

September 25th Meeting Called To Order..

We'll Start On The Agenda Will Be The Invocation Followed By The Pledge Of Allegiance..

Our Invocation Today Will Be Delivered By Pastor Gary Smith Of The Vineyard Christian Fellowship Of Fort Myers..

We're Not Wired..

No Mike..

Let's Wait Until We Get A Mike And We'll Say It Again..

Is There A Mike..

Testing, One, Two..

Hello, Testing..

This Has Never Happened..

They Have To Turn The Button On.

Fdl In The Budget Last Week?

You Did.

Toasting, Now We're Working.

I Would Like To Call The -- I'll Start All Over Again..

The September 25th Meeting Of The Board Of County Commissioners To Order..

First Two Items On The Agenda..

The First Will Be The Invocation Followed By The Pledge Of Allegiance..

The Invocation Will Be Delivered By Pastor Gary Smith From The Vineyard Christian Fellowship Of Fort Myers..

Afterwards We'll Ask If You Remain Standing For The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Pastor Smith?.

Good Morning..

Shall We Pray?.

Father, Your Blessings Are So Rich And Countless That We Honestly Find Ourselves Overwhelming When We Think Of Just How Cared For And How You Have Cared, Lord, For Our Community..

Receive Our Thanks And Today For Your Love And Compassion And Mercy That You Have Poured On Us So Generously..

We Ask You To Receive Our Thanks..

Father, In Your Word, You Have Told Us In Your Sacred Word That If A Man's Gift Is Leadership, Let Him Govern Diligently..

I Pray, Lord, For That Spirit To Be Upon Commissioner Hall And Commissioner Mann And Commissioner Janes And Commissioner Judah Conviction That Flows Only From Your Courts..

Now Father In Heaven, May Your Name Be Honored In Lee County, We Ask You To Forgive Us Of Our Sins..

Those That Have Sinned Against Us..

Help Us Not To Yield To Temptation But Deliver Us From The Evil One..

And Lord, Just Bless This Time, This Day, Bless Our Community..

We Ask This In The Name Of The Father, And The Son, And The Holy Spirit..

Amen..

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

Thank You Very Much, Pastor Smith..

Appreciate It..

We Have A Couple Of Ceremonial Presentations To Make First Call On Commissioner Judah With A Less On National Estuaries Day..

Commissioner?.

Thank You Mr. Chairman..

If John Bush Could Step Forward, Please..

We All Recognize The Incredible Prance Of Our Estuarine City, The Water Work Where The Salt And Fresh Water Come Together And Act As Nursing Ground For The Marine Resources..

It Is Appropriate To..

I Am Pleased To Read The Resolution..

Shaw Harbour Our As Wear Of National Significance 1995 And Accepted In The National Estuaries Program..

One Of Four In The State Of Florida And One Of Only 28 In The Entire United States..

The National Estuary Program..

Elected Officials, Resource Managers And Commercial And Recreational Resource Users Working To Improve The Ecological Integrity Of The Greater Shaw Harbor Water Shed, The Conservation, Management Plan For The Water Shed In February, 2000..

Where As Estuary Are Unique Environments Where The River Meets The Sea, Vital Components Of World Eco System, Serve As Nursing Ground For Commercial And Agriculture Fish And Shell Fish Consumed By Americans As Improve Water Quality, Act As Buffers To Protect Shore Lines From Erosion And Provide Essential Food And Habitat For Fish And Other Wild Life..

Where As The National Day Time To Celebrate The Prance And The Shaw Harbour Program Will Celebrate National Estuaries Day..

Trips, Guided Walks, Paddling Events, Boat Tours And Marine Exhibits From September To November 2007 With Events Detailed, Posted On The Internet At W.Ch Nep.Org..

Now Be Resolved By The Board Of County Commissioners That We Do Proclaim September 29th, 2007 As National Estuaries Day And Urge The Public To Recognize The Important Natural Resource, The 25th Day Of September 2007 Signed By The Chairman Of The Board Of County Commissioners Robert Janes, I Am Pleased To Present This To You, Sir..

Thank You Very Much Stand Here Sir, We'll Take A Picture..

Do You Want To Say A Few Words?.

Well, Mr. Judah, I Certainly Couldn't Add To It..

I Want To Thank The Commissioners For Their Willingness To Extend This Proclamation..

Ly County Has Been A Wonderful Partner In The National Program..

We Appreciate That And We Look For A Long, Long Association..

It's Important Work That We Do..

Thank You Very Much..

Thank You, Sir..

Thank You, Mr. Chairman..

Thank You..

I Am Nothing Going To Call On Commissioner Mann With A Ceremony Resolution To Read..

Thank You Very Much..

This Is A Resolution, Honoring A Young Man Who I Have Known Since He Was Worn..

His Name Is John..

I Appreciate My Colleagues Joining Me And Offering This Resolution..

They Have Already Signed It Unanimously..

John Being Not Be With Us This Morning..

He And His Family Are Watching Us On Tv So John And All Of The Clan..

Welcome..

We're Glad To Do This For You..

Let Me Give You Just A Little History Here..

John's Great Grandfather, He's The Oldest Great Grandson Was Bob Halgram..

He Was Truly Our Last Living Link To Tomas Edison..

Worked For Thomas Edison Here At Edison Home Here For A Number Of Years..

He Impressed Mr. Edison So Much That Mr. Edison Sent Him To Cornel University For Two Years Full Scholarship And Then Brought Him Back To The Edison Home And The Grounds To Work With Him And Run The Place As I Say, He Was A Direct Link..

So Bob's Oldest Great Grandson Is The John Halgram Here Today..

About A Year And A Half Ago, John Was Stricken With One Of Those Awful Malignant Brain Tumors..

And It Was Located At The Top Of The Sign, Base Of The Brain, Truly Inoperable..

This Youngster Was Only 14 At The Time And Shown Such Courage In Dealing With This..

When They Were Telling -- Boy, Not Much Hope Here, Well, 18 Months Later, We're Still Fighting The Battle And He Has Shown Such Courage For A Kid That Age That I Thought He Was Deserving Of This Little Resolution..

So With That Background, I Am Proud To Read This For The Family..

Whereas John Halgram, Age 15, A Native Of Lee County And Whereas John Has Contributed Unselfishly All His Life Toward The Betterment Of Lee County And Whereas John Has Throughout His School Career Achieved Academic Excellence And Always Ranked At The Very Top Of His Class, And Whereas John Halgram Has Demonstrated Awareness And Appreciation For All Creatures Created By God And Sought To Preserve Them For Generations To Follow And Whereas John Halgram Even Under The Most Challenging Of Medical Circumstances Has Demonstrated Courage And Determination Far Beyond That Expected For A Person His Age And Whereas John Halgram Every Aspect Of His Life Performed As A Role Model For Peers And Fellow Citizens, Now Therefore Be It Resolved By The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Tuesday September 25th, 2007 Is Here By Declared John Halgram Day In Lee County..

All Citizens Are Encouraged To Recognize And Appreciate The Example That John Has Set For His Fellow Citizens And Further That A Copy Of This Resolution Be Presented To John Halgram In Permanent Recognition Of Said Citizenship Of One Of The County Finest Young Men..

Duly Executed 25th Day Of September And Signed By The Entire Board..

John, Buddy, We Are Pulling For You..

We Are Proud You Are A Lee County Citizen..

I Will Be Delivering This Resolution Personally To The Family Right After This Meeting..

Thank You..

Thank You Very Much..

Commissioner..

I Am Certain That John Has The Interest And Care And Concern Of All Of Us..

Thank You Very Much..

Thank You So Much..

The Recap Sheet, I Can Turn Through Now For Just A Moment Is About The Only Thing I Have To Note On Here..

First Of All, There Are Several Public Hearings Tonight..

Public Hearing 1, Two And 3 Is At Five O'clock..

And 2 At 5:05 Have Been Deferred To The October 23rd Meeting..

So Noticed In The Newspaper, So We Don't Need To Take Action..

And Then We Have On The Administrative Agenda, Item 15 C, I Need A Motion To Defer This Indefinitely..

We'll Reintroduce It At A Later Date..

So Moved..

By Commissioner Mann..

Second By Hall..

Telling Them What That Is, It's The -- The Straw..

Yes..

That's Been Deferred, Requested To Be With Drawn By, I Believe It Is Our Attorney, To The Organization, Has Request Today Be With Drawn..

Do You Want To Comment?.

Good Morning..

Mr. Chairman And Members Of The Board..

The Original Message Was The With Drawl Request From Their Counsel..

That Was Followed Up Early Yesterday Evening By Mr. Jim Bosh, Who Confirmed That Was Their Request Made To The Counsel..

Okay..

Any Further Discussion?.

A Motion Made And Seconded That We Defer The Item For Further Discussion..

All Of Those In Favor Nigh By Aye..

All..

The Motion Is Adopted..

The Other Two We Have, One Other Walk On, Which We Will Take Up At The Balance Of

The -- At The End Administrative Agenda..

We'll Proceed With The Public Comment Period On A Consent, On The Administrative Agenda..

Public Comment Period Is A Period In Which We Give People The Opportunity To Say A Few Words On An Item That Is On The Agenda..

And Usually, We Have You Fill Out A Blue Card Which A Number Of People Have Done..

We Do Give You The Opportunity To Speak On Any Item On The Agenda..

So We'll Proceed With That..

I Am Going To Call On Fred Elliot Followed By Michael Midland..

Fred?.

Good Morning..

For The Record, My Name Is Fred Elliot..

I Am A 23 Year Resident Of Lee High Acres..

Other People Will Come Before You In Red Shirts And Discuss This Important Topic To Our Community..

In Advance, I Would Like To Thank You For Your Continued Support Of Our Community In The Past..

It Has Been Mentioned How Important It Would Be For Us To Give Credible And Accurate Information Regarding Education Of The People In Lee High Acres On The Subject Of Incorporation..

I Wanted To Let You Know That The Primary Sources That Will Be Used In Our Process Are The Florida Senate Interim Project Report, 2005-120..

Titled Antiquated Subdivisions Prepared By The Committee On Community Affairs, Senator Michael Bennett Chair Person..

In It, It Discuss The Benefits Of Incorporation For Antiquated Subdivisions..

In Addition The Population Model To Forecast Population Growth Of Lee High Acres Over Time To Build Out..

Published April 2004 By Van Buzz Kirk Rifle And Associates For Lee County..

In This Report, It Indicates That Amongst Other Things That Over 300,000 People Will Some Day Make Lee High Acres Their Home..

Also, Planning In The Wake Of Florida Land Scams By Hubert..

Additional Information Will Be Used From The Report, The Draft Report By Robert And Todd Titled Lee High Acres Comprehensive Planning Study..

Framework For Planned Development, Dated July 2007..

And In Addition, The Lee High Acres Incorporation Feasibility Study Prepared And Updated This Year By Bj M Consulting..

These Reports And Studies Paint A True Picture Of Where We Came From, Where We Are Headed And What Governmental Vehicle Could Be Used To Get Us There..

Unlike Some Other Current Discussions By Other Communicates On Corporation, We Have Had Many In-Depth Analysis On Our Community..

Please Give Us The Opportunity To Decide..

Your Approval Of This Resolution Today Will Give The Voters Of Lee High Acres An Opportunity To Educate Themselves And Most Importantly A Chance To Express Their Opinion On This Topic In January At The Polls..

Again, We Thank You And I Thank You For Your Continued Support..

Thank You..

We Ask That You Restrain From Applauding Or Cheering Or Booing Or Whatever..

That Tends To Discourage Other People Who May Want To Speak And It Just, You Know, This Is An Orderly Process And Everybody Will Have The Chance And Giving Them That Fairly..

Michael Followed By, I Think Jerry..

Good Morning..

Good Morning..

My Name Is Michael Nevin And I Am Also A 23 Year Resident Of Lee High Acres..

I Am A Small Businessman, A Realtor..

I Come Here Today To Support The Referendum For A Straw Poll..

We're Not Here Today To Decide Whether Lee High Should Incorporate Or Not..

That's For Down The Road..

Today Is For One Thing..

It's To Let Lee High Vote For Lee High..

If You Guys Vote Against This Today, That Means You Will Determine Lee High's Incorporating}, Not Us..

Guess What?.

I Live In Lee High..

You Don't..

I Come Here Out Of Frustration..

I Get Frustrated At The Fact That In Order For Somebody To Represent Lee High, We Must First Get The Approval Of Fort Myers..

Commissioners Are Elected County Wide..

I Feel I Don't Have A Voice..

They Don't Live In Lee High, I Do Can..

The Is Lee High Ready To Vote?.

I Have Been To Seminars Last Year About Corporation..

I Have Been Going To Citizens For City Hood To Find Out What's Going On..

I Tell You, I Have Been There, They're Ready, They Know What They're Doing..

We Have Had A Lot Of Exposure..

We Have Met, We Have Seen Other People Incorporate..

Is Lee High Ready To Decide If They Want To Vote Or Not..

I Think We Are..

I Am Here To Tell You Let Lee High Vote For Lee High..

Thank You, Michael..

Followed By Damon Floor..

Jerry Kerry?.

I'm Sorry..

Okay, Jerry..

Pardon Me..

I Did Call You Before, Exactly..

Morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner And Staff..

Thanks For Your Time..

I Am A Resident Of Lee High For The Last Seven Years, I Am A Businessman There, Invest A Lot In The Communicate And Lee County..

In My Other Life I Was A School Teacher..

I Taught Science And One Of The Basis I Would Teach My Students As They Went On Into Life Was Problem Solving..

And As We Have Gotten Older And Gained A Little Wisdom That's Just About Our Job..

I Look At You Five Up Here, That's Your Job Every Day, Search Days A Week Is Problem Solving..

It Kind Of Is Like This, You Have To Identify Your Problem, Then You Got To Gather All Of The Facts, Then You Got To Reach A Tentative Conclusion And Then You Reach A Final Conclusion..

I Think We Can Apply That Here Today..

Not Long Ago We Were In Here, Several Months Or So, I Think A Year Ago And Asked You For Your Help..

You Said What Do We Need?.

We Said, Well, We Need Roads And We Need Sewer And We Need Water..

We Need Schools, We Need This, We Need That, We Need Everything..

Help Us..

You Said, Go Back, Gather The Facts, In Fact, We'll Give You \$550,000, Get Somebody That Knows Something, Get Organized, Bring The Facts Back To Us So We Can Make A Smart Decision And Help You Solve Your Problems There At Lee High..

We're In That Process Now..

That's What Wee Doing..

We Need Your Help..

It Is Not You And Us, It Is Not Them, Their People That Live Out There..

We Are Right Here..

And It Is A We Type Situation..

It Is You And Us..

We Assemble The Group And You Can Look Around..

We're Not Kids Asking To Smoke In The Locker Room Or For A Desk Hold..

We're Asking You To Let Us Help You And You Help Us Gather The Facts To Inform Our People So They Vote Smartly As We Grow In Lee High..

We're Under A Lot Of Changes And This Growth Is Really Something For Us..

We're Asking Your Help And To Vote No Today, Which You Would Do As Refuse Us And Slap Us On The Hands Again And Two Years Down The Road, We Would Try To Figure Out The Problem..

We Think The Problem Is Here..

We Want To Be Proactive, Not Reactive..

Thank You..

Thank You Very Much..

Marshal Followed By Damon..

I Don't See Marcia..

Okay..

How About Damon?.

Okay..

Followed By Linda Carter..

Thank You..

I Think Marcia Might -- Yes, I See That On The Card..

For The Record, My Name Is Damon Sheller..

Good Morning..

I Have Been A Resident Of Lee Hike Acres For 26 Years..

I Am Here Today To Address You And Request Your Support In Allowing This Nonbinding Straw Poll For The Incorporation Of Lee High Acres On January 29th..

One Of The Great Aspects Of The American Culture Is The Right To Self Determination..

