

October 30, 2007

I THINK WE PROBABLY COULD START.

GOOD MORNING I'M GOING TO CALL THE OCTOBER 30 MEETING TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE INVOCATION FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TODAY OUR INVITEE IS PASTOR ROBERT WILLIAMS FROM CARING MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP.

PASTOR? GOOD MORNING, SIR.

ALMIGHTY GOD, CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE.

WE SILENCE OURSELVES TO REMEMBER THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE GRANTED TO US AT THIS VERY MOMENT.

WITH GRATITUDE OF HEART AND THE WORLD IN THE HOUR OF ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY WE REMEMBER YOU, OH LORD, ARE A COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS GOD, SLOW TO ANGER, ABOUNDING IN LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS.

AND IN THIS COMMON FAITH WE ACKNOWLEDGE WE NEED GUIDANCE AND WISDOM WHEN FACED WITH THE CONFRONTATIONS OF ENEMIES WITHIN AND ABROAD WHOSE AIM IS TO DESTROY OUR FREEDOM AND OUR ONE NATION UNDER GOD INCLUDING THE LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

WITH ALL THE BLESSINGS OF MODERN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AMBITION, MAY WE REMEMBER WITH THESE BLESSINGS, THEY COME WITH ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

WE WOULD INVOKE A SPECIAL GIFT OF WISDOM TO OUR COMMISSIONERS THIS MOMENT AS THEY FACE THE TENSION AND OPINIONS OF OPPOSING INTERESTS.

GIVE THEM STRENGTH FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND BEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

SAVE THEM FROM POLITICAL EXPERIENCES.

RATHER, MAY THEY BE TRUE STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT.

OUR PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION, OUR PRESIDENT, OUR CONGRESSMEN, OUR STATE AND

LOCAL GOVERNING OFFICIALS.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY.

SO BRAVELY DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUR THE RAVAGES OF FIRES, THE DESTRUCTION FROM FLOODS AND TRAGEDY.

WE PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES, EARNESTLY HOPING SEEKING FOR PEACE.

IT IS BY FAITH THAT WE TRUST IN GOD WHATEVER HAPPENS THIS DAY AND THE DAYS AHEAD.

AMEN.

AMEN, THANK YOU.

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.

VERY NICE PASTOR, VERY NICE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH PASTOR.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME A CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION IN A SECOND BUT LET ME SAY COMMISSIONER HALL WILL BE ABOUT A HALF HOUR LATE.

SHE HAD A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT AND COULD NOT BE HERE FOR THE OPENING, BUT WILL BE HERE IN JUST A FEW MINUTES.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION, MR.

BIGELOW I THINK I WILL TURN THE MEETING OVER TO YOU.

YOU HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE.

YES, I HAVE A BUNCH OF VIPS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE.

DENISE WE CAN START SINGLE FILING IN.

THESE ARE FUTURE TAX PAYERS.

I WOULD SAY THERE ARE 50 OR SO.

VERY, VERY SMART FOLKS FROM MISS WASSON'S THIRD GRADE ELEMENTARY CLASS AT EDSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HERE THEY ARE.

COME ON UP, DON'T BE SHY.

WE'RE GOING TO GET A PICTURE SO LET'S EVERYONE LINE UP IN FRONT HERE AND THOSE THAT ARE A LITTLE SHORTER THAN OTHERS MIGHT COME UP HERE, WE HAD A HARD TIME GETTING THEM ALL INTO THE FRAME EARLIER, SO.

WE'LL SEE HOW IT GOES.

WE MIGHT HAVE TO PUT THEM UP HERE WITH US.

SOME OF THEM.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW.

COME ON DOWN, THE PRICE IS RIGHT.

[LAUGHTER] THIS IS MISS WASSON'S THIRD GRADE CLASS.

WASSON.

W-A-S-S-O-N.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS A BIG CLASS.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PICTURE, OKAY? WE'LL HAVE A PICTURE.

A KODAK MOMENT, SO YOU WILL HAVE TO BE FROM THIS POINT TO THE OTHER POINT.

I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR CALLING YOU KIM, SO.

DON'T BE SHY.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY WITH THEM UP THERE? OKAY.

REMEMBER, IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE CAMERA, IT CAN'T SEE YOU FOLKS, SO, THESE GOOD PEOPLE HERE AREN'T GOING TO BE IN THE PICTURE, MR.

CHAIRMAN THAT'S WHY I SAID WE HAVE TO PUT SOME FOLKS UP HERE.

CAN WE DO THAT? ABSOLUTELY.

OKAY, IF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF SHORT WOULD YOU COME UP HERE? COME ON.

IF YOU THINK YOU'RE SHORTER THAN THE NEXT GUY OR GIRL COME ON UP HERE.

SQUEEZE IN.

SQUEEZE IN.

WE'VE GOT ROOM AT THE OTHER END.

COME ON UP HERE.

ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO SMILE, ONE, TWO, THREE, CHEESE.

CHEESE.

THE LADY UP IN THE BALCONY IS TAKING YOUR PICTURE.

YOU SEE HER? ONE MORE.

THREE.

CHEESE.

PERFECT! [APPLAUSE] OH, OKAY.

DO IT AGAIN.

ONE MORE HAPPY.

ONE, TWO, THREE.

CHEESE.

WE GOT IT.

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.

OKAY, I GUESS YOU GUYS ARE GONE.

IT'S GOING TO BE HARD FOR ALL YOU TO PLEASE, BUT 50 YEARS AGO AT THE HALF CENTURY, I WAS A FIRST GRADER.

I'M ONE OF YOU GUYS.

CAN YOU IMAGINE I WENT TO EDSON PARK WHEN YOU WERE REALLY YOUNG.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'M AN EDSON PARK ALUM.

ARE YOU? YES.

OH, MY GOSH.

50 YEARS AGO I WAS A SIXTH GRADER.

THANK YOU MR.

CHAIRMAN I SPENT 15 OR 20 MINUTES WITH THEM EARLIER THIS MORNING, AND I THINK I'VE CONVINCED THEM THAT IT'S GOOD TO DISAGREE AND IT'S OKAY TO BE ON THE LOSING END OF A 4-1 VOTE.

I EXPLAINED THAT AND I THINK SOME OF THEM ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING OUR SITES. SO BE CAREFUL.

THEY'RE HOT ON OUR TRAILS.

ALWAYS HEAR THE FOOTSTEPS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

OKAY, I THINK WE CAN PROCEED NOW WITH THE AGENDA.

THE NEXT IS THE RECAP SHEET.

WE JUST HAVE ONE ITEM AND THAT'S CONSENT ITEM 8-A SUBMITTED AT A LATER DATE.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MANN, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT THE ITEM IS PULLED.

ONE WALK-ON THAT WE WILL CONSIDER AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

NOW WE ARE AT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION.

THIS IS WHERE WE GET THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THE YOU WANT THE TO COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS, WHICH IS TO SAY THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA.

WE ASK THAT YOU FILL OUT A BLUE CARD IF YOU DON'T THAT'S OKAY.

BECAUSE WE WILL GET YOUR NAME ANYWAY AS YOU KNOW WHEN YOU STAND APPROACH THE PODIUM WHERE YOU NEED TO SAY YOUR NAME SO WE HAVE IT FOR THE RECORD.

AND THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY BECAUSE I ONLY HAVE ONE CARD.

BEVERLY GRADY.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING MR.

CHAIRMAN, FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS BEVERLY GRADY REPRESENTING PINE WATER ASSOCIATION.

HERE DENNIS MOORE PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER PINE WATER ASSOCIATION.

WE REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL OF ITEM 15-A.

WE CONCUR WITH THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I HAVE NO OTHER CARDS.

ANYBODY ELSE WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM.

GOT TO SEE A WAVING OF THE HAND OTHERWISE I DON'T KNOW.

OKAY I DON'T SEE ANY SO I'M GOING TO CALL CARL TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AGENDA.

WE'LL PROCEED NOW WITH THE CONSENT AGENDA.

FIRST ITEMS TO BE PULLED BY THE BOARD.

7-A, 14-L.

THAT IS ALL.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

NONE MR.

CHAIRMAN.

OKAY COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

I'M GOING TO PULL IN ADDITION TO 7-A, 4-A, 9-A AND 17-B.

OKAY, IF I COULD HAVE A MOTION.

MOTION COMMISSIONER MANN TO PROVE THE BALANCE ON THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

WE'LL CONSIDER THE ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION COMMISSIONER MANN, 7-A.

MR.

CHAIRMAN I JUST WANT TO GIVE MISS HALL AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL ME WHAT THESE LITTLE DUPLEXES DO.

WHAT PART THIS IS A PART OF SOME PROGRAM WE'VE BEEN RUNNING AND THIS IS A CONTINUATION JUST TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT.

THESE DUPLEXES ARE BEING FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY FUNDS.

IS THIS A NEW THING.

NO WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR QUITE SOME TIME AND IT ADDS TO OUR SUPPORT OF HOUSING.

IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO TO BE ELIGIBLE TO GET INTO ONE OF THESE 10 ROOMS? YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DISABILITY AND MEET INCOME REQUIREMENTS.

THERE'S AN ELIGIBILITY OF INCOME.

AND ALL THESE ARE LOCATED IN PAGE PARK.

NO THEY'RE SCATTERED SITES.

THE MONEY IS A GRANT, A FEDERAL GRANT.

YES, IT IS.

IT IS ELIGIBLE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK FUNDS.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO WE SERVE IN THIS PROGRAM WOULD YOU GUESS? WELL, WE USE THE DOLLARS TO CONSTRUCT AND WE PARTNER WITH A NOT FOR PROFIT.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THE COUNT GOVERNMENT IS A LANDLORD.

WITH A WE TRY TO DO IS WORK AND BRING IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL PARTNER WITH US, WE TURN OVER THE HOUSING TO THEM AND THEN THEY RUN IT.

WE CONTRACT WITH THEM FOR 20-YEAR PERIOD, WHICH IS REQUIRED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, SO THAT THEY WILL RUN IT.

WHO OWNS THE BUILDING? WE DO NOT.

IT WILL BE THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT PARTNER IN THIS CASE.

WHICH THE PAGE IS THE JEWISH HOMES RIGHT CORRECT? IT'S THE JEWISH HOMES WHICH WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF HOUSING PROVIDER IN OUR COMMUNITY WHICH IS WONDERFUL.

I MOVE THE ITEM.

THANK YOU.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN TO PULL 7-A, THERE A SECOND.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

DISCUSSION.

YES, DOES THE MONEY COME FROM THE HOUSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

NO, SIR.

IT'S ALL FEDERAL.

YES, THIS IS THE FEDERAL UNDER OUR ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM AND THEN OF COURSE WHEN WE ALSO GENERATE PROGRAM INCOME.

THANKS FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

WE JOIN IN LOBBYING EFFORTS TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO KEEP THE CDGB FUNDING PROGRAM GOING.

THERE'S BEEN ATTEMPTS OVER THE YEARS CURTAIL AND AMEND IT BUT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING IT GOING AND HOPEFULLY BECAUSE IT DOES DO A LOT OF GOOD WE HOPE THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

YES COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

KAREN, ARE WE SURE THESE AREN'T ALL ON PAGE PARK.

THESE ARE, YES.

THESE TWO ARE, YES, SIR.

OKAY.

BUT OUR PROGRAM.

I'M SORRY, MAYBE I MISUNDERSTOOD THE QUESTION, IT'S NOT SPECIFIC TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE DO THIS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

GOTCHA.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONER MANN.

ITEM 14-L.

JUST HELP ME WITH THE DOLLARS.

THE BIG PICTURE PERHAPS OF THE EXPECTED COST OF THE GATEWAY WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION.

GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS.

COUNTY UTILITIES.

THIS PARTICULAR ITEM IS FOR THE SELECTION ON A QUALIFICATIONS BASIS OF THE CONSULTING FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE GATEWAY EXPANSION.

SO IT'S NOT THE CONTRACTOR, IT'S THE CONSULTANT.

I'M BACKING INTO WHERE YOU KNOW I'M HEADED.

TRYING TO GET SOME SENSE OF WHAT THIS BLUE SHEET ITEM IS GOING TO COST.

THAT PARTICULAR PHASE, I BELIEVE THE CONSULTANT AND WE DON'T WE HAVEN'T NEGOTIATED A PRICE.

THAT'S THE SECOND PHASE OF THIS PROCESS BUT I BELIEVE THE CONSULTANT SUBMITTED A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF 8,000 HOURS OF TIME ON THE PROJECT.

THIS WILL BE YOU KNOW AT LEAST AN 18-MONTH PROJECT, FULL-TIME INSPECTION PLUS THE STAFF OF TO BACK THAT UP.

SO THAT'S GOING TO BE WE'RE TALKING SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA BETWEEN \$750,000 TO \$850,000 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THIS PHASE.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

MOVE THE ITEM.

SECOND.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MANN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

DISCUSSION? YES.

YES COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

THANK YOU.

THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT WHILE I THINK IT'S VERY MUCH NEEDED, THE EXPANSION OF THE GATEWAY PROJECT, CONTINUES TO CONFUSE ME AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE ON A TWO MILLION GALLON A DAY EXPANSION AND WHY ONE CURRENTLY PERMITTED 1.

5 MILLION PER DAY FACILITY? YES.

OKAY WHEN WE BOUGHT 14 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE CURRENT SITE ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND I HAD TROUBLE WITH THAT BECAUSE WE WERE SPENDING A MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN THE SELLER.

THAT ASIDE, THE REASON OR THE JUSTIFICATION GIVEN FOR THE DECISION OF THAT ADDITIONAL 14 ACRES WAS TO FACILITATE THIS EXPANSION TO 8 MILLION GALLONS A DAY AND THE ADJACENT LANDS WAS NECESSARY TO CONTAIN FROM WHAT ALL I WAS GIVEN A LOT AND I PULLED THROUGH IT AND CAME TO REALIZE IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOLDING WATER, FOR STORAGE.

AND YET WE'RE NOT ON TRACK TO USE THAT LAND, SO AS I'M LOOKING AT THIS FROM TODAY'S POSITION, WE BOUGHT LAND AT A VERY EXPENSIVE PRICE FOR THE END GOAL WHICH WE'RE NOT EVEN AIMED AT ATTAINING RIGHT NOW.

BECAUSE THIS IS JUST A \$2 MILLION GALLON EXPANSION.

WHEN WE KNOW AN YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A UTILITIES ROCKET SCIENTIST TO KNOW THAT THIS AREA OF THE COUNTY IS DESPERATE FOR MORE SEWAGE CAPACITY.

SO, HELP ME HERE, WHY REASON WE ON A DIFFERENT TRACK TO USