, Tamara Hall.

[Applause] Thank You, Guys.

Now If You Will Just Step Forward Here For A Minute And Hold That Proudly.

Oh The P.R. Man Is The Camera Man.

But We'll Get You In Here Too.

One More.

Ok, One, Two, Three.

Thank You.

Dr. Brock, If You Care To Say A Few Words.

I Would Like To Thank You For Those Kind Words.

We Couldn't Have Done That Without The Support Of Lee County.

We Think We're A Valuable Member And We Want To Continue To Be A Valuable Member And Contribute To What Lee County Has To Offer, And Our Students And Faculty And Staff, Thank You Very Much.

Hard To Follow Those Two, And I Want To Thank The Commission And All The Rest Of Lee County For All The Support We've Had Over All These Years.

As You Know We've Been Here In Lee County Since The Early 90s And Our Greatest Growth Has Taken Place Here In Our Largest Campus.

As I Like To Say, Hodges University Graduates Are Running Southwest From Florida.

Thank You Very Much.

[Applause] Comm. Judah: Thank You, Commissioner Mann.

The Next Resolution And I'm Proud To Have An Opportunity To Read That, Recognizes Pelican Landing Community As A Storm-Ready Community And Thankfully With Over 3,000 Residents In The Pelican Valley Community And The Fact That We're Rather Vulnerable, It's Important That To Become A Ready Community.

With That What I Would Ask, John Wilson, If He Would Please Step Forward And Ryan Morris, With Pelican Landing Community Association Mr. Morris.

You Two Could Please Step Forward.

It's A Pleasure To Have You Here This Morning.

Whereas The Pelican Lanning Community Association A Gated Residential Community Of 3,083 Housing Unit In The City Of Bonita Springs, Submitted An Application To Become Storm Ready, A National Program Administered By The National Weather Service.

Where A As The Community Association Understands The Hazards They Occur, Completed All The Prerequisites In The Community, On September 21st2009.

Whereas Lee Coin Is Proud That The Pelican Landing Community Association Has Taken This Action As A Strong Supporter In Lee County.

Now By The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County Florida, Do Here Recognize And Congratulate The Association For Their Commitment To Making Their Community More Prepared For The Many Hazards We Face In Southwest Florida.

Duly Executed This 19th Day Of January, 2010, By The Chairwoman Of Board Of County Commissioners Tammy Hall.

Let's Present This To You, If I Could.

[Applause] Why Don't You Step Forward.

If You Can Stay Up Here, Please, John Will Join You, Thank You For All Your Good Work To These Communities.

Appreciate It.

Condition Let You Go That Quickly.

We Would Love To Hear From You.

On Behalf Of The Pelican Landing Community Association, And The Security And Safety Committee, We Appreciate The Certificate For The Storm Ready.

As For Our Safety And Security, We Will Be Look For The Well-Being Of Our Residents An Visitors, And We Thank You Very Much.

Comm. Judah: We Thank You For Making The Effort.

Appreciate It.

[Applause] And I Am Real Primed To Read The Next Resident Lights.

We All Know He's A Favorite Son Here In Lee County.

And His First Lady, I Would Ask That Eugene And Conchita Borosch, Or Be There To Support.

Eugene And Conchita, It's A True Honor To Have You Here.

All Of Us On This Day Have Known The Two Of You For So Many Years.

I Know That Commissioner Tammy Hall Really Wanted To Be Here To Read The Resolution.

She Had A Conflict, I Know Commissioner Bigelow Had A Health Issue He Was Dealing With, But On Behalf Of The Board Let Us Thank You For Decades Of Your Commitment And To Lee County In General, What You Have Done To Help Foster And Strengthen The Small Business Development, The Downtown Along With Dominic, Has Been A Measurable Help.

Our Economy Could Really Be In The Throws Of This Recession, If Not For People Like Yourself Stepping Up And Helping In So Many Ways With The Business Community And Social Service Agencies.

It Is A Privilege To Read This Resolution This Morning.

Whereas Eugene Boroch Has To The Quality Of Life In Lehigh Acres.

For Redevelopment In The Community's Oldest Shopping And Business Plaza, And Has Mentored Most Of The Businesses Load At The Center And Most Of The Business Owners Are First-Time Business Owners.

Whereas Eugene Borosch Having To Develop Business Growth In Lehigh Acres.

Helped To Strengthen The Lehigh Acres Chamber Of Commerce, During This Time Of Financial Challenge For The Commune.

Whereas He Has Demonstrated Enthusiasm, Human Development And To Help And Watch People Succeed By Their Gift And Talents.

Lee County Florida Will Relation Eugene's Dedication, To The Community At The Lehigh Acres 18th Annual Awards Gala.

On January 23rd, 2010.

Now There For It Be Reed By The Board Of County Commissioners, That We Do Recognize For His Dedication Of Lee County And Thank You Gene And Conchita For Sharing Eugene With Our Community.

Signed By The Chairperson, The Board Of County Commissioners, Tammy Hall.

[Applause] Congratulations.

Thank You.

Hold On, Stay Right Here.

Thank You.

You Guys Can Get Closer Than That, You've Been Married 15 Years.

That Will Work.

That's Fine.

Ok, Good.

One, Two, Three.

A Couple More Here.

If You Could Please Stick Around, Because I'm Going To Ask That Dominic And Hildi Step Forward.

I Know They're Here Supporting, But If They Could Be So Kind To Step Forward.

I'm Going To Put Them On The Spot.

And Eugene And Conchita, You Have Other Supporters Here, They Are Welcome To Join You.

Ok, Ready? One, Two, Three.

And One More.

Ready? Comm. Judah: Thank You.

We Would Love To Hear A Few Words From You.

Comm. Mann: Mr. Chairman, Please Let Me Say A Couple Here.

Comm. Judah: Absolutely.

Comm. Mann: Because He Lives In My District And I Had The Pressure Of Meeting This Man A Decade Ago Before I Was Back On The Commission.

Here Names In Lehigh Like Lee Ratner, Whose Footprints Are Very Deep Out There, But In Modern History And I'm Talking Last 20 Plus Years, No One Has Had A Greater Impact On That Community Than Eugene Borosch.

He Has Been Very Successful Personally Out There, But He's Been Successful Because Of His Own Personal Belief In Faith In His Community, And He Made His Investments There.

And Not Only Was He Successful But What 4 He Did Brought Success To The Other People There, And The Entire Community.

Eugene You Are A Pillar Of Strength For That Community, And We Are So Honored To Have You Here, So That We Could Honor You.

Comm. Judah: Well Said.

You're Really Talking About Me? Comm. Mann: I'm Talking About You, My Friend.

Ok, So I Would Like To Take The Chant 45 Years Married.

You Don't Have To Say Much At Home, So You Say What You Want To Say.

I Would Like To Thank The Board Of County Commissioners, So There Are Three Of You Here Today, So It's Legal, Right? And Of Course, Bigelow And Chairwoman For 2010 Tammy Hall Who Couldn't Be Here Approximate I'm Deeply Honored And I Accept, Also On Behalf Of 10s Of Thousands Of Good Team In Lehigh Acre Who Don't Get Recognized And Don't Get A Chance Like Me To Be In The Limelight.

Definitely Have The Potential, Chamber Of Commerce And Other Organizations To Show Positive And Successful Leadership.

For The Years To Come.

Success Is Actually Very Simple.

You Have Only Two Options When Somebody Knocks You Down, You Stay On The Floor And Blame The Rest Of The World, Or You Get Up Before The Knockout Count Reaches 10, Right Bob? Right.

And Continue Whatever You Have To Do.

So Don't Ever County Lehigh Acres Out.

Lehigh Acres Is Much Better Which We Have Right Now.

Lehigh Acres, Florida Is A Place Whereas You're A Citizen By Choice Want To Be.

Again, Thank You Very Much For This Award And God Bless America.

Thank You.

Comm. Mann: All Right.

[Applause] Comm. Judah: Thank You Eugene.

And Thank You To Con Chi At A And The Family.

You Do Not Have To Put Up With The Rest Of Us For Rest Of The Morning.

I Leave That Up To You.

We'll Now Move On To The Recap, And I Do Not See Anything Else On The Recap.

An We'll Go To Public Comment On The Consent Or Administrative Agenda.

I Don't Have Any Cards But If Anyone Wishes To Speak On Items On The Consent Or Administrative Agenda You Have That Opportunity Right Now If You Like.

I Don't See That.

Take Care.

Have A Good Day.

We'll Then Go On To The Consent Agenda And Yet To Be Pulled.

Commissioner Mann.

I Have Two That Shouldn't Take Long, 10-B And 12-A.

Comm. Judah: Ok, And The Other Was 12-A.

All Right.

And Commissioner Janes.

None, Mr. Chairman.

Comm. Judah: And I'll Pull 10-A And Accept The Motion On The Balance Of The Agenda Motion By Commissioner Janes.

Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

Commissioner Mann, 12-B No The Explanation Is Or Is Of Brief On This, And It Refers To A \$100,000 Figure That We're Going To Set Aside To Provide Search And Rescue Training Required By Fema.

And Here's What Troubled Me.

It Says The Providers Safety Solutions Incorporated Are The Only Ones Credentialed And Approved By The State To Be The Sole Training Provider For All Fema Urban Search And Rescue Courses, And The Training Is A Fema Requirement.

It's A Requirement, But Only One Organization Can Offer The Training.

And This Whole World, We Only Have No Choice In Where We Get This Training.

>>Ford John Wilson, Division Of Public Safety.

The Money That's Used To Fund This Is A Home Line Security Grand, And The Credentialing Issue Is One That Is Going Through A Very Laborious And Painful Process At The Federal Level, In Order To Have Properly Trained Credentialed Emergency Staff.

Our Fema Is Taking Its Time And Credentialing Firms To Provide This Train And To Our Knowledge, Commissioner, This Particular Group Is The Only One That Has Been Credentials To Provide This Type Of Training To Rescue Technicians, An The Type That Are Working In Haiti Right Now Rescuing Folk Out Of Damaged Billions.

We Don't Have Any Choice Here, These People Must Have The Training.

And We Never Know Where The Next Crisis Is Going To Be.

It's Just Troubles Me Always, And I Mentioned It A Number Of Times In Different Situations Here.

When We're Limited To One Group.

I Know That You Guys, If You Had A Choice, You Would Have Looked At It By You Didn't And This Is Something We Must Move Forward On, So Just With Those Comments I Will Move The Item.

Comm. Judah: Motion To Move Item 10-B.

Do We Have A Second? Second By Commissioner Janes.

Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

And I Believe 10 -- No, 12-A.

Comm. Mann: 12-A.

We're Adopting Or Updating Our Green Code For The D.O.T., And I Would Just Like To, Can You Give Us Our Favourite 25-Word Summary As To Some Of The Key Components Of This Greening Code For D.O.T.? You're Going In The Right Direction, I Know.

And You Eyes Are So Tired Of Me Hearing About Grey And Black As The Only Colors, There's An Evolution Going On In The D.O.T. In Lee County And I'm Surprised, But Tell Me, What Are The Main Components Of What We're Doing.

For The Record, Joe Rotary Landscape Manage.

Basically What We're Doing Sir, Is We're Moving Forward With The Program As Far As It Was Originally Planned But We're Making Some Changes To It, As Far As Adding A New Landscape Level That We're Calling The Restoration Level, Which Is Going To Address The Areas That Have Not Been Planted Previously.

Roadside, Inner Changes, Retention Areas.

Things Of That Nature.

We're Moving More Into The Volunteer Planting For Those Type Of Things.

Getting More Involved With The Community.

I Know Getting Some Up Pit As To Where We Can Plant And Do Some Things That We're Not Addressing Originally.

We Have Retained The Core Level Of Landscape.

We've Had Changes With The Plant Pallet, And We're Also Trying To Use Low-Volume Irrigation Systems When Necessary In Order To Save Money And Water An We're Trying To Move Toward, In The Restoration Level Where We're Not Going To Be Using Much Irrigation At All.

Comm. Mann: Mr. Chairman, I Want To Repeat In Summary, What I Said On The First Day When I Was Sworn In As County Commissioner Here.

One Of My Goals And Dreams For Lee County Was That We Would Not No Longer Be A Community That Had One Beautiful Corridor, Coming In And Out Of It, That This County Would Be Crisscrossed With Many Such Beautiful Memorable Green Corridor, And I Think The Time We've Been Here, There's Been Unanimity In This Board To Head In That Direction That We Have Made Great Strides, Even In A Time When Our Revenues Were Down And Even The Whole Attitude, Our D.O.T. Has Been So Very Positive On This And Innovative.

Mostly I Just Wanted To Pull This And Make Note Of The Progress We're Making And Thank You For Your Leadership And The Direction You're Helping Take Us.

So, I Move The Item.

Comm. Judah: Motion By Commissioner Mann.

Do I Have A Second? Second By Commissioner Janes.

Under Discussion.

Thank You, Joe, You're Doing A Terrific Job.

Any Objection? Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

I Had Pulled 10-A Primarily To Thank And John Feel Free To Elaborate If You Will Like, Mary J.P. Moore, \$10,000 To Lee County To Emergency Medical Center.

I Would Like To Thank Miss Moore And John, If You Wanted To Comment Any Further.

For The Record John Can Wilson Again.

I Can't Add Anymore.

That Can And Appreciation To Your Remarks, Commissioner.

The Foundation Has Been An Outstanding Within And Certainly We Appreciate Your Support.

Comm. Judah: Thank You, John.

Entertain A Motion.

Motion By Commissioner Jane.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

We've Gotten To The Administrative Agenda.

The Resolution Of A Ticker Parcel To Move Forward With The Water Treatment Plant.

Motion By Commissioner Mann.

Second By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

Commissioner Items.

Comm. Judah: I Just Would Like To Say One Thing.

Just A Comment And That Is That I Think We Can All Take A Great Deal Of Comfort And Pride In What We're Doing In Terms Of Decorating And Landscaping.

Many Of Our Public County Roads.

They Only Question That I Would Have Is Are We Doing Too Much? And I Say This, Because As You Drive Down The Causeway, What With They're Doing Out There, They're Making A Portable Jungle Out Of Some Property That Essentially Was Sand Do You Know, Man Made Sand Do You Know And Now They've Been Adding Trees And Bushes, And There's So Much Being Added Out There, I Wonder If There's Going To Be A Place To Park For People That Don't Live Immediately Around There, But Use That Area As A Recreational Area On Weekend.

To Picnic And Just Enjoy The Water.

And, There's Less An Less Of That Area Out There.

Every Day I Go By.

Interesting To See What Kind Of Impact All This Vegetation Is Going To Have On The Recreation Uses Of That Property By Those People Who Don't Live Immediately Adjacent To It.

Comm. Judah: Ok Please Drive Out And See It.

Comm. Janes: It's Astounding, It's Magnificent.

Scott Did You Want To Comment On That? Scott Gilbertson D.O.T., For The Record.

Probably Being Most Educational If We Got You The Landscape Plans, To Show The Parking Is Going To Be In Relation To The Landscaping.

We're Putting In Out There, That Would Be Helpful.

Comm. Judah: Actually I Was Hoping That We Would Go With Bridge And There Would Have Been No Parking, But Unfortunately That Condition Go Through.

But, We Do Have Parking Today.

And Recreational Use Of The Island.

Comm. Mann: Appreciate What You're Offering, A Picture Of The Parking Layout And The Landscaping, It Would Help Us Understand It A Little Better.

Those Of Us That Aren't There Every Day.

Back And Forth.

We'll Make Sure To Get It Out To You.

Comm. Judah: Thank You, Scott.

Comm. Janes: That's It, That I Think.

Comm. Judah: I Wanted To Bring Up A Couple Of Issues, To Make Sure That They Are Going To Be Coming Back.

One Is The Discussion Took Place On The Lee County Manage Study And Our Concern Was The District's Position I'm Expecting That Will Be Back To This Board Next Tuesday.

Because So Karen If That's Ok, We Need To Definitely State Our Position To The District Because The Ramifications To Southwest Florida, And Our Own Drgr Study.

I Hope We Will Reconcile That Matter Fairly Soon With The District.

The Other Is The Fact That And We Took Karen's Advice, And It Was Appropriate With Regards To The Issue That Commissioner Mann Brought Forward Concerning The Foreclosure Action That Took Place Down On That Property On The Beach.

And I Suspect Now We'll Have An Opportunity To Approach The Bank Which Took The Property Back For Discussions About The Possibility Of The County, Perhaps Entering Into Some Kind Of Negotiating Agreement On Maybe Securing Additional Beach Front Property For Town Of Fort Meyers Beach And For The Community At Large.

Hi Karen.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

For The Record, Karen Mcguire, County Lands.

Commissioner Judah, I Just Wanted To Emphasize The Foreclosure Action Actually Is Not Going To Be Finalized Until January 26th.

We Anticipate It Will Be Finalized But There Is A Period Of Redemption That Is Going On Right Now.

And Then The Certificate Of Title That Will Put Ownership To The Bank Should Occur On January 26th.

So We're Still A Wait And See Stance, But After The 26th, Then Third Bank, If They End Up With The Title Which Is Expected, Then Further Discussions Can Take Place.

Comm. Judah: Ok.

Comm. Mann: Commissioner I Appreciate Your Positive Comments On This Possibility, We Don't Know What It's Going To Run Or What The Mechanics Are, How We Would Fund It Just Yet, But We're Looking Into That.

I Know.

But I Would Like To Say That I Have Talked To Several People At The Beach Right Now, Because I Was A Little Concerned That Beach Residents And Officials At The City Would Be Concerned About Taking That Large Parcel Off The Tax Rolls.

And What They Would Lose.

But What We've Seen Here Is A Property That Was Valued Somewhere In The 30 Million Area, Is Probably Likely At 10 Or Below So, They've Lost Two-Third Of That Value.

And In The Overall Scheme Of Things For That Seven Mile Long Island, It Will Be Unnoticeable.

If We Should Be Able To Acquire That For Public Use.

And Everybody I've Talked To, And I've Talked To Chamber Of Commerce Residents, Participants Who Have Been Down There For Years.

Key Community Leader As Recently As This Very Morning Before We Came In Here, I Was On The Phone With A Security Councilman From Beach On Another Subject, And I Asked That Person What They Thought.

And The Response Was, Totally Positive, And They Were Encouraged Us To Go Ahead And Continue To Look At This, And Please See If There's Any Possibility In The Thought Continues To Be Boy, If We Don Take Advantage Of This Now, We Have Lost The One And Only Chance.

Comm. Judah: And Commissioner Mann, You Have The Right To Bring Those Comments Forward, Because We Clearly Want To Work Hand In Hand With The Town Of Fort Meyers Beach.

Day Take The Lead, We Hope They Can Provide The Resource And Everybody Wins.

Comm. Mann: Amen.

Comm. Judah: We Have To The 26th And Take Action After That, Very Good.

Ok.

That's It For Any Other Commissioner Items That I Have.

Committee Appointments.

Comm. Mann: None.

Comm. Janes: None.

Comm. Judah: I Have None, We Go To County Manager Items And County Attorney? All Right, Commissioner Janes, It's Always Great To Have You Present.

I Thank You For The Honor For Allowing Me To Preside Over The Meeting.

I Think We've Done Very Well Getting Through The Agenda, Despite My Short Stature.

So With That, We Adjourned.

Have A Good Day.