Today, We Can Help Continue That Great Tradition..

We're Privileged To Live In The United States..

And We Enjoy Many Of The Freedoms That Other People Around The World Can Only Hope For..

These Freedoms And Rights Come With Responsibilities..

Those Responsibilities Include The Necessary -- The Need To Be Informed On Issues And Be Active In Our Lives With Our Communities And Our Government..

To This End, Citizens For Cityhood Have Scheduled Four Town Hall Meetings To Occur In October In Various Areas Of The Community For Lee High Acres, To Debate The Merits, Pro It Is And Cons Of Incorporation..

During The Meetings, The Fiscal Feasibility Will Be Discussed And Various Aspects Of Becoming -- Potential City Charter Will Be Debated..

We Have Also Set Up A Series Of Speakers Going Out To Civic Organizations And Social Groups To Discuss These Issues As Many Times -- If A Group Of 10 People, We Want To Be There To Talk To Them..

Basically We're Trying To Get The Word Out, Discuss The Issues And Get The Sentiment Of The People, That's Really What We're Asking On This Referendum..

We Have Been Asked To Have A Nonbinding Straw Poll To Judge That Sentiment So The Legislatures, You As Well As State Representatives, Senators Can Judge On The Merit Of This Issue..

And That's What We're Here Today To Do, To Get Your Support In Hearing What The People Have To Say..

I Thank You For Your Time And Effort And I Look Forward And Am Pleased To Have Your Support In This Issue..

Thank You..

Linda Carter Followed By Myer Kessler..

Good Morning, Linda..

Of The.

Good Morning, Commissioner, I Have Been Before You A Lost Time To Speak On Issues But Voting Is One Of The Most Important Rights That Americans Have Today..

If We Could Go Back Starting In History In 1996, For Britain..

Voting Rights Were Based On Property Ownership..

It Related, Taken Down..

In Quench, Draft Of The Constitution, Given To Mandates And Still Given To Favorable Males..

Dropped Religion As The Voting Preference In 1830 And It Keeps Going Down To Through The History That We Started Making Mend Ants, 1890, To Let Women Vote..

The 17th Amendment In Mean 14, The Women Right To Vote On The 19th In 1920..

But The Most Important Moment} Was In 1965 -- Wait, Wait, Wait, Linda -- Wait..

We Got -- We Have To Get You Miked..

Of Through The Stand Still..

It Is Going Through There..

Go Back..

1965 Was The Amendment To The Voting Rights Act, Literacy Test, Poll Taxes And Other Obstacles To Keep People From Voting..

If Our Country Had Not Started To Vote Back Then, We Would Not Be Where We're At, We Would Not Have Lee County If People Would Not Start The Community, They Did Not Decide To Start Lee County..

We As Lee High Acres Need To Stand And Vote For What We Feel Like We Need..

Without Our Right To Vote, The Constitution Is Invalid..

We Have It Because We Have Gone Through The Amendments For It..

The Federal Constitution Says, We Have That Right To Vote..

And, You Know, The Forefathers Went Forth And Decided That's What We Need And Hope To Put You And Design Your Positions Years Ago Before Y'all Were Here..

Why Can't Lee High Decide Where We Want To Go Just Like The United States Did In 1996..

We Need Our Right To Vote And Lee High Wants To Have That Fight..

92 Marvin Followed By -- Good Morning, Myra..

Well, I Moved To Lee High -- Pull That Mike Down..

I Moved To Lee High In 1960..

With Three Little Kids And My Late Husband, Arthur..

It Was A Great, Great Community..

As Many Of You Know..

Now, Let's Tell It Like It Is..

We're To Blame..

You're To Blame..

We Have Allowed What Started Out As A First-Class Place To Live, A Community That's Now Out Of Control..

It Hurts, It Really Hurts When My Three Sons Come To Visit And This Happened Three Weeks Ago -- One Actually Came One Week And They All Live Out Of Town..

We Go By My First House Which Was On Oregon Road..

And They Say, Mom, Look At This Mess..

This Looks Awful Here..

And It Hurts When You Hear That..

Now What We Have To Do, What Has To Happened Is To Get This Community Together..

Which I Think For The First Time We Really Are, To Face All Of Our Issues..

We Have To Get Back To A Community We Can All Be Proud Of..

We Need To Get The Incorporation Issue On The Ballot..

We Need You To Help Us Get There..

And Knowing All Of You Pretty Well, Some Better Than Others, I Hope That You Will Really Be Open To Understanding What Great People We Have And What We Need To Do..

So Stick With Us And Help Us Move Forward To Get This Incorporation Issue On The Ballot..

Thank You..

Thank You..

Thank You, Myra..

Lisa Auto - Very Good..

And I Appreciate Your Great Attempt To Spell It Phonetically For Me..

Thank You..

You're Welcome..

Good Morning..

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Lee High Acres, Citizens And Lee County..

Thank You For Giving Me An Opportunity To Speak..

I Live In Westminster Located In Lee High Acres, I Am The Witness To Many Helicopters That Fly Around Our Community For A Long Period Of Time That Can Range From 20 Minutes To 45 Minutes..

I Live In Fear Every Day..

The Helicopters Circle, They're Flying Low, They're Shining Helicopter Lights In My Living Room, My Bedroom..

Then The Sirens Go Off..

Yes, There Are Lots Of Sirens..

I Have Lived In Lee High For Four Years I Live In Fear..

I Never Lived In Fear Living In Pennsylvania And Delaware..

What Is Going On Here In Florida?.

I Am Asking For Your Support For -- To Be In Favor Of Lee High Becoming Incorporated Sooner Than Later For The Protection Of Our Families..

And I Want You All To Think If You Were Living In Lee High Acres In Westminster, With Your Parents Or Your Spouse, Your Children, Your Friends, Living In This Neighborhood, We Are Living In The Middle Of A Battle Zone..

I Am An Active Volunteer..

I Am Proud To Be A Volunteer..

I Upon Get The Task Force Started..

I Am Staying Focused..

I Am Cleaning Up Lee High And I Am Proud To Be Here And I Want To The Stay Here..

My Husband Built Airports, He Built The Southwest Regional Airport..

It's Completed..

He's Now Working At Dulles..

When He Comes Home, It Looks Like A Battle Zone..

What Is Happening?.

In Four Years, This Community Has Gone Down The Tubes..

We Bought In Westminster, There Was Open Land..

There Was Peace And Quiet..

What Has Happened?.

Please Vote Yes In Favor Of The Corporation..

I Respect All Of You And Thank You For Your Time..

Thank You Very Much, Lisa..

Keith Followed By Ed Wiener..

Good Morning, Keith..

My Name Is Keith For The Record..

You Heard A Lot Of Things From People From Lee High..

I Don't Want To Talk About That..

What I Want To Talk About Is This Has Gone Further That..

In The Binding Referendum Really Has Nothing To Do With The Corporation..

It's Not One Of The Steps We Have To Do In Chapter 165, Statute 165, The Steps For

Becoming A City..

I Understand That..

This Is More Like You Are Our Representative Government, We Are Not Incorporated..

We Are Not Incorporated Lee County..

You Are The Representative Government..

We Are Asking You To Give Us The Right To See If Lee High Thinks Lee High Is Ready To Be A City..

I'm Not So Much For City Or Against City..

What I'm Hear Here For, Asking You As Your Constituents To Go Ahead And Give Us The Right To Vote On This Issue..

Thank You Very Much..

Thank You Very Much..

Ed Wiener Followed By John Miller..

My Name Is Ed Wiener, I Am A Four-Year Resident Of Lee High Acres..

I Feel Like A -- .

Everybody's 23 And 44 Years..

I Feel Like The Baby Of The Group..

I Am An Architect And I Love To Tell You, I Am A World-Famous Architect But I Can't Lie To You This Morning In Early In The Morning..

I Noticed Immediately Things That Were Not Done In -- In Ways That You Would Do If You Had A Planned Community..

Just Let Me Give You A Little Bit Of Background..

I Am The Vice Chair, The Vice President Of The Lee High Community Planning Council, The Corresponding Secretary For The Lee High Community Council..

Member Of Rotary And Chamber And President Of The Democratic Club..

Sorry..

I Am Also The Chair Of The Speakers Bureau For Citizens For City..

And It Is My Job To Go Out And Get Speakers To Address The Members Of The Community And The Churches In The Community, And The Service Organizations That Are Ready To Listen To The Facts And The Figures Of What We Have To Say And Ask Hard Questions..

We Have Had A Couple Of Those Already And We're Scheduled As Damon Told You, We're Scheduled To Have A Couple Of Town Hall Meetings As Well As Getting More Individual Meetings Going With Small Groups..

What We're Asking For Is The Opportunity To Determine Lee High's Destiny..

We're Not Asking You To Validate, Incorporate Or Asking You To Invalidate An Incorporate..

We're Asking That You Give The Citizens Of Lee High The Ability To Their Own Destiny..

Do They Want Us To Be Incorporated Or Don't They?.

I Am Going To Leave Here After This Meeting And Going To Commute To Naples..

Every Day I Commute 37 Miles, I Moved Here In Four Years, Not One Single Square Foot Of Office Space In Lee High Acres, We're Not Doing A Lot Better Now Although Things Are Beginning To Improve Commercially..

Throwing Road Blocks In Our Way, Asking For Completed Comprehensive Plan, Asking For 80 % Of The People To Vote On The Plan, Hell, I Can't Get 80 % Of My Family To Vote On Dinner..

I Don't Know How Those Incomes Are Going To Be Able To Benefit -- Items To Benefit The Citizenry Of Lee High..

I Would Ask You On Behalf Of The Red Shirts Behind Us..

This Was Organized In Less Than A Week..

When We Were Here For The Sheriff..

We Had Three Weeks To Organize A Bus..

The People Here Were Called And Organized In Less Than A Week..

I Would Ask That You Validate The Citizenry Of Lee High And Ask That You Allow Us To Have A Somewhat Ballot On January 29th To Determine Our Own Destiny..

Thank You, Ladies And Gentlemen..

Thank You Very Much..

John Miller, Followed By Kevin..

K Good Morning..

My Name Is John Miller..

1006 Alaska Avenue In Lee High Acres..

Greetings And I Appreciate Each One Of You, Our Commissioners, And Thank You For Giving Us Your Attention..

I Am Not Here Today To Accuse Employees Of Lee County Government Of Intentionally Wishing Harm Upon Our Eastern Community..

I Have Met Dozens Of Lee County Employees That Are Dedicated To Their Jobs Beyond Remuneration..

Each One Of You, The Commissioners Take The Role As Caretakers Of The County Resources To Heart..

For This Reason, We Come Here Asking For The Chance To Wait For South Rule Once Again..

Familiarity -- I Can Understand Why We're Still A Nonentity..

With Respect To Taking Care Of Our Own Business..

People Ask Me Where's City Hall?.

Why Doesn't The City Do This To Stop That?.

This Is Kind Of Ridiculous In Some People's Eyes..

They See A Town Was Formed Here To Be A Unit With The Downtown And Still Considered Nobody..

Do Not Think For A Minute That Lee High Acres Didn't Have A Heart Or People Don't Care..

Did You Think We Want To Suddenly Be Necked By Fort Myers..

Does Fort Myers Identify With Lee High Acres..

We're A Town..

The Sense That People Cooperate Together In The Market And The Park And The Schools And The Churches And Seek Ways To Make Us All Better Off..

We Would Have Resisted Buying Up The Open Land For Prove No Real Power To Make Things Better..

So We Are Grateful That You Finally Called For A Comprehensive Plan..

This Comprehensive Plan Document Will Be A Guide To Work From..

We Have Dedicated Individuals Here Today That Understand The Role The Cities Play Where People Congregate As A Community And This Has Been Too Long In Coming..

We Believe That Having Our Own Government To Decide Whether Resources Should Be Applied Will More Closely Follow The Needs Of Our Population..

We Understand That If There Was Indeed A City Hall, That People Would Find Counsel III Willing To Hear Our Weak Pull Together The Will Of The Body To Heal Itself..

The Last To Sit Among The Recent Elders For People Good, We Certainly Don't See You Holding Meetings In Lee High Acres..

We See A Commission Governing Over Here And Stretching Everybody's Resources Back And Forth Among Your Constituents In Your Districts..

We Have Met Our Leaders, You Have Met Our Leaders, I Am Sorry..

You See They're Willingness To Face The Personal Ridicule And The Loss Of Personal Time For Nothing More As Your Average Resident Will Gain From Their Efforts..

We Ask For A Straw Poll, The Chance To Give Our People Their Own Government..

Thank You Very Much..

Thank You Very Much..

Kevin Followed By Michael Wezner..

Kevin?.

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Distinguished Council, Distinguished Manager..

I Am A Resident Of Lee High Acres..

Let Us Have Reason And Common Sense In Our Decisions Concerning This Issue Of A Straw Ballot..

When My Grandfather Used To Take Me Fishing, Trout Fishing In Idaho..

You Exercised Great Patience..

And Almost Without Exception By 9 O'clock In The Morning, We Had Our Limit For The Day With Patience..

This Current Issue Is Insufficient Legally..

The Tax Amendment Just Yesterday In Leon County Was Potentially Set Aside From The

January Ballot..

There Is A Question Of Whether We'll Even Have A January Ballot..

We Don't Yet Know What The Taxes Are And Lee High Acres Already Declined Three Quarters Of A Billion Dollars In Tax Values..

It's Expected To Drop Another Billion To Two Billion And At The Max Yum \$3 Million Rate..

The Fire District Potentially Next Year, Insufficient Funds To Meet Their Budget..

But These Ability Study That Was Presented As Part Of The Package Is Fundamentally Gnawed And..

Of Course It Is Based On A Concept Of Government Life That The Proposed Would Compete With Lee County For Governmental Services..

It Is Very Clear From The Consensus Of This Commission And The Issues With Bonita Springs And Fort Myers Beach, Maybe A Transition Period Of 15 To 18 Months..

So This Feasibility Study Is From A Tax Analysis, From An Operational Standpoint, It Is Fundamentally Defective, Fundamentally Deficient And Should Be Sent Back For A Rework..

Additionally, The Charter They Put Forward As Part Of Your Package Was Done In Secret Primarily By The Chamber Of Commerce With No Broad-Base Public Support..

Lastly, We Don't Have A Land Study, It's Not Been Finished..

It's Not Been Approved..

These Are All Essential Requirements..

So I Have No Objections To A Ballot In November 2008 And Hopefully By Then All Of These Ducks Will Be In Order..

Right Now It's Premature..

The Basic Foundation Blocks And Requirements Have Not Been Met..

And I Want To Close And Thank You Very Much And I Would Like To State On The Public Record That I Invite Mr. Bill To Meet Me In Public Debate At Least Three Debates On This Issue Since He's Head Of The La Cp And Chamber Of Commerce, Rather Than These Town Meetings, A Vigorous Public Debate For A Well-Informed Citizenry Is The Bed Rock Of Our Economy..

Thank You Very Much, Mr. Chairman..

Thank You Much, Ladies And Gentlemen..

Michael Wezner Followed By Boturberville..

Good Morning, Michael..

Good Morning..

As You Know, My Name Is Michael..

I Am From Lee High Acres..

I Have The Privilege Of Serving As The Chair For The Citizens For City Hood Committee..

I Am Not Here To Debate The Pros And Cons Of City Hood..

However, I Am Simply To Request Your Support In Taking This First Step, In What Would Be A Long Thorough Process..

I Would Like To Than Of You For The Voting Support..

For The -- To Be Held On January 29th, 2008..

And I Also Thank You For Your Interest In Lee High Acres And For Allowing Your Constituents In Lee High Acres To Express Opinions Regarding The City Hood For Their Community..

We Realize That The Straw Vote Is Not A County Requirement..

But Originally, An Expectation Of Our State Representative..

Although As Of Yesterday, This Has Apparently Changed..

We Appreciate You Still Approving The Placement On The Local Ballot..

We Pledge To You Over The Next Several Months, We Will Work Very Hard To Provide Numerous Opportunities For Our Residents To Learn The Facts And Ask Questions About City Hood And To Enter Into Public Discussion And Debate..

We Will Notify You Of These Town Hall-Type Meeting We Welcome Your Attendance..

We Also Invite You To Send Us Any Questions Or Concerns You May Have..

Our Sole Purpose Is To Educate The Populous And To Allow The Team To Make A Formed Decision In January..

We All Support Home Rowel, The American Way..

We Will Work Tirelessly With The Men Organizes And Individuals In Our Community To Get The Word Out..

Trust Me, The Citizens Of Lee High Acres Are Up To The Task..

You Can See This By The Red Shirted People From Lee High Acres That Interrupted Their Busy Lives To Be Here On A Tuesday Morning To Recognize And Support Your Positive Vote On Our Request..

You Can Rest-Assured That They Care Again, Thank Fur Caring About Lee High Acres And For All You Do For The Citizens Of Lee County..

By Supporting The Straw Vote Resolution, You Are Sending A Very Clear Message That Citizen Opinions Really Do Count..

Thank You For Giving Our Community The Opportunity To Explore City Hood In The Future For Lee High Acres..

Have A Great Day..

Thank You Very Much..

Good Morning..

Good Morning..

I Was Casually Hearing The Statements About The La Cpc And How Well The Plan Is Going..

Of Course The Plan Has Always Been Open To Any Public Comment And Always Will Continue To..

The Main Reason We're Here Today Senator Bennett Told Us In A Meeting..

He Needed A Nonbinding Ballot So Lee High Acres Has An Opportunity To Vote For Their Future..

It Appears Now That Senator Bennett May Have Told You That The Nonbinding Ballot Is Not Necessary And He Would Go Ahead And Let That Possibly Go To The Legislative Delegation..

We Like Us To Go Ahead With The Straw Ballot If It Is Needed Or Not..

We Want That So That Lee High Acres Show Their Right For The Right To Support On Their Future..

Today Should Not Be About Incorporating} For Or Against, It's About The Opportunity To Show Democracy By Allowing Lee High Acres To Have The Right To Vote..

Thank You..

Thank You Very Much..

That's All Of The Blue Cards That I Have..

Robert Anderson..

I See That..

Thank You, Commissioner..

If Anybody Else Wishes To Speak, I Need You -- You Don't Necessarily Have To Fill Out A Blue Card But Organize Your Thoughts So When You Wave Your Hands, I'll Call You On..

Robert Anderson, You Have A Blue Card, You Are First..

For The Record, My Name Is Robert Anderson..

Also A Citizen Of Lee High Acres..

I Would Be The First One To Go Total Has And Fight For Our Corporation..

And Spend My Own Money To Go Up There And Talk To Every Legislator To Get This Done..

But There Is A Little Problem..

Some Of You Talked To Senator Bennett And Some Of You Have Not..

I Have Yesterday..

I Talked To Some Of Our Other Leaders, The Ability For Straw Ballot Has Been Removed..

You Do Not Have To Do It..

Simple As That..

It Is Out -- It Is In Your Hands But You Do Not Have To Choose That Option..

Why?.

It's Not Part Of The Requirement From Senator Bennett Anymore..

Basically, All This Committee Has To Do -- They Know That Now -- To Cross All Of The T's, Dot All Of The I's And Give It To Senator Bennett On Delegation Day And He Will Make It Happen..

It's As Simple As That..

Do I Like To Have A Straw Vote?.

I Think A Waste Of Time In My Own Personal Opinion But The Citizens Want It, Let It

Happen..

The Ability Of The Straw Vote Is Not -- The Letter You Have Is Three Years Old..

Yesterday, He Changed His Mind..

He Doesn't Have To Have It Because He'll Take What They Give Him Along As They Cross Their T's And Dot Their I's And Make It A Binding Resolution Or Referendum For Everyone To Vote On For November 2008 And Get It Done..

So, You Do Have Two Options, You Can Have The Straw Ballot Or You Can Just Say To The Committee, Cross Your T's And Dot Your I's And Do Your Job..

I Am Willing To Help Do It, To Follow State Statute 165..

A Very Easy Statute To Understand..

So, Again, You Have More Than One Option Today..

I Believe That Both Of Those Options Are Very Viable..

I Will Leave It In Your Hands Because That's Where It Is Today..

Thank You Very Much..

Thank You Very Much..

Anybody Else Wish To Comment?.

I Have To See A Hand Wave..

Yes, Sir..

I Ask When You Approach The Podium Or Speak, Give Your Name So We Have That On Record..

My Name Is William Braken..

I Know Most Of You Commissioners..

I Have Lived In Lee High For Many Years..

I Do Not Believe That The Straw Poll Is Valuable At This Time..

Because The People Really Don't Understand It And Don't Know It..

Most Of The People That Live There Really Don't..

And They Might Say, Hey, Great, We Have Our Own City And Vote For It..

But, What They Need To Know Is What It Is Going..

So At Least The Third Of People That Live In Lee High, Are Like I Am: We Can't Afford More Taxes..

A Lot Of Young People And Senators That Can't Afford For More Taxes..

You Folks Know As I Do, How Much More It Would Cost Us In Taxes..

So Unless The People Are Notified By Someone, You Commissioner It Is Or Somebody, What It Would Cost Additional Taxes For Them To Vote For City Hood, Then I Don't Think We Should Have This..

They Just Don't Know..

And Again, Like I Said, Those That Would Have To Leave Lee High Because They Couldn't Afford To Live There..

And The Things That Would Be Done Then..

And I As Well As Most Of The People I Know -- And I Know A Lost People In Lee High Because I Have Lived There For Many Years..

By The Way, I Am The Vice President Of The Citizens Against Increased Taxes, And I Know That Like I Said, People Don't Want To Increase Taxes Am I Know That The Truth Is Known, They Would Not Be - Because They Would Have To Leave..

I Am Hoping You Commissioners Will Consider That And Like I Say, Not Going To Help Anybody Except A Few People In The Chamber That Would Like More Power..

So The Rest Of Us Would Like To Stay Like It Is And Leave You Commissioners Doing The Good Job You Have Done For Lee High..

Most Of Us In Lee High Voted For You..

Thank You Very Kindly..

Anybody Else Like To Make A Comment?.

Yes, Sir, Come On Down..

Good Morning..

My Name Is Oliver..

Thank You For Having Us Here..

I Have Brought With Me Some Members From My Organization..

I Have Lived In Lee High For About 6 Years..

I And I Have Noticed Over Time That The Quality Of Life In Lee High Is Declining..

We Feel That We Should Be Given The Opportunity To Determine Our Way Of Life In Lee High..

We Are Not Here To Debate The Pros And Cons Of Incorporation But To Ask For An Opportunity And That Opportunity Be Given To The Citizens Of Lee High To Determine Their Way Of Life..

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I Would Hope In Your Open Discussions And Perhaps Way -- I Thank You..

Thank You..

Anybody Else Wish To Comment?.

Did We Get His Name For The Record?.

Yes, He Said It..

I Didn't Catch It..

Did You Get It?.

Did You Get His Name?.

Okay..

Any Other Comments?.

Okay..

There Being None, I Will Close The Public Comment On The Consent Of Administrative Agenda..

We'll Proceed Now With Consent Agenda..

Ed 50 Item, Commissioner Hall..

No..

Mann?.

2 D..

Is That It?.

Yes That's All..

Commissioner Judah..

<> > None Mr. Chairman..

Mr. Bigelow..

Yes, Can I Get Clarification..

2 D As In Dog?.

Yes..

I Have 39, B As In Boy..

12 B As In Boy..

12 B..

Slow..

Okay..

9 -- I'll Start Over..

9..

Thank You..

9 B As In Boy..

12 B As In Boy..

Yes, Sir..

13 A As In Apple..

<> > 13 A..

Okay..

9 B, 12 B And 13 A..

Thank You..

Very Good..

Is There A Motion..

So Moved..

Second Motion And Seconded By Mann To The Balance Of The Consent Agenda..

All Those In Favor?.

The Motion Is Adopted..

Item 2 D, Commissioner Mann?.

Thank You Mr. Chairman..

Mr. Lewis, Could You Explain The Opeb In A Quick Summary, If You Can And The Last Item On This Blue Sheet Says This Action Will Move The Necessary Funding From Reserves And Adjust Budgets Appropriately..

That Term Just Frightens Me..

So If You Could Clarify What Reserves We're Talking About..

Where This \$18 Million..

But First What Is The Opeb?.

Good Morning..

Dina Lewis Administrative Services..

Mr. Chairman, Commissioner..

Opeb Stands For Other Post Employ..

Benefits..

And This Is A Term That Has Been Defined By New Accounting Standards And It Refers To Those Benefits Given To Retirees That Are Other Than Pension Benefits For Lee County, That's Predominantly The Amount That We Give To Retirees To Defer The Cost Of Health Insurance..

Okay..

And The \$18 Million, Is That For One Year Of Benefits?.

Yes, Commissioner..

For The Current Fiscal Year, The Year That Ends September 30, 2007 As Part Of This Year's

Budget, The Board Has Set Aside From General Fund Reserve, The Sum Of \$18 Million That Was An Estimated Amount To Fund This Year's Liability For The Opeb Obligation..

That Number Was Derived Based On The Best Information We Had At The Time, Which Was A Preliminary Study For The Employees And Certain Of The Other Constitutionals..

We Now Have Final Act Wear Numbers That Include All Of The Entities That Are Under This Obligation Including The Clerk's Office And The Sheriff's Office..

So What This Agenda Item Does Is It Limited, The -- Due To County Employees And Determine The Funds That The Funding Should Come From..

The General Fund Reserve From Which You Just Said This Was Coming, Is That Different From The \$34 Million Fund Reserve I Have Come To -- Fund Reserve I Have Come To Understand A Little Bit..

The \$34 Million, That's The General Fund Reserve After Designations And Restricts That The Board Has Put On It, Within Those Designations Is The \$18 Million That I First Reverenced..

Now That We Have Actual Dollars, The Amount That Will Need To Come Out Of The General Fund Reserve Is Some \$13.1 Million..

Society Board Has Already Set Aside Adequate Funding Out Of Reserves This Year To Fund This Amount..

Now We're Actually Going To Append The Funds And Transfer Them Over..

We Have A Final Number On This..

You Have Designated 18 Nil Ion On This..

So Correct..

That Is Correct..

One Final Question On This Though, Is This \$18 Million Profit What It Has Been The Last Several Years Or Does It Grow A Little Each Year?.

Since The Health Benefits, Does It Grow A Lot Each Year?.

This -- The Current Fiscal Year Is The First Year We Have Funded It Because It Is The First Year We Come Under The North County Rules That And Then We Front The County Chooses To Do So On A Current Basis..

So This Is The First Year We Have Actually Set Aside Funds For This Obligation..

For The Budget That Had Been Adopted For Next Year, We Have Included An Amount Of \$25 Million For That Opeb Obligation..

Likely, It Will Increase Over A Period Of Time But That Depends On Future Board Decisions..

It Is A Complex Calculation To Determine What The Future Cost Is Of These Benefits..

This 18 Doing Right Now And 25 Next Year, Is That What I Heard You Say, Search Million More?.

I Think We Have A Misunderstanding Here..

You Are Asking -- If I Am Wrong, Please Correct Me..

Is This \$18 Million This Year?.

This Is Going To A Pot, A Fund, We'll Not Spend \$18 Million..

Tell Sit Separate For Future Claims Against It..

It's Not Of The -- And The Fund, If You Will Am.

That's Correct..

Okay..

This Is An Guess But We Have To Set The Dollars Aside..

Have We Done This?.

Did You Tell Me When We Adopted The Budget Last Thursday Night..

Yes..

This Is A Technical Transfer -- Am I Putting Words In Your Mouth You Don't Want To Use..

Let Me Address Each Part..

I Feel Like We Have Already Obligated This \$18 Million From Prefers Action Of This Board Or Prefers Boards.

That Is Correct..

You Have..

I Don't Have A Choice Is What You Are Telling Me..

This Board Has Reserved \$18 Million For This Obligation..

We Now Have Reports To Tell Us What The Exact Obligation Is The Time We Did The \$18

Million We Did Not Have A Number..

Do You Have Those So We Can Chisel It In Stone..

Can We Come Back To This Issue, Mr. County Manager Later On As We Look To The Future And See If This Will Continue To Be An Obligation Of The Board..

Mr. Commissioner, You Still Have Great Latitude..

You Are Putting Into A Pot That Doesn't Say Sometime In The Future If You Change Your Mind, You Got Into A Crisis -- We Are Already Obligated..

This Is A Health Care Benefit For Families.

And To Take Care Of That..

We Are And As We Bring On New Employees, If This Is Something We Could Make Optional Instead Of Mandatory..

Yes..

I Would Like To Talk About That At Some Point..

There Is An Item -- Item 2 D Has Been Recommended For Approval By Commissioner Mann Seconded By Judah..

The Same Accounting Principles That We're Required To Follow To Show That The, It Is A Benefits Off Of The Expenditure And Need To Be Stated So..

That Is Also Now Required Of The Private Sector?.

Corporations For Years Were Never Stating Up Front They Had This Expense..

Unbeknownst To Shareholder, Haunting Them At Later Time..

Actually An Obligation For Private Sector For Sometime T..

Becomes An Obligation Or Requirement For Financial Stats At This Time..

But There Were, It Seems Too Long Ago, The Private Sector Did Not Show This As Expense On The Ledger..

You Say It Has Been There For Sometime..

It Can't Have Been For Too Long..

I Don't Know The Exact Date For The Private Sector, I Would Say At Least Five Years They Have Been Hired To Discuss This..

Thank You..

Mr. Chairman..

Yes..

I Actually Appreciate Commissioner Mann's Comments, I Think It Is A Good Dialogue For Us To Set After Some Time To Talk About Post Retirement Benefit Package And The Policy That This Board Wants To Have..

I Am Glad To See The Commissioner Mann Agrees With It..

It Should Be A Dialogue..

I Don't Want This Board Especially New Commissioners To Think We Have To Pay The Post Retirement Benefit..

It Will Come Back To Haunt Future Boards, What We Try To Do To Be Pro Active..

What Should Is The Amount Of Money That Should Be Going In There..

Last Year, We Set Aside \$18 Million..

That's Transferring Out Of Reserves Into Town Funds..

At Some Point In Time, A Blew She'd That Will Transfer The Money Into This Mound..

I Agree With You, We Need To Have The Discussion As To Where We Go In The Future, What We Can Sustain From Employees That Have Put Their Time In..

We Have Made An Obligation, Can We Sustain Them Knowing That Life Expectancies Continuing To Move Those Years Up..

What Should Be Appropriate From A Policy Standpoint For Benefits, Salaries, The Future Employees For Lee County Because The Last Thing I Think Anybody Wants To Do Is Put Their 20 Years In And Find Out Everything They Thought They Had, They Really Don't..

I Think Only Fiscally Responsible For Us To Look At What That Means For Our Employees In The Future..

I Recognize The Time To Get All Of The Numbers Together..

I Don't Have A Problem Until Waiting Until After The First Of The Year, But I Think It Definitely Needs To Be Scheduled Sooner Versus Later Before We Start Next Year's Project So It Can Be More Clear As We Look At What Are Appropriate Salaries..

In The Sheriff Budget, A Very Long Conversation, They Have Very High Post Retirement Benefits In Addition To Pensions..

Part Of Our Challenge, That Number Really Hits Us Hard..

We Do Need To Sit Down With The Institutionals Again And Really Have, This Board Talk About It But Then Sit Down And Talk About Good Communication With The Other Officers So We're All On The Same Page And They Can Decide What They're Going To Do..

Sure..

Commissioner?.

Mr. Chairman, As You Know This Morning, You And I And A Couple Of Other Commissioners Have Had Informal Conversation Touching On This -- I Think It Is The Very Timely If -- And What Is Going To Happen Next Year To Lee County..

There Is No Question That Lee County Is Going To Be Hit With Further Restrictions On Funding Sources Next Year..

We Heard About What Happened On The January Ballot Issue..

I Already Hear People Coming In With Proposals Out There Am So, We Obviously Cannot Keep Operating The Way We Have His Carry -- We Have To Plan Ahead For That, So It's Kind That We're Bringing And Making Sure We Have A Consent Plus Going Forward..

Woe Can't Until -- I Think We Have To Start Repairing For It Now..

<> > Soy With That, - Eye Was Going To Bring It Up Later..

I Think It Is A Good Time..

The Board's Concurrence..

I Would Like To Suggest We Do Schedule A Meeting Right After The First Part Of January, So That We Can Get Right On This..

We Need To Start Planning For Fewer Dollars Coming To Lee County..

Excellent..

I Would Hope So..

Great..

Have We Voted On This Issue?.

No..

Still Under Discussion..

Yes, Commissioner Bigelow?.

I Concur, Picking Up Here, I Think We Should Probably Revisit This Sooner Than Later..

Looking Forward To That Debate Because I Think We Have We Have To Get The Budget Cut Scissors Out Big Time, This Is A Large Area Of Expense..

It's On The Chopping Block With A Lot Of Stuff..

Okay..

Further Discussion?.

All Of Those In Favor..

The Motion Is Adopted..

Thank You..

9 B..

Commissioner Bigelow..

This Is A Supplemental Task Authorization Number 45 To Contract 3341 To Water Resource Solutions For A Project Known As Ust F Upgrade Project In The Amount Of \$55,000..

Total Project Amount Of \$132,000..

Which One?.

9 B..

B, Boy..

I Am Taken By The Fact That This Supplemental Task Is An Increase To An Original Contract Amount Of \$77,000..

Right?.

This Is Additional 55,000 To A Contract We Thought Was Only Going To Cost Us \$77,000..

I Am Just Rounding Up To The Closest Thousand..

And Here's My Problem..

It Seems What We're Asked To Prove Today Was Something We Could Have Or Should Have, Perhaps Foreseen As A Need Part Of The Original Contract..

This Is Something I Have Often Taken The County Manager To Task On..

When We Can Reasonably Predict We're Going To Have These Issues Before Us, When It Comes To A Project..

We Need To Get Our Pencils Out And Sharpen Them And Put Into The Original Contract..

I Believe This Is One Of Those..

This As The Back Up Indicates,.

This That Seems To Just Popped Up..

That Is If You Want To Me With That..

-- The Natural Resources For The Record..

\$76,000 Original Scope Was For The Actual Removal Of The Underground Storage Tank..

This Was Done In Two Phases That Was Covered By The Additional Supplemental Task Number 44..

These Are Ongoing Environmental Contracts We Have..

So We Cover The Removal And The Closure Of The Underground Storage Tank..

This New Money Is For The Actual Acquisition And Install And Inspection Of The Above Ground Tank..

So It Is Done In Two Phases..

Did You Have Different Vendors Involved As Well?.

Demolition -- Removal, I Don't Think, But Removal And Closing Out That Entirely..

Making Sure It Is And Then All Of The Left Over Material And This One, For The New Tank..

Okay..

Let Me See If I Can Restate What You Have Told Me..

Then See If You Can Then Maybe Go A Little Further In Helping Me Understand Upon -- And You Are Saying That This Is A 2-Phase Project..

First Phase Was Take It Out Of The Ground, The Second Is To Put In Place A New Tank..

It Doesn't Go -- Do I Have A Rough Recollection Of What You Said..

It Doesn't Go To The Leaning Point, We Should Certainly Know When We Are Taking A Tank Out, We'll Be Putting A Tank In..

So This Is, My Submission, One Project Not A Two-Phase Project Even Though It Is Two Halves, If You Will, Take It Out, Put It In..

Why Don't We Know This In Advance..

If We Were 7-11..

We Would Be Knowing, Taking Gas Tanks Out And Replacing Them, It's One Contract..

It's My Problem Or The Problem I Have Is That What Happens Is Cost Always Escalates When I Don't Consider The Prudent Pre-Plan..

If We're Going To Take It Out..

Put It Under One Contract..

Rather Than The Change Orders, Change Orders Are Always More Costly..

That Could Have Been Possibly Done, But Dealing With Separate Sub..

Removal Is Different From Something That Will Pride The Equipment..

Dead -- And The Cost Of The Tank Installed Done By Another Contractor..

So It's, You Know, Combining Them, I Don't Think We Would Have Realized Cost Savings But Something We Could 0 In The Future..

Well, You Know, It Is Again Almost Like The Issue That Commissioner Manm Brought Up..

What Choice?.

You Have Taken It Out, We Have To Put One In..

I Just Feel Like The Piece Mill Approach Is Just And -- I Would Be Happy..

I Think We Have To Be Very Careful About That..

If You Roll Two Different Projects Into One And Ask Someone To Bid On It..

They May Not Be Able To Provide Full Services, They Have To Subcontract One Out..

When They Subcontract It Out, They Are Going To -- You Are Going To Pay What The Subcontractor Charges You, Plus A Profit To The That's Subcontracting You Out..

It's More Cost Effective To Go To The Person - And Don't Have To Pay That Second Over Head If You Will..

Everybody Has A Fixed Over Head..

If You Deal With Two Peoples, It Will Be Chipper And You Can Don't Have To Go Through Another Person To Get Through That Subject..

Anybody Want To -- Like I Said, I Don't Know That I Have A Choice..

We'll Have To Move The Item Can, They Have To Put The Tank In..

I Think The Bigger Point Is Still There And I Have Seen It Time And Time Again..

Second..

9 B On The Agenda..

Seconded By Judah..

Discussion?.

Chairman?.

Yes..

Because Sometimes These Conversations Go And Staff Are Thinking They Are Doing Something Wrong..

I Think It Is Important That The Consensus Of The Board Has At Least Publicly Staff, In My Opinion, You Are Doing Things Right..

Having A Construction And My Family Being In Construction For Many Years, I Agree With Commissioner -- With This Commission's Policy In That We Want You To Find The Most Effective, Efficient And Cost Saving Way To Bring Projects Forward..

You Could Have Done It Different..

Project One Is Removing Of The Tank And That Tie It Is The Two Projects Together But In Know To Connect It For The Board To Keep All Of The Projects Going On One Site And Understand Them As A Whole..

I Present You Using A Change Order System..

We Could Call It Something Else..

I Don't Want To Send A Message To Staff Of.

We Want You To Your That We Have A Conversation..

One Commissioner Has An Issue And All Of A Odd Senator, A Change Of Prophecy Because That Was Not The Con Of The Board..

If The Consensus We Want Them To Do This Differently..

I Will Hike Us To And I Do Have A Commissioner That Has As Human..

I Don't See You Changing -- Voted And Number 2, It Was Not Consensus Of The Board..

So The Internal Changes That The Board Did Not Say You Should Do..

I Hate To Put You On The Spot But You Are The Next Group Up Here That's Dealing With A Construction Project..

In My Opinion, You Are Doing A Good Job..

If Woo Want To Talk About Procedures -- And No Commissioner Has Brought That -- And I To Of The And I Don't Want You To Change It At That Time..

So I'm Just Sending That Imagine A To Me And Make The Rest Of The Board Should Chime In..

I Don't Want Him To Spend Our Hours, That The Sport Doesn't Think They Should Do..

Nice To Suggest By The Action Take Own This Item Today..

You Will Have Known If You Have Full -- Or The Majority Of The Board That I Understand You Are On The Right Of The - Further Discussion?.

All Of Those In Favor?.

Ayes Have It..

The Motion Is Adopted..

12 B..

Thank You Mr. Chairman..

We Have 26 Engineering Survey Firms Submit To Be Considered By Our Staff To Become Short Listed To Be Consultants On Contracts That Will Provide Professional Land Survey And Mapping Services For County Department Divisions On An As-Needed Basis..

So 26 Submitted..

That Was Whittled Down To 18..

Now We Have 16 On Today's Blue Sheet..

I Am Trying To Figure Out Because Nothing Was Stated In The Blue Sheets Here By Banks Engineering And Pbs And J Was Removed From The Provincial List, Reaching The 16 Number..

I'm Sorry..

Commissioners, The General Reason For The Remainder Of The Pro Posers Being Removed, Either Not Located In Southwest Florida, Firms We Had Either Little Or No Experience With And We Have To Get This List Down To A Manageable Amount For The Contract Section And Even Given The 16 There, We Just Don't Have That Much Usage..

We Don't Want To Put People Through The Bureaucracy Of Getting On The List When We Don't Feel Much Use For Them..

So We Did Reduce The Number By 10 Firms..

Generally All Located..

The Pbs And J Located Out Of Tampa And We Didn't Feel We Had A Need To Bring Somebody In For Tampa For This Type Of Work..

Okay..

Let Me Re-Meet Again, Differently, What I Have Hoped Is Clear..

You Started Out With 26, Right?.

26, Submitted Their Names?.

And Then From That, You Whittled It Down To 18, Correct?.

Yes..

And Yes?.

Or No?.

Sir, We Whittled Down From 28 To 16..

What Was The 18?.

It's A Two Step Process Or Three Steps..

Oh, Right..

Yes, Correct..

I'm Sorry..

Down To 18 To Consider In A Telephone, Interview, I Believe..

Right..

Then You Got To 16..

Correct..

So I'm Still A Little Confused As To Why Banks Engineering, Pb S And J..

Two Local Firms That, I Believe, I Know We Have Done Work With Them Before..

And I'm Having A Hard Time Understanding How We Don't Have Any Experience As You Said Or They're Not Local..

So, How Do I Get -- As I Recall..

Pbs And J Is Out Of Tampa..

They Don't Have A Local..

But The Surveying Folks Came Out Of Tampa..

So Pbs& J Was Deleted..

I Can't Recall The Discussion About It And Why They Were..

I Ran Out..

Familiarity -- If There Are A Number Of People On The Committee..

Fret Frequently 26 Or 28..

We Are Literally Splitting Hair It Is..

So We Also Make A Concerted Effort Of The To Look At The Let's On The Contract..

If They -- And A Look At Rotating Them Around..

Other Firms Would Have To Sit Out When Other Firms Take Over..

Okay..

Well, I Am Not Going To Move The Item..

I Would Like Though To Put Pbs And J Back In..

Okay..

For A Total Of 18 Rather Than 16..

Is That A Motion You Are Making?.

Yes, I Will -- Okay Deny This, I Suppose..

Is There A Second?.

And For Discussion..

If I Could, Is There A Local Problem With 18 Versus 16..

More To Draw From In The Pool Going By Criteria But My Caution To You, In The Father If The Private Firm Thinks They Can Get A Commissioner To Endorse Their Inclusion On To A List, You Will Be Besieged By Those People..

I'm Not Suggesting That And I Don't Want To See That Precedent Being Set..

What I'm Suggesting, You Indicated They Have A Local Presence Here But The Surveying Team Is Not Evidently..

Banks Have The Same Situation, Are You Unable To Respond..

I Think The General Discussion, Private Not Much Governmental Work, That Shook Them Off Of The List..

Mr. Leonard From Banks Called Me..

I Had A Conversation With Him..

Told Him Sorry He Didn't Make It But Continue To Propose And As These Firms Were Used, That During The Next Of The Contract, We Would Be More Than Happy To Consider Them Again And Give Them A Shot On The Contract..

I Am Willing To With Draw The Second..

I Don't Want To -- I Just Want To Hear From Other Board Members..

Any Comments?.

Mr. Chairman, It's A Two-Year Process..

You Look At All Of Our Contracts, Living Here 30 Years And Starting Off My Career In The Architecture And Engineering Firm..

I Have A Lot Of Friends That Don't Get On The List And Off Of These Lists For Various Reasons, They Do Call, I Try To Rely On The Staff To Make Good Decisions, We Can't Put Them All On..

It's A Revolving Two Year Process..

It's Not Like They're Off Forever..

They Didn't Do Something Wrong..

Where Do You Want To Cut The Line..

If The Board Wants To, Imply I Can Cowl -- It Gets More Difficult..

How Many Survivors Can We Use..

-- So It's Not A Detriment..

I Think More Disappointing To Be On It And Never Get A Job..

I Hear That More From The Continuing Contract Folks Than I Hear About Not Getting On The List..

So, Having The List Smaller And Using The People That Are On It And I Will Continue To Rely On Staff To Whittle It Down To A Reasonable Amount Where The Work Is Spread Out Effectively Using People Qualified To Do The Job..

I Will With Draw My Second..

The Second Is Being With Drawn?.

Is There A Second?.

The Motion -- Move The Item..

Going To Approve Number 12 B On The Agenda..

Successes By Commissioner Mann?.

Discussion?.

All Of Those In Favor, Say Aye..

-- And For Approval And One Negative..

Commissioner Bigelow?.

Motion Is Adopted What I'm Trying To Get Out..

Bigelow Again..

13 A..

Thank You..

The Change Order Number 3 And 4 Under Project Number, The Landscape And Irrigation

Project From Corkscrew Road To Northern City Line Of Bonita Springs..

Granted To Hannula..

Right..

Originally, Not To Exceed The Amount Of 99, 940?.

Am I Right About That..

For The Record, No, The Original Contract Was Awarded -- Correct..

Okay..

Then Change Order Number 1 Approved In June Of 07 In The Amount Of 99, \$500..

My Fault..

I Am Getting On Board Here..

So The \$1.5 Million Contract, Original Contract Was Not To Exceed Amount Originally, Right?.

Correct..

Then It Exceeded That When Change Order Number One Was Approved June Of 07 In The Amount Of 99, 580, For Field Changes Made To Plans, Change Order 2 Was Approved In August Of 07 In The Amount Of 8 For A Am Upon Am Change To The Plan's Due To Will..

-- And The -- \$940 And 71, \$377.50 For A Total Amount Of 171, \$337..

This Represents An 18.6 % Increase Over The Original, Not To Exceed Amount Of \$1.5 Million..

So, You Know, Again, Same, Different Issues, Same Complaint, Now I Do Understand And Respect That There Are -- There Are Some Field Changes Here That Couldn't Predict For Underground Reasons..

But We're Looking At, Again, 18.6 % Increase To A \$1.5 Million Job..

I Am A Bit Troubled..

I Am A Bit Troubled By That..

How We Can Get Some Of These -- From What I'm Coming To Believe Is Run Away Contracting Processes And Costs, Under Some Kind Of Control Is Something I'm Extremely Interested In Trying To Do..

Again, Back Up Against The Wall, You Got To Do This, I Suppose, To Get The Project To

Final Completion, But When I See These Issues Come Before Us, I Think It Is My Job To Try To Point Them Out As Being Problematic..

I Will Move The Item Because I Feel Like I Have My Back -- The Item Has Been Moved For Approval..

Income 13 A By Commissioner Bigelow, Successes By Mann..

Discussion?.

Further Clarification On The Record..

Sure, To Kind Of Explain, This Is A Little Bit Unusual, Realizing That This Highway That We're Doing This Landscaping On Is Actually A State Road..

When The State Was Doing The Of The Road, They Installed Sleeve, So We Could Run, One Side Of The Road To Other..

We Had Pre-Laned The Location And Accounted For That In The Landscape Design..

Thought Everything Was Fine..

Got Out There And Started Construction..

We Couldn't Find Some Of The Sleeves, They Were Not On The Plans Where They Were Suppose To Be Located..

We Have Told The Contractor, We Valid It Installed Jack And Boris To Replace The Sleeves..

One Of Them We Actually Did It Was About 15 Feet Deep Which Makes It Very Difficult To Dig A Hole That Deep In Florida When Right A Single Side The Roadway, A Lot Of The -- And Actually To Do A Jock And Work..

We Had Made Plans For It..

The Sleeves Was Supposedly In..

Or Finding It By Going Out There And Digging Hole Was Where They Were Suppose To Be..

That's Why We Had To Make The Change And Adjust To Installing Knew Sleeves..

Let Me Just Respond..

I Appreciate The Explanation..

Here's My Problem From Up Here..

1.5 Million To Start, Not To Exceed, That's What Was Approved..

Now We're Looking At A Total Project Cost Of -- 18 % Higher..

So From Up Here, It Is Looking Problematic And I Understand That You Have These Conditions But \$171,000..

Because We Don't Know Where The Sleeves Are Is -- Is Really, Really Troubling..

So, Anyway..

Mr. Chairman..

Yes, Commissioner Hall..

There Was A Daily County When This Came In Extremely High And, The Change Orders, There Were Actually Changes In The Process..

We Never Knew What The Actual Costs Were..

That Has Changed With Our Staff..

Our Staff Holds The Contractor Feet To The Fire Not To Exceed..

Things Come Up That Have To Come Back To The Sport And Deal With Because The Budget Does Not Allow To Deal With Those Changing Circumstances On The Ground They Guilty They Felt They Wanted To Know What Was Happening In The Field And Changing..

I Would Rather A Guy Not To Build 20 To 30 % That Contractors Will Do So They Don't Have To Do Change Orders..

At The End Of The Day, It's Not Coming Back To Us..

We Went Forward And Business Project On The Knowledge We H..

The Sleeves Were There, Borings Were Done..

Now Things Have Changed..

I Still Support That Process..

I Know It Looks Bad In Some Cases But It Was Worse Before When We The Question Of Why The Bid Is So Much Higher Than What The Actual Work Is..

I Would Rather Know And I Think The Public Would Rather Know Why They Are Changing And Are They Reasonable Changes..

If Not Reasonable Change It Is, We Can Vote No..

I Mean That Is Within Our Purview..

No One's Back Is To The Wall..

We Can Just Say No And Go To Plan B Am I Don't Feel Obligated That I Have To Sit Here And Go Along With It..

I Appreciate The Staff Making That Effort To Bring The Contracts Low As Possible, Feel As Real And Adjusting As We Go Through The Project Based On Changes Of Whatever Happens Out There Like Not Being Able To Find The Sleeves, Maybe Having Some Challenges Ever Putting Them Too Deep..

Thank You..

Further Discussion?.

Questions On The Adopting..

All Of Those In Favor?.

The Motion Is Adopted..

Was That 5-0?.

Yes..

The Administrative Agenda Item 2 A..

Mr. Chairman, Are You Going To -- Are You Going To Discuss This.

Well Dina Here..

Administrative Services, This Item Is The Annual Review By The Board Of Your 3 Contract Employees The County Manager, Attorney And The Chief Hearing Examiner..

We Have Provided To The Board The Evaluations We Have Received And The Tabulations Of Those Results And Here For Any Questions You Might Have..

Yes, Commissioner Bigelow..

Dina, Is This A Contract Requirement?.

Let Me Just Say First, There Are Three Contract Employees Under The Board, Right?.

The Hearing Examiner, County Attorney And County Mayor, Right?.

Yes, Commissioner..

That Includes The Port Authority Because He Services Under The Port Authority Port Board..

Sift This New Sheeted Item To Determine The Appropriate Pay For Performance Increases Based On The, Is This A Contract Require..

Of Any Of Those Three..

Hearing Examiner, County Attorney..

Commissioner, I Am First Looking At The Contract..

We Did Provide The Contracts In Your Packets..

The Counter Manager, The One I Flipped To First..

I Apologize For Procedure..

I Apologize..

This Is An Issue That Might Be Better Addressed After The Other Administrative Agenda Items..

We're Going To Get Into Discussion Here But These Folks Sitting Here For Sometime Now Particularly With Regards To Lee Acres Referendum, I Am Wonder Figure We Can Bring It Back For Discussion..

It May Not Take That Long, Commissioner..

I Have Been Wondering About That In My Mind..

But It Seems To Be Moving Along Fairly Well At This Point..

I Just -- I Would Concur With Commissioner..

We Can Put This Off So We're Not Holding Up The Masses..

I Mean, Are You Intending To Phil I Buster..

One Person Phil Buster..

Let Me Just Interject In Here..

My Feeling, I Am Supportive Of This, But I Think Three Contract Employees If Doing -- Raise Ought To Be Limited For The General Amount Providing To All, I Forget The Percentage Number..

The Board Approved And The Upcoming Budget 2.0 % For Pay Per Performance..

And Limited At 2.0 %..

I Think That Commissioner Bigelow Asked A Specific Question On Contractual..

If We're Going To Have The Discussion..

Let's Finish Up His Question..

I Would Like To Just Ask That We Move Lee High Next If That's Okay..

I Don't Have A Problem..

I Would Like To Finish The Item As Long As We Have Started..

Commissioner Bigelow, You Had A Question You Wanted To Get Answered..

Mr. Chairman, I Am Looking At Section 6 Of The County Manager Contract That Provides That There Will Be A Performance Evaluation Annually..

Section 6.B Talks About An Annual Evaluation..

I Believe There Are Similar Provisions In The Other Contracts..

You Are Pointing To Something By Reverence But Not Sure That I Understand Where That Reverence Is..

That Is County Manager Contract Entitled Agreement..

It Is In Your Packet And Zone 6 Of That Contract..

Trying To Find Out -- While He's Looking For That, Mr. Chairman..

So What You Are Saying Each Of These Contracts Have An Evaluation For A Pay Per Performance Clause In Their Contract..

They Are Asking Us To Evaluate Them And Adjust Salaries According To Performance?.

Yes..

For An Annual Evaluation By The Board..

I'm Seeing An Amendment To Contract 337010..

Is That -- That's County Manager Contract..

You Are Saying Under Section 6 Of That?.

I See No Section 6..

Section 6 Of The Agreement..

It's Not Changed By The Amendment Document You Are Looking At In The Original Agreement..

Performance Valley Employ Ear Acting Through The Board Of Community Commissioner Shall Evaluate As In Five B..

In Accordance With The Employee Performance View Criteria..

May Be Added Or Deleted From The Time As The Parties May Agree..

Annual I This Is Short..

And The Employee Shall Define The Goals For The Proper Of The County Administers Office During The Process Which Can Attainable Within The Time Frame And The Provided, Right?.

Is That What You Are Reverencing?.

Yes..

Okay..

Thank You..

I Am Going To Follow Up With This, Or Do We Need To Move?.

I Don't Know If The Will Was, We Would Have That Question Answered Or Continue With The Item..

You Have The Floor, Commissioner..

You Have It..

I Am Asking For The Will Of The Board..

The Will Of The Board Is For Us To Move Along..

So We're Going To Stick With This Item..

I Just Want To Be Sure..

Okay..

Mr. Chairman -- Okay..

He Has The Floor..

I Know..

I'm Sorry, I Get Upset When We're Interrupted..

I Don't Want To Interrupt Him..

Sir, I Want To Ask This Question..

When Was It That This Board Met To Define The Goals And Performance Object Jiffs, This Board -- Objectives..

The Five Commissioners Seated Here..

When Did We Meet To Publicly Discuss And Define The Goals And Performance Objectives Necessary For The Operation Of County Administrator Office During The Budget Process?.

Well, We Do -- The Date I Believe It Was In March..

Commissioners, The Goals That The Contract Employees Are Evaluated On, The Objectives Were Adopted Last September, The Current Year Goals And Then With We Submit The Evaluations We Submitted The Back Up Material On How We Met Those Goals And Objectives..

So Where -- So You Are Saying That My Predecessor Being A Member Of This Board Met In September Of Last Year To Get The Soles Of The -- Last September..

Yes?.

Yes..

The Current Year..

When Did This Board Go Through That Process?.

In March And You Will Adopt Those Goals Within The Next Several Weeks..

For The Fiscal Year 07, 08, The Following Year..

So We -- This Board Though Has Not Sat In My Recollection, Having, You Know, Worked With The Community Manager And The County Attorney And Hearing Examiner For 10 Months..

I Have Not Sat At A Meeting Where This Board, Where We Have Defined The Goals And Performance Objectives For The Proper Operation Of The County Manager Or The County Attorney Or The Hearing Examiner For That Matter..

I'm Very Disappointed You Didn't Bring This Up To Me..

I Would Be Happy To Document The Board Meetings On This..

The Board Did Adopt The Annual Goals As They Always Do..

Subsequent To Adopting The Rules, They Send The County Manager, I Come Back..

The City Manager Comes Back With Objectives To Fulfill Those Goals..

Then I Resubmit To The Board And The Board Took Action On Those, After You Came, I Can't Give You The Date, That's My Disappoint., You And I Not Having This Conversation Prior..

We Could Answer This And You Would Have Been Satisfied, I Am Sure..

You Were Hear When The Board Did Adopt Those Objectives..

Then The County Manager Takes Those Objectives And Pushing Those Throughout The Organization..

So That Everyone Fulfills Their Portions Of The Objectives That Leads To The Overall Fulfillment Of The Board Goals That The Board Does Set During Their Zonings..

I Can Get You Exact Time And Date..

I Cannot Give You Off Of The Top Of The Head..

If I Knew You Had This Concern Prior To Today, We Would Have Had That To You..

Let Me Try To Understand What You Have Said..

Are You Saying I Failed To Recollect The Time When I Met With This Board To Discuss The Objectives And The Goals?.

Commissioner, If I Could Clarify, The Goals And Objectives That The County Manager Evaluated Were Adopted Last October..

The Ones For Next Year Will Be Adopted This October..

You Are Evaluating Him Based On The Current Year, Not What You Expect Him To Do Next Year..

So Those Objectives Will Come Back To You For Formal Adoption..

You Are Introducing A New Point..

I Want To First Seek Clarification With The County Manager, If You Don't Mind..

Did You Say Though, Don, That I Met With My Colleagues To Define The Goals And Performance Objective Necessary For The Proper Operation Of The County Manager Office..

Is That What I Heard You Say?.

No..

No..

I'm Sorry..

Let Me Say It Again..

The Board Annually Assess The Goals And At The And Takes And Developer Posed Objectives Submitted Back To The Board..

The Board Tweaks Those And That's Throughout The Organization..

All I Said For That To Happen, I Was Disappointed You Had Not Brought This Up Before..

We Could Have Had It And Not Taking Everyone's Tame Right Now..

The First I Heard You Can Have Questions About This..

I Will Instruct This Because I Am Disappointed Because Commissioner Bigelow, He Rejected The Whole Process..

Now Here We Are Trying To Figure Out What Process He's Suppose To Have Been Involved In..

That Is A Learning Issue And It Should Have Been A Meeting With You And Other Staff Members To Find Out..

And I Think That To Waste Our Time While He Sits And Examines What It Is He Is Suppose To Do Is Just Not Within The Budget..

I Am Not Going To Permit This Discussion To Continue Quite Frankly..

Mr. Chairman..

Yes..

Just For The Public, We Get Our Evaluating Forms, The Goals And Objectives Are Stated..

Each Commissioner In The Evaluation Process Has An Opportunity To Suggest Different Objectives And Different Goals So As A Planning Tool For Staff To Prepare Us, For That Meeting..

So If You Fill Out The Evaluation, You Have An Opportunity To Say, You Know, Goal 3, I Don't Feel Is Any Longer Pertinent And I Would Like To See And I Just Want To Have It Removed..

Or If You Want To Add A Goal Or Objective, You Have The Put Your Own Thoughts In Writing So Number One When We See The Evaluation Collectively..

Each Of Us Can Look At The Comments That Other Commissioners Have Made And It Sets The Ground Work For Our Meeting So We're A Little More Efficient And Doesn't Come Off Cold..

So The Whole Process Gives You An Opportunity Individually To Comment And Make Changes So That As We're Preparing For The Next Meeting..

You Have To Participate In The Process To Have A Voice..

Absolutely..

Let Me Just Say, You Had The Opportunity During The Evaluating Process To Meet With The Person You Are Evaluating..

You Can Go Over These Questions And Then Some Great Detail..

They Are Available For You To Sit With Them..

If You Opt Out Of The Process, You Don't Have That Choice..

It Is Something That You As An Individual Decided To Do And Not Participate In..

Yes..

A Shot?.

I Am Just Trying To Find Out What Is Happening Here As Far As Dollars..

Do These Three Employees Get The Same..

When We Adopted Our Budget, Were They Included In The 2.7 % Cost Of Living Factor That Was Part Of Our Pay Package?.

Commissioner Mann, Their Contracts Provide They Do Receive That Benefit Along With The County Employees..

So We Have A Base Of 2.7 We Have Already Included For These Three Employ Oves..

Now We're Talking About The Performance Evaluating We Get The Rest Of County Employees Up To Two %..

What You Approved Was A Budget Of 2 % Of Salaries So That Is The, The Funding That's Been Provided, It Is 2 % Of Salaries..

The Department Heads Will Determine Which Part Of That Two % Can Get..

Some Can Get As Much As 2 %..

Or Fore..

Is Not A Cap On That -- The Funding Is Available..

If We Don't Give Any To 100 Employees, You Can Take Their 2 % And Somebody Can Get 10?.

That's Correct..

That's How It Works..

I Have Already Proposed This Be Limited To What They Can Get, Commissioner Mann..

The 2 %?.

That In The Form Of A Motion..

I Was Sort Of Interrupted And I Would Like To Put That In The Form Of The Motion And I Will Move The Chair To So Do..

I Will Be Happy To Make The Motion With The Understand, The Three Contract Employees Are Not To Receive In Excess Of What County Employees Receive Regarding Merit Pay..

Okay..

You Have Heard The Motion..

Is There A Second?.

Second By Commissioner Hall..

Discussion?.

Yes..

Mr. Chairman He Just -- The Point I Just Made About Somebody Can Get 20 % And A Lost Other People If Anybody Doesn't Get Any..

I Am Telling You, We Are Limiting It To Two %..

That's Not What Commissioner Judah Said..

That's What I Said..

You Are Limiting It To A Cap Of 2 %..

That's Right..

That's Correct..

These Three Employees..

And The Same As Other County Employees..

With This Item On The Agenda To Those Three Employees..

Under Discussion?.

Under Discussion..

I Need To Clarify..

The Cap Is A Two % Total Figure..

If Administration..

If No One Else, Two % Of The Budget Is Two % Of The Salaries Within That Budget..

And That Does Mean That Someone Could Potentially Could Get An 8 % Because It Is A Percentage..

It Doesn't Mean Everyone Is Capped..

No One Can Receive 2 %..

You Need To Clarify..

Are You Going Along The Same Lines As Well We Do Which Is An Overall Percentage, Or Are You Saying, Not More Than A Two % Pay..

Let Me Suggest, Table This Idea To The End Of The Administrative Agenda?.

Mr. Chairman, I Am Prepared To Go If We Just Say 2 %, Period..

Max..

And Saying Two % Period..

And 8 %, 10 %..

We Cannot Add The Language That Says And Be Treated Just Like All Other Employees Because 2 % Max Is Different From Treating All Other Employees..

I Am Perfectly Comfortable With The Motion That Says 2 % Merit Pay Increase Is Approved For These Three Employees, If That's What We Think We're Doing, I Am Prepared..

That's My Motion And They Receive The, Like All Other County Employees,.

That Was Clarified..

Second..

Is There A Discussion?.

That Is Your Motion..

<> > Well, No, Commissioner Judah Made It Because I Was The Chair..

I Didn't Have To Relinquish The Chair To Make It..

I Am Okay Now..

Two % Merit, Not To Exceed 2 %..

Not To Exceed..

Now That's The Motion And Second..

Discussion..

Commissioner Bigelow..

Thank You..

I Want To Correct The Record Or Back Up To This Blue Sheet Item..

And I Did Copy In My E-Mail To Stephanie..

Whatever The Name Is..

Sorry..

I Would Like To Read It..

Regarding Diana Parkers Evaluation..

Mr. Parker Is A Person Who Previously Worked In The Private Sector That Appeared Before You, From Me To Ms..

Parker..

Let Me Start, Again..

As A Person Previously Worked In The Private Sector, I Wish To Thank You For Your Time Condominium Commitment And Chief Hearing Examiner..

Expectations Were Met..

Please Continue The Service The Citizens Of Lee County As You Have..

I Did And Your Offer That As A, An Evaluation Of Sorts, A Vote Of Confidence In My Estimation..

And Now To The Point Of The Motion..

I Am Not Comfortable With Pay Performance..

We Pay These Three Contract Employees Very, Very Well..

And The Money They Take Home By Weekly..

We Also Pay Them And Benefits..

That Are Very Cost Plea And -- Costly And Shine Far And Above What The Private Sector Most Often Can Give To Their Employees..

Not Going To Be Supporting The Motion..

I Don't, To Be Honest With You, Buy Into The Philosophy Of Performance Because If They Meet Expectations They Get Their Paycheck..

If They Don't, The Board Will Have A Discussion About Replacing Them..

Further Discussion?.

Yes..

Mr. Chairman, I Was, I Have Expressed My Discomfort With The Pay Per Performance Program In The Past..

This Commission Adopted A Budget The Other Night, However, That Included That..

-- This Commission Adopted That..

I Think It Would Be Improper To Single These Three To Be Treated Differently..

So Even Though I Did Not Support It The Other Night, I Am Going To Support The Motion Today Because It Is The Right Thing To Do Under These Circumstances..

I Just Wanted That On The Record..

Appreciate That..

Any Discussion Can..

And Worked With Them 10 Months, In My Estimation, The Jury Is Still Out And Not In..

For Me Personally, The County Manager Happens To Bring Up A Point I Didn't Call Him In This Regard, There Are Issues We Were Having..

You Were Copied On Many Of The E Mails Trying To Get Public Record And Having Difficulty Doing So..

Not Sure Where I Am Going To Go With That..

But Also Tried To Have Routine Meetings With Both The County Manager And County Attorney And In Both Cases They Have Decided They Would Rather Not..

So, Tough For Me To Make A -- To Reach A Conclusion..

Hopefully By The Time We Come Up For The Revaluation, The Next Evaluation You Will Have Formed Some Opinions And Offer Them In Terms Of The Process If You Decide To Participate..

I Look Forward To Be A Member Of The Board -- You Are A Member Of The Board..

You Can Set And Participate In This..

I Think It Is Odd You Are Coming In At 11th Hour, Wanting A Full Discussion On Stuff You Should Have Think Ahead And Taken Care Of In Advance..

I Will Not Discuss It Any Further..

Your Admonishment Of Me Is A Little Ill-Placed..

Let Me Say Something Here..

I Didn't Get -- You Stepped On My Words..

I Look Forward To Being A Member Of The Board When We Meet To Annually Define The Goals And Performance Objectives Necessary For The Proper Operation Of The County Ad Minister's Office, The County Attorney Office And The Hearing Office..

Any Further Discussion?.

Discussion Is Continuing?.

That's It, Commissioner?.

Any Further Discussion?.

Questions On Adopting?.

All Those In Favor Opposed?.

And The Motion Is Adopted 4-1 With Commissioner Bigelow In The Negative..

Mr. Chairman, Can We Take A Restroom Break?.

I Want To Move Along Quickly So We Can Get To These People..

We'll Give You Five Minutes..

I Believe We Have Most Of The Commissioners In The Room..

I See Four..

Getting Them To Take Their Seats..

Okay..

We're Going To Pick Up Next On The Agenda Item 15 B..

The Adoption Of A Resolution Providing For A Nonbinding Straw Ballot On The Incorporating Question For Lee High Acres Communicate.

Taken Out Of Order?.

Yes..

Pick It Up Next Simply Accommodation For The People In The Audience..

Absolutely..

Okay..

You Want To Make Comments?.

Just A Few Remarks..

Good Morning Again Mr. Chairman, And County Attorney Office..

Mr. Chairman, Your Item Ai 15 B The Resolution That Contains A Ballot Question And Ballot Title Relating To A Nonbinding Referendum Related For The Potential Incorporation Of Lehigh Acres..

Much Has Been Said From The Public With Respect To The Issues..

I Am Just Going To A Legal Cat For You Here This Morning..

Although It Is Stated..

I Will Reiterate It..

The Matter Before You This Morning Commissioners Is Absolutely At Your Discretion..

There's No Legal Requirement That A Non-Binding Referendum E Held Or Taken For The Active Incorporation Through The Legislature Or Is It Prohibited..

The Issues Surrounding Any Special Election Of The Board Are Such That The Board Has Absolute Discretion Based On Facts And Circumstances To Call Special Leaks Of Which A Non-Binding Referendum Is Such..

This Is Not Much Different Than Where The Board Sat When We Considered The 20-20 Land Acquisition Program..

That Was Also A Non-Binding Referendum Called At Discretion Of The County, Held And Approved..

This Is The Second Time That A Non-Binding Referendum Has Been Taken On The Incorporating Of Lehigh..

The First One Was In 1996..

In That In, The Board Did Agree To Proceed And It Did Go To The November Election In 1996..

Today's Purpose, Commissioners, You Have Absolute Discretion To Proceed..

If You Have Specific Questions Of Me With Respect To Any Other Legalities, I Would Be Happy To Address Them For You..

Mr. Shaver Brought Up A Couple Of Issues..

I Can Tell You With Respect To Whether Or Not There Would Be Any Voting In January Of 2008, There Will Be..

The Issue That Was Raised With Respect To, Is Not Conclusive..

Therefore You May Proceed This Morning And Make Your Determination As To Whether Or Not You Wish To Proceed With The Straw Ballot For Lehigh..

Question?.

Yes..

David, There Is Already Draft Legislation -- There Is, Yes, Sir, To My Knowledge, Yes, Sir..

It's In Your Back-Up Package Along With Feasibility Study..

That Senator Bennett Could Offer To Bring It Through The Legislature Next Session..

As An Option..

Yes, Sir..

Not To Be Just Senator Bennett But Could Be Anybody?.

Right..

Senator Bennett Is The State Senator For District 21 Which Includes Lehigh Acres..

So Regardless Of What Happens Today There's Still That Other Option Where Which Would Be To Lehigh Acres Could Through Their Request With A Draft Bill, Seek The Support Of Senator Bennett, Other Members Of The Delegation To Try To Run The Bill Through The Legislation Next Session To Ultimately Go To A Binding Referendum In 2008..

Yes, Sir..

Whether There Is A Non-Binding Referendum Or Not, The Existing Process, The One In Place Now Would Be For The Citizens For Cityhood Committee To Continue To Proceed To Work With The Legislative Delegation, With Senator Bennett, Have The Documents That Are Necessary To Be Presented This November To The Legislative Delegation, To Be Considered By The Legislature Next Spring Which If Approved And Once Revised, Amended Whatever, Through That Process Would Then Be Again, Even If That Special Act Creating The Charter For Lehigh, Would Then Come Back To The Electorate In Lehigh In November Of 2008 For Referendum Approval..

And To Clarify, Senator Bennett, Still Correspondence -- And Even Today, I Don't Believe He Has Been Inconsistent..

He Said He Would Prefer That The Lehigh To Know A Non-Binding Straw Ballot To Determine Consensus In The Community..

The Other Author Legislation To Run It Through The Legislature To Go To Referendum 2008..

My Understanding, I Have Had No Conversations With The Senator But Base On Repeating From Others To Include Members Of The Public, I Believe That The Senator Is Amendable To Either Process..

And For The Record, Is That He Has Not Changed His Mind..

Those Two Options Have Always Been Available, At Least, That Was His Understanding, And Certainly Has Been Mine..

So We'll Have An Opportunity To Discuss The Request Today Before Us..

Yes, Sir..

Thank You..

Okay..

Thank You..

Yes..

Commissioner Bigelow, David, Before You Leave..

It's Your Recommendation, If I'm Not Mistaken, That We Would Follow The Lehigh Acre Community Planning District Lines As Opposed To The Fire District Lines?.

No..

For Purpose Of A Non-Binding Referendum, The Board Elects To Go Forward With The Non-Binding Referendum Today And To Accommodate The Supervisor Of Elections, The Recommendation Is That The Fire District Be Used..

Now, Whether There Is A Non-Binding Referendum Or Not, Staff Recommend To This Board -- Recommendation To This Board, When The District -- I Am Sorry, When The Boundaries Are Ultimately Set For The Incorporated Area, That Is The Municipal Boundaries, It Is Our Desire And Our Recommendation To You That Those Municipal Boundaries Be Determined With The Planning District Boundaries..

The Reason For That Is That The Fire District, If You Look At The Map, Has A Large Area That Is Unpopulated Or Sparsely Populated For Purpose Of The Election, We Would Like To Have Those Individuals Included In That Vote If The Vote Goes Forward For The Non-Binding Referendum..

But For The Purpose Of Forming An Incorporated Better To Use The Planning Because That's More Compact..

So Folks Voting In The Nonbinding Referendum That, I Guess, We Need To Put On Notice That Their Neighborhood Or Their Particular Parcel Is Not Actually Included In What Is Most Likely To Become Part Of, Or The Defined Area For The Binding Referendum.

Not Having That Resolved, I Don't Believe That's Necessary..

That Ultimate Decision Has Not Been Made Yet..

Is The Supervisor Of Elections Here?.

I Don't Believe She Is..

I Guess For The Purpose Of The Non-Binding Referendum, We Could Follow The Fire District But That Doesn't Tell Me That We Couldn't Follow The Planning District Lines, It Just Might Mean More Work On Her End, Is That Right?.

The Discussion, The Few Discussions We Have Had With The Supervisor Of Leaks It Becomes Problematic From A Precinct Standpoint And By Doing That, There May Be An Exclusion Of Certain Individuals Who May Be Included In The Boundaries If The Planning

District Is Used, And Would Not Be Able To Vote, That's My Understanding..

To The Best Of That, I Have Not Gotten Into That Detail..

For The Purpose Of The Nonbinding Referendum Where We Do Not The Manger Setting Set, Not Only For The Supervise Of Are Leaks To Include Everybody In This Fire District To Be Able To Be Eligible To Vote And Then Once The Process Begins Following That, Nonbinding Referendum, The Suggestions Or Recommendations From This Board And -- Would Then Be Heard..

Who Makes A Decision That It Should Be The Planning District Or The Fire District For Basis Of Incorporation?.

Ultimately..

To Did Claire The Boundaries For Any Special Election..

What Are The Purpose Of The Straw Ballot?.

Yes..

The Board For This Particular Referendum?.

Your Question Was..

Who Is Ultimately The Decider Of The Corporate Area, The Legislature, Right?.

That Would Be The Legislature Ultimately..

And Ultimately The Legislature, Yes, Sir..

Can I Ask The Question Before You?.

Go Ahead..

Is It Possible We Vote Within The Fire District We Could Go Through Those Results And Include The Votes Not Within The Community..

We Can Know If -- If A Voter Voted?.

Can't Answer That..

A Sharon Harrington Record..

So We Could Get The Actual Numbers..

Maybe I'm Getting Hung Up On A Minor Technicality..

I Would Like It To Be As True As Possible..

Mr. Chairman..

Yes..

I Think That -- I Hear You Saying These Things But Like Saying Them But Not Believing Them..

This Is A Straw Ballot That We're Talking About Here..

Not Binding On Anybody..

The Legislate In Their Own Wisdom Will Choose To Put This On The Ballot Or Not, No Matter What Happens Here..

When They Put It On The Ballot And I Can Say This With Some Experience Because I Have Done It Three Or Four Times In My Previous Life, They Will Select The Final Boundary, They Will Select The Final Charter That Will Be Voted On And That's What The People Will Adopt Or Not Adopt..

We Are Simply Giving The Citizens Of Lehigh An Opportunity To Express Themselves Generally Speaking..

If They Are Interested In Pursuing A Charter Form Of Government And Ultimate Incorporation..

So, All Of These Details Mean Nothing And We're Frankly Wasting Time If We Get Into Them..

We Have One Purpose Here Today, Give Them A Right By Straw Ballot To Express Themselves If They Want To Pursue Incorporation..

And I Hope That We Can Hold Our Discussion Within That Realm..

While I Have The Floor..

Let Me Say The Things I Have In Mind Here..

I Hope We Don't Have To Drag This Out..

Frankly, It Doesn't Strike Me As That Difficult Of An Issue To Decide Which Way We're Heading On It..

I Think It Would Be Helpful To Legislative Delegation To Have This Expression..

Even Though One Or More May Say, We Don't Need It..

They're Not Requiring It..

They Know That..

That Is The Law..

They Can Take It Or Leave It Or Ignore It..

If It Passes Overwhelmingly..

They Can Still Choose To Ignore It..

But I Think As Expression Of Communicate Support..

It Will Be Helpful For Them And If It Passes Comfortably, It Will Make It Very Difficult For Them To Say No To Give In The Community A Chance To Vote For Up Or Down..

So, I Think That It Is Fair And Helpful To The Process To Move Forward With This Referendum..

We Haven't Done It For A Decade..

We Have Not Made A Mockery Out Of The Process..

Okay, Let's Just Shooting Until We Win, Like You Go To The Fair And You Pay A Quarter And You Keep Shooting Until You Win The Cupie Doll..

This Has Been A Decade..

We Have Almost Doubled The Population..

There's Been A Elongated Debate Within The Communicate Community, As Long As I Can Remember About This Issue..

It's Not Brand-New To Anyone Out There Unless They Just Moved There Last Week..

And I Don't Want To Make This Too Melodramatic But, Again, It Is So Simple..

It Was Reverenced Earlier, 1776, We Fought The American Revolution Over The Issue Of Whether We Can Choose Or Own Destiny..

And That's All These Folks Are Asking For, Whether We Can Choose How We're Going To Govern Ourselves..

We Have People Dying In Afghanistan And Iraq Simply To Defend The Right For A Democracy To Exist And For The People To Choose Their Own Destiny..

This, To Me, Is So Simple..

And Mr. Chairman, I Would Be Happy To Move The Blue Sheet Item Whenever You Feel That Is Appropriate..

Yes..

Sorry, Was There A Motion And A Second?.

No, He Has Not Called It..

He Said He Would At The Appropriate Time..

Testing The Waters..

Oh, Boy..

This Is Such An -- Not For Us, But For The Lehigh Acres Community..

And What I Find Odd Is What I Heard In Some Testimony Before Us This Morning Is That There Was A Separation Of The Of The Issue Before Us That Evidently In The Minds Of Some People, Not An Issue About Incorporating, Just About Having The Right To Vote..

It Absolutely Has Everything To Do With The Incorporation That's Why The Issue Is Before Us To Vote Yea Or Nay For Incorporation..

I Can't Separate That Out..

I Worked Long And Hard Over The Years With Two Other Communities To Assist Them As They Pursued Incorporation In Terms Of Providing For Resources, Staff Was Available To Answer Questions, Provide Presentations, To Ensure That The Residents Had All Of The Facts And Information To Make An Intelligent Decision..

Bonita Springs And Town Of Fort Myers Beach..

I Have Great Concerns In Regards To The Timing Of The Issue Before Us..

And We Have All Talk Body And We Recognize The Ability..

Even Those Asking For The Nonbinding Straw Ballot, But 10's Of Millions That Be Needed Not Only To Construct New Roads But Resurface New Roads..

The Millions That Will Have To Be Expended To Ultimately Lee County Acquire The Authority With The Caveat That If The -- If The Community Of Lehigh Acres Incorporate, They'll Have An Opportunity To Absorb Or Own An Ultimately Utility To Provide For Expanded Water..

We Know That's Absolutely Critical To Provide For The Commercial Industrial Base That Lehigh Acre Community Needs To Have That Tax Base And Reduce The Tax Burden On The Residential Property Owners..

Those Are Big Ticket Items Coming Up..

I Am Certain That Every Resident In The Area Will Understand That..

The Referendum Looks Like It Is In Doubt With The Homestead Exemption In January..

Because Of The Court Case, The Judge's Decision..

But Speakers Adamant Providing In His Eyes Some Type Of Tax Relief Even Though Placed On The Backs Of The Local Communities To Have To Absorb Budget Cuts It's The State Level..

And So There's The Uncertainty Of Where That Revenue Base Is Going To Be Should Lehigh Acres Incorporates..

Having Said All That, I Understand What Commissioner Mann Is Saying, What People Are Suggesting, You Know, 99 % Reality..

This Is Motherhood And Apple Pie..

I Am Struggling With This Because You Also Have To Understand The Ramifications Of What You Are Asking For And The Unintended Consequences..

If This Is Just Really About Exercising Your Right To Vote, The Consequences May Be That You Will Lose The Opportunity To Incorporate And The Reasonable Time Frame If The Non-Binding Ballot Goes Down In Defeat..

Maybe That's What Is Really Being Requested Here To Throw It Up And See Which Way It Falls On Whether Or Not Lehigh Acres Community Really Wants To Pursue Incorporation..

I Would Submit By Doing It At This Time, It Is Just My Own Personal Opinion That Matters Not..

What's More Important, What The Members Of The Lehigh Community Feel With Regard To Corporation..

I Am Just On The Outside Looking In, Seeing A Lot Of Not Necessarily Dissension But Uncertainty On Whether Or Not Incorporation Is The Appropriate Approach To Take..

If So, The Appropriate Time In Which It Should Happen..

So I'm, You Know, I Mean, The Easiest Thing For Me To Do Is Say Absolutely..

Listen, This Is An Issue Where This Country Was Founded On..

The Opportunity For People To Exercise Their Right To Vote..

And In The Media, In The Court Of Public Opinion, If That Were Denied Today, My Gosh, How Could You Ever Defend A Position That We Were Going To Deny People The Opportunity For Fair And Equal Representation..

All I Would Submit To All Of You Is That I Hope You Are Looking At This With Your Eyes

Wide Open Because I Fear That Based On All Of The Uncertainty Out There, This Non-Binding Straw Ballot May Not Pass..

If It Doesn't, You Will Have Made It Very Difficult, Very, Very Difficult To Try To Pick Up The Momentum And Establish The Foundation, The Framework Within Which You Want To Go Forward And Incorporate..

I Wouldn't Want To Deny You That At All..

But The Fear Of Unintended Consequences Is What Concern Me The Greatest..

We Just Need To Have A Candid And Open Discussion Like I Know We Will With This Board..

But, You Know, As I Talked To My Colleagues, It's A No-Win Situation From The Standpoint That We Will Be Admonished Criticized, Target, If This Was Not To Go Forward Based On The Pure Perception And Speculation That We, The Board, Denied The Residents An Opportunity To Vote..

Without Understanding The Consequences Behind That Issue..

So This Is Going To Be Interesting..

Mr. Chairman?.

Yes..

I Am So Glad None Of Us Are Being Melodramatic..

Having Said That, In The Case Of Fort Myers, Did We Run Straw Ballots Per Request..

No, Ma'am, We Did Not..

I Apologize, I Have Been On The Board Since November Of 2004, So We Have Not Had This Issue Come Before Us..

My Questions Are One Of Protocol And Policy That This Board Has Set..

I Personally, I Will Stand Along Side You With The Legislature Asking Them To Support Your Legislative Request To Incorporate..

I Have No Issue With That..

My Biggest Concern Is The Politics Of The Straw Ballot..

This Should Not Be A Political Hot Potato..

It's Not..

And I Look At It And Commissioner Judy, You Speak Very Eloquently And I Appreciate Your

Comments Because, I Had An Opportunity To Meet With A Couple Of Folks This Morning And I Said, You Know, The Politics Of All Of This Bothers Me Greatly When It Is For Incorporation..

I Will Support That, I'll Get It On The Record And Put On The Record That I Will Speak If You Want Me To In Asking The Legislature To Ask To Go Through..

Now That's Out Of The Way, About The Straw Ballot..

My Concern Is That, There's Entities Out There For And Against Incorporation And The Straw Ballot Plays Into Those Political Hands..

And This Shouldn't Be A Political Issue..

We're Ask Standing Here Today, We Heard, This Is About Safety..

No, It's About A Straw Ballot And Want To Incorporate..

The Safety Is With The Sheriff, If You Have Issues Go Talk To Him..

All Kinds Of Issues..

This Isn't About A Right To Vote..

You Have The Right To Vote And You Exercise That Right To Vote, I Hope Often And Frequently Every Leak..

This Is About Whether We Want To, In My Opinion, Allow Politics To Play Into The Opportunity You Are Going To Have To Go Through With The Legislature..

Yes, It Could Go In Favor Or It Could Go Against You..

If It Goes Against You, No Way The Legislature To Take It On..

I Don't Think They Will..

I Am Falling Into These, I Think You Have A Great Opportunity With The Community Plan Being Almost Finished With Your Opportunity To Get Out There With This Information..

I'll Just Share With You Briefly, I'm Not Going To Criticize The Process But It Is So Important To Have Good Information..

I Have Heard Bad Information Going Out There..

Our Board And Our Staff Needs To Sit Down And Make Sure That The People Understand The Role Of County Government And What That Will Mean To The Government..

There Is No Such Thing As Light Government When You Start The Incorporating With 70,000 People..

You Will Be The Second Largest City In Lee County..

Not The Smallest..

But The Second Largest..

Rock On..

I Am All For It..

No Issues There..

That Means You Don't Have Light Government..

It Means That Lee County Cannot Take On The Next 10 Years Of Your Staffing Requirements..

It's Impossible..

We Couldn't Do It..

We Can Certainly Transition You And We Are Your Partner And Want To Be By Your Side..

You Have To Recognize, You Can't Go Out And Tell People, You Won't Have Employees Because Lee County Will Be Servicing You..

That's Not Realistic..

And Those Are Things We Can Work Out Between Now And Your Ballot, That We Can Help You Go Out And Sell Incorporation If That's What You Want..

We Can Put Out Good Facts..

My Concern Right Now Is That All Of This In Bits And Pieces..

The First Time, Leadership Lehigh..

Just Last Year..

So Back On -- But, You Know, The First Time I Heard About All Of This And Going Forward Was In My Class..

It Concerned Me Because The Information Is Not Accurate..

You Are Right..

The Town Hall Meetings, Fantastic..

You Need To Have More Than Just October And You Are Pressing Yourself, Is It Fair To Not Give Yourself A Clean Slate To Go To, A Referendum In November..

And The 50-50 Shot..

I Agree With You Commissioner Judah..

Gosh, Aren't We Terrible To Have A Straw Ballot?.

I Guess My Fear Is, I Do Believe It Is 50-50..

I Don't Want To Take Away The Opportunity Because Right Now, You Have A Clean Slate..

We Can Go To The Legislature..

This Board Can Support Your Request: I Guarantee, They'll Not Turn Down Your Request..

I Finally Got To Read Senator Bennett Letter..

It's As Big As Best..

I Think A Huge Lack Of Communication If This Board Supports Your Incorporation Or Not..

I Don't Think The Board Has Never Not Supported An Entity Incorporating..

That's Not Our Decision..

That's Your Decision..

We Want To Make Sure As Commissioner Judah Stated That The Citizens Have All Of The Facts, You Know What The Financial Ramifications Are..

I Sat At The City Council In The City Of Fort Myers For Four Years, I Recognize What It Means To Be A City..

Now At The County Commissioner Can Look Back And Say, Sometimes We Make Good Decisions, Sometimes We Don't..

I Don't Want To Be Responsible For Not Giving You An Opportunity To Go To Referendum..

And I Guess That's Where I'm Struggling With Right Now Is Saying, Are You Really Sure You Want The Straw Ballot And Shoot The 50-50 Secondly, I Don't Know If You Can Get Out Good Information Between Now And January, Is That Our Fault?.

Probably Not Is This The People's, Either Way, You Should Go To Referendum..

If This Is Voted Down..

I Won't Support Your Legislation..

I'll Stay Neutral On It..

Decides To Take A Position..

And Whatever Board, The Position Takes..

Elimination To Turn Down..

I'll Follow That Straw Ballot Policy..

So I Want To Put That On The Record This Morning..

Also..

No Rumors To What I'm Thinking And Not Thinking..

I'll Be Pretty Adamant About That And I Guess The Concern I Have..

And Calling The Commissioners, A Request For A Straw, A Ballot On Gambling..

I Had A Request In..

Also Received That, Something About Slot Machines Or Something, At Dog Tracks, We Have, At Any Time, Any Person Any Person Can Come And Ask This Board To Put Something On The Ballot..

It Is Within Our Purview..

Very Political..

I Don't Think These Issues Should Be Political..

We Need To Look At A Process As To Where A Petition Is Done With A Percentage Of Voters Where These Things Are Not Put On, You Know, What Do I Feel Like Today?.

The Last 10 People That Talked To Me And I Didn't Hear From The Other Side Of This Issue..

I Think That It Is Very Scary To Me That Am A Handful Of People On A Straw Ballot And That Becomes Policy..

I Assure You The 20-20..

It's A Straw Ballot..

It's Policy..

It's Not Going Anywhere..

We Put That On There And You Would Think It Was A Referendum..

More Than Happy To Go Forward..

I Will Be The Voice Right Behind You Telling You, There's No Light Government..

I Can't Contract All Of Your Services With Lee County..

We Will Transition You..

Get You Up To Speed..

There Is No Light Government..

I Want That Word To Go Away..

Please, It Has To Go Away..

70,000 Citizens, You Can't Have Light Government, I Am Sorry..

You Can't Contract Out With Lee County Government With Your Services, Certainly Going To The Private Sector And Contract..

I'll Stop There..

Any Other Comments?.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman..

Yeah, To Tell You The Straw Ballot Has Such Strong Grass-Roots..

Impossible For Me To Deny That Request..

Yeah, The Reverence Back To 1776 And Then All Of The Red Coats It's Interesting..

What I -- What I Would Like To Say For The Record, I Am Strongly Opposed To Incorporation..

But Very, Very Interested In Hearing From The Electorate..

I'm Not Even Sure What An Overwhelming Affirmation Of Incorporation That I'll Still Be, That I'll Change My Position Because, I Think That This County Has, Bears A Lot Of Responsibility With What's Gone Wrong At Lehigh..

I Would Like To Be Part Of The County Government That Changes That..

We Can Bring More Forces To Bear Both Financial And Manpower Ways And Want To Help Try To Move That Mountain Of Money And Manpower To That Effort..

Ever Since I Have Been Aware Of Headlines, You Know Lehigh Has Been Troubled And It All Boils Down To, I Think, One Simple Fact..

Out There And Ignored..

Out There And Ignored..

And I Am Very, Very Sensitive To That..

That Feeling On The Part Of This County Government..

But, You Know, I Seconded What I Thought Was A Motion From Commissioner Mann, Following His Lead, I Believe That..

I Really Think A Political Morale Duty For Me To Be Sure That We Allow This To Move Forward..

I Would Prefer Though That Just To Follow The Community Planning Boundaries From The Get-Go..

It Sounds Like Based On The County Attorney Opinion, That's Difficult At Best To Do..

I Think Maybe We Can Get The Numbers, The Accurate Numbers After The Votes If We Chose So..

So I Support Going Forward With The Straw Ballot..

Okay..

I'll Just Make A Couple Of Brief Comments That Is, I Too, Absolutely Not Opposed To Incorporation..

If You Were To Ask Me What My Long-Term View Of Lee County Is, I Think We'll See Other Incorporating, No Question About That..

We're Growing And We're Growing At A Pretty Fast Rate..

I Have Problems With A Number Of Issues However..

One Is People Need To Realize, I Think, That The Incorporation Route Is Enormously Complex..

And Time Consuming..

You All Know That, That Are Here Wearing The Red Shirts..

Let Me Tell You That The Vast Majority Of People, I Don't Believe, Yet Fully Understand What Incorporation Involves..

And I Had Been Involved In Attempts To Incorporate And I Will Tell You Quite Frankly, The Last One I Was Involved In Was The Island..

It Didn't Even Meet Basic Legal Requirements..

Yet The People Out There Were Convinced That Captiva Was Ready For Incorporated..

Lacked The Tax Base, Lacked The Pop Laying, Just Lacked Everything..

Plus, What They Lacked More Than Anything Was This Support Of The Community Itself..

And I Told These People..

I Said, Yeah, The First Couple Of Years, You Will Have No Problem Electing Mayor And Council Because You Are Part Of It..

But Down The Road After You Get Tired, Who Is Going To Come In To Do It..

That Is A Community That Disappears In The Summer..

Is There Enough People Around To Insure That Government Will Continue..

These Are The Issues They Never Truly Really Thought About Or Have Yet To This Day..

Those Are Issues..

Now Another Issue That I Have Had A Long-Standing Agreement With And That Is That I Believe In Order To Help The Incorporation Effort, Which I Think We Ought To Do And Which I Am In Favor Of, I Always Asked That The Community Plans Be Developed Because Why?.

Because That Gives The Community An Opportunity To Get Together..

When People Who Are For Incorporation And Opposed Incorporation Finally Realize They Have More In Common Than They Do In Opposing One Another, That's When Progress Is Possible..

But Let Me Tell You, That Is A Long, Complex Process..

I Don't Think -- I Do Not Think That Lehigh Is There..

You Have Not Been Able To Develop Your Community Plan Yet And Get It Approved..

Now That, They Are Squabbling Over That..

It Seems To Me That These Are Issues That We Need To Resolve And You Need To Resolve Before There's Any Hope You Can Get Enough People In That Community To Support And Have The Community Together To Support An Incorporation Area Which Is What Requires

Everybody, As Much As Possible To Be Working Together..

I Don't See That Out There..

I Think You Need To Spend More Time And I Have Been Assured By People That More Time Will Be Spent On These Issues..

It Will Not Accomplish In A Month Or Two..

It Takes A Lot Longer Than That..

You Think You Have Been Working Hard Now..

Only Just Begun..

I Am Hoping That However This Comes Out Today..

That The Community Plan Effort Does Not Die..

Let Me Tell You Something, I Am Saving You Money..

If You Decide To Incorporate And You Have A Community Plan..

What Have We Done In The Comprehensive Plan For The Community And Saved You Tens Of Thousands That Will Be The First Thing That You Would Have To Spend As You Incorporate, To Develop A Community Plan..

We Already Have It..

You Have A Community Plan..

But, You See, We Don't Even Have That Here, Do We?.

The Question As To Whether Or Not There's Agreement, That The Plan Will Meet The Needs Of The People Of Lehigh, We Don't Know..

That Gives Us An Opportunity To Get Together..

I Saved You Just A Bundle Of Money And If You Decide Not To Incorporate, And You Have A Community Plan, That We In The County Can Look At In Terms And Help Us Make Decisions As To What You Want In Your Efforts In Lehigh..

And It Helps Immensely But You Need That Plan..

So That's Why I Always Insist That Be Done..

Now, I Also Find Just In A Comment I Heard Today, A Lost Confusion As To What This Straw Ballot Means, I Have Heard People Come Up, We Got To Vote Because It Is Talking As If This Is The Decision That's Going To Decide Whether Or Not To Incorporate..

No, It Is Not..

The Decisions That Will Decide If Lehigh Will Incorporate..

Not In Front Of The County Board, It Will Be Made By The State Legislature..

Now You Have An Opportunity In November At The Delegation Hearing To Bring This Matter Up To Them And Make Your Case..

Make Your Case, Tell Them You Have Your Community Plan, You Are Already To Go..

You Have Your Model Corporation, Your Charter And That The Community Supports That..

I Don't Even Think The Vast Majority Of People Have Any Idea What's Included In Your Draft Municipal Charter..

How Can You Go To The People And Ask Them To Incorporate If The Vast Majority Of People Don't Even Know..

It Takes A Lot Of Work To Get This Done..

I Just, Quite Frankly, Don't Think You Are There Yet..

Now, I Got To Tell You, I Favor Incorporating..

I Am Not Opposed To It But I Think The Community Has Some Obligation To Get Themselves Prepared To Face That Battle..

That's What I -- I Think To Some Extent, Although You Have Been Talking About Incorporation For 10 Years, 12 Years, Nothing Serious Has Been Done..

I Think You Are Beginning The Process Now But You Are A Long Ways, As I Said Before..

So Anyway, I Think The Straw Ballot, You Must Remember Would Be Nothing But A Straw Ballot..

It Should Not Be Used To Advise Anybody One Way Or Another..

I Tell You The Legislature Will Not Look At It As That..

Our Built 75 % Of The People Want Incorporating..

A Ballot..

Why?.

Because We Have Not Decided The Boundaries, The Fire Districts, Is It The Fire Districts, People Are Going To Come Back And Say, You Know, I Support That But It Should Have

Been The Planning District..

A Lost Argument And Discussion..

We Don't Have An Agreement On That..

And If We Decide The Planning District, That Is A Terrible Mistake..

Should Have Limited To The Fire District..

I Think You Are Going To Have To Decide And Make Some Tough Decisions As To What Area It Is Of Lehigh Do You Want Incorporated?.

Do You Want The Whole Area?.

I Think You Are Asking For An Awful Big Bite At That Apple, Trying To Swallow The Whole Apple And You Will Choke..

I Can Tell You Some Of Us Would Be Kind Of Happy If We Didn't Have To Worry About Sewers Out In Lehigh..

But Look At Cape Corral..

What They're Going Through Out There..

I Bet You Some Of Them Are Really Issue Wishing That The County Still Had That Responsibility, That They Didn't, That Is A Terribly Expensive Project That You Have To Under Wake..

Roads, Horrible Project..

We Have Got, What A Billion, Or Two Billion In Short Falls Alone And You Want Some Of That..

My Feeling Is, You Are Welcome To It..

It Makes My Job A Heck Of A Lot Easier..

I Don't Have To Vote For Increase In Taxes Or The Increase In Gas Taxes Or Whatever To Make That Happen..

So You Have Some Issues Out Here, A Long Way From Being Solved..

I Hope Whether Or Not A Straw Ballot By The Time The Dell Hearing Comes In November, That You Are Prepared To Let That Delegation Know Where You Are And What It Is You Want Precisely Because They Will Ask You..

Well, That's -- I Am Beginning To Vent And I Don't Mean To Do That..

Let Me Try Something..

I Think We're Making This More Painful For These Poor Guys Out Here Than They Wanted When They Came In This Morning..

We Have Got An Interesting Scenario Developing Here..

One Commissioner That Doesn't Seem To Want The Straw Ballot But Supports Incorporating..

One That Does Not Support Incorporating That Supports The Straw Ballot..

So You Try To Figure, What Are These People Thinking?.

What Have They Been Smoking Up Here?.

For The Record, Nothing..

I Didn't Mean To Imply Anything..

And These People Got To Be Wondering About Us Up Here..

Let Me Try It From This Angle And Then I'll Make The Motion And Either It Will Fail Or Won't..

We'll See What Happens..

But, For A Year -- I Would Say Even Two Years There's Been Plenty Of Discussion In Lehigh Acres About Incorporation..

What They Were Told Very Clearly Last Year By The Legislative Delegation And Senator Bennett Name Has Come Up Here..

They Were Told He's Not Going To Entertain This And He Would Make Certain He Would Kill Any Effort Toward Incorporation Because The People Were Not Ready And The Citizens Had Not Expressed Themselves, So For A Year That's What The Atmosphere Has Been In Lehigh..

And So And The Community Leaders Sat About..

To Try To Change That Impression, They Hired A Group To Study And They Got A Sample Charter Already Put Together..

There's Been Numerous Meetings Out There..

And Responding To What They Were Told By The Legislative Delegating..

Get Yourself Ready And Get Yourself Together And Express Yourself, They Wanted A Straw Ballot..

And This Is The Culmination..

And The Final Details..

Yet To Be Worked Out..

Now And Between The Time The Legislature Convenes To Deal With All Of That And Plenty Of Time For Additional Input..

Right Now..

And The People Were Told They Needed A Straw Ballot..

They're Asking Us To, They'll Take Their Chances With It..

But They're Telling Us, Please, Give Us That Chance..

To Respond To What The Legislative Delegation Said..

And I Think That's All It Is About..

We Are Probably Starting To Repeat Ourselves And Just Taking The Liberty As The District Commissioner There..

I Met With Virtually Everyone Out There And More..

All They're Asking For Is The Chance To Do What Their Own Legislative Delegation Told Them They Needed To Do..

And Entertain The Request For Incorporating} And That's What It Is All About..

I Would Move The Blue Sheet Item..

Second..

Been A Motion To Approve The Straw Ballot Request By Commissioner Mann..

Second By Bigelow..

Discussion?.

Discussion..

You Are Quite Well Aware A Possible Request That Had Been With Drawn To Follow Lehigh Acres, But In That Particular Community And The Legal Issue, Regarding A Two Mile Buffer..

And The Area And The City Of Bonita Springs And The Feasibility Analysis..

That Was With Drawn For Good Reason..

And I Am Concerned That What Will Happen Today Is That We Are Going To, I Think, Mr. Shaye, Actually And Germane Comments When He Talked About Reason And Common Sense And Patience..

That Will Be Set Aside For Today..

The Substance Of The Issue Discussed About Declining Revenue Basement 10's Of Millions Need To Go In Sewer And Roads And The Fact You Have A Community Plan In The Works, You Can Benefit Ultimately If You Incorporate Or Not..

And The Le High Acres Community..

But No Way Any Member Of This Board Can Defend A Position..

In The Minds Of The People And They Are Suggesting That It Really Has Nothing To Do, Just The Opportunity To Vote..

Well, We Are Not Going To Thwart The Will Of The People But I Do Feel The Unintended Consequences..

Because What Really Drives This The Potential To Incorporate, You May Have Undercut Yourselves Because Of The Constricted Time Frame..

And The Uncertainty Out There..

What I Would Ask This Board, I Would Hate To See Any Single Member Of This Board Being Attacked For Compromising The Bed Rock Of Democracy And That Is People Right To Vote, That We All, Being Unanimous, Support The Request Before Us Or Just Have To Ultimately Appreciate And Understand The Consequences May Be..

Having Said That, Depending On The Outcome Of The Corporation Vote, This Board Has Demonstrated And Has A Track Record To Provide The Resources And The Personnel To Assist Any Community Effort If What Their Desire Is To Incorporate..

Mr. Chairman?.

Yes..

I Really Appreciate, So The Wrath Of The People Or The Media I Will Support This, Again, I Don't Want It -- I Appreciate The Eloquence In Which The Commissioner Saying Skewed And -- And The Official And Some Of These Served In The Other Cities, We'll Always Have More Information Than The Public Will Have..

It's The Nature Of The Beast..

It Is What It Is..

We Have To Take That Information And We Are Government Of Representation..

And We Are Not A True Democracy..

In Representing You, I Have To Make Tough Being Fact Before Me And Not On The Fear That The Media Will Berate Me For The Way I Feel Passionately About What Is The Right Thing To Do..

Today I Feel The Right Thing To Do Is Support This Motion But I'm Not Supporting It Out Of Fear..

I Have Taken My Place When Commissioner Judah Asked Us Not To Be Skewed Individually..

I Took My Skewing..

I Will Continue To Take The Skewing If I Feel It Is Not The Right Thing To Do..

And I Will Never Buy Into The Fact That I'm More Afraid Of The Media Than The Privilege You Have Given Me To Serve You And Do The Right Thing, In My Opinion, As The Information I Have Serves Me..

I Want To State That..

This Is Not About The Pressure I Am Feeling From The Red Shirts In Here Or The Pressure From The People That Called Me That Aren't Here Today..

This Room Is Not Always A Good Representation Of The Will Of The People..

But It Certainly Sometimes Is A Gauge Of Who Is Most Angry..

And I Don't Feel The Pressure From The Media..

You Put Me Here To Make Decisions Based On What's Provided To Me And The Ability To Do The Research To Get The Right Information, That's Why I'll Vote Today The Way I'm Voting..

Okay..

Further Discussion?.

Yes..

Mr. Chairman, I Would Like To Approximate Offer A Comment..

I And I Recognize What Commissioner Judah Is Bringing Forward To Us, A Big Caution Sign..

I Appreciate That..

And I Think It Does Bear Significant Notice..

And I Tell You, And Politically, I Think The Strategy That The Folks Are Trying To Employee Here May Back Fire..

The Perception Will Get Out There, Cost More Than It Currently Costs And This Is Not The Time To Be Telling Voters Like A Crystal Ball, I Would Like The Referendum To Pass..

And I Would Like To Use That As Evidence That What I Have Been Trying To Make Clear Before Today We Have Ignored This And The Straw Ballot Results..

I Hope That The Strategy, The Timing Doesn't Look Good For Your Strategy, You Will Come Back..

And The Timing Is Not Good For You This Morning..

Well, I Will Tell You, Too, I Will Conclude By Saying That Peers Of My Colleagues Are Very Support Of This..

I Will Support It..

I Have To Tell You That I Have A Lot Of Caution, I Have A Lot Of Care And A Lot Of Worry..

I Think You Don't -- I Am Hoping That You Fully Realize The Immense Amount Of Work You Have To Do Between Now And When You Are Going To Be Meeting With The Delegation In November..

And Going Along With..

They'll Ask You Tough Questions, You Need To Have Those Answers..

The Community Plan, We Have Other, We Have -- And Then The Feasibility..

We Have The Model Charter That We Really Kind Of Like And The Communicate Is Unanimous On This Or Not Unanimous But The Majority Of The Members Of The Community Feel Strongly That This Is The Direction We Have To Go..

Let's Hope That Happens..

And It Will Be Terribly Embarrassing If It Doesn't..

It Will Be Embarrassing To Us All..

So, You Know And This Is The Last Nail In The Coffin Of Democracy By Not Allowing You To Vote On A Straw Ballot..

I Don't Think It Is..

But Thin, There Are People In The Audience That Seem To Think It Is..

I Have No Objection..

And All Of Those In Favor?.

By Aye..

All Of Those, The Motion Is Adopted..

Don't Clap..

Don't Clap..

Don't Clap..

I Have To Go..

I Have Got To Go..

Well, We'll Settle Down..

We Have Three..

You Have To Leave?.

We Have Three..

We Can Finish Off..

I Have Got Some Appointments I Have To Make..

He Has To Go..

We Have To Grab The 3 Ai..

We Have To Go Back To 3 Ai..

I Understand..

-- 3 A..

You Are Needing To Leave?.

Okay..

Okay..

We'll Go Ahead On With 3 A..

Good Afternoon, Commissioners..

For The Record..

Correct List..

The List Now Contains 9 Items..

I'll Move The Item..

Amended By Commissioner Hall..

Yes..

Do We Have A Second?.

Second..

Second By Commissioner Bigelow..

Any Further Presentation?.

Paul?.

Yes..

There Is No, Really No Discussion..

All Right..

Any Further Discussion?.

Object..

Motion Passes..

Thank You, Paul..

Item, Let's See..

11's..

To Approve The Y..

So Moved..

Second..

Discussion?.

Object..

Motion Passes Do We Need Officially -- 15 A..

So Moved..

A Motion And A Second..

Discussing..

Object..

Motion Passes..

Thanks For Keeping Me Straight, David..

Really Took Care Of 15 B..

Comprehend The Public Hearing..

Request From Lehigh Headache..

Thank You..

Good Afternoon..

And Assistant County Attorney..

I Have Two Petitions To Vacate This Afternoon..

I Have Examined The Affidavit With Respect To Each Of Those Petitioned Requests, They Are Legally Sufficient..

This Is The 9:30 A.M..

Public Hearing Agenda..

This Is Item Number 1..

0032 To Vacate A 12-Foot Wide Drainage And Public Utility Easement Located At 5544 Bell Rose Street..

And Back To The Board..

So Moved..

Motion By Commissioner Hall..

Second By Bigelow..

For The Discussion?.

Object?.

Motion Passes..

Next Item..

Next Item Agenda Item Number 2 On The 9:30 Am I A.M...

To Have Kate 12 Foot Wide Public Utility Easement At 1119 Columbus Avenue In Lehigh Acres.

All Right..

Any Comments From The General Public Regarding The Request?.

Back To The Board..

So Moved..

Second By Bigelow..

Discussion..

Object?.

Motion Passes..

Thank You, Commissioners..

All Right..

Need To Go On Then To The Walk On Item Number 2..

< > So Moved Held During September 10th Through September 14th..

September 11th, Regular Board Meetings..

September 13th, Board Issues..

A Motion By Commissioner Hall, Second By Bigelow..

Discussion?.

Object..

Motion Passes Okay..

I Think We Go To Commissioner Items Two Things..

We Had An Issue With Membership Of The Idea, David Sent Everybody A Memo..

I Would Like To Briefly Discuss This Ordinance..

Non-Conforming Existing Members And Appointments Holding Off If This I's Okay With The Board Getting Calls I Think At Some Point In Time, Need To Re-Establish The Policy Of The Parkway And Possibly Sit Down And Allow Some Communication On The Future Of What The Veteran Parkway Will Be..

A Majority For The City Of Cape Coral And I'm Getting Calls From City Council People And There's A Way To Fix Surfside..

Hike The Surfside To Go So The Sport Can Have Consensus And That One Is Communicating To Cape Corral With One Voice..

I Think There Needs To Be Consensus And If You Want To Allow A Representative From The Corral To Approach Us On This, We Can Have Dialogue..

I Don't Have A Problem With That..

I Like Surfside To Go Also..

Why Don't We Do That..

Make Contact And Have A Representative From The Cape Present So We Can Hear Their Request And Then Have The Staff Respond..

Thank You..

One Last Thing..

Continuing Support Of Arts In Our Community..

Currently Displaying The Art Work Of Clare Amos..

She's Best Known For The Original Water Works Of Palm Trees And Flowers..

She'll Be On Display In My Office Hall Until October 29th..

Please Stop By The Office And See Her Wonderful Work..

It Certainly Brightens Up My Day And I Hope It Will Brighten Up Yours..

Thank You Very Much..

Commissioner Bigelow..

None..

And I Have None..

Committee Appointments..

Commissioner Hall?.

None..

No..

I Do Have One..

To The Conservation..

Second..

Motion Seconded And Discussion..

Object?.

Motion Passes..

We Are Already Have Deferred The Items From Tonight To The October 23rd Agenda,
Correct..

Already Been Done..

Then County Manager Items?.

Excuse Me..

I Apologize..

Yes, I Am Sorry..

Thank You..

Just A Few..

To The Licensing..

And To The Construction So Moved The Motion Passes Am That Should Take Care Of It With
The Commissioner..

Coming Here Or Something..

And Commissioner Making A Motion Am Bigelow Seconded..

No Objections, Motion Passes..

A Quick Observation..

Pushed Out..

On The Down Side, The Corporation And I Think This Is Terribly Important..

Thank You, That's All..

And Nothing Scheduled This Evening..

We Are Adjourned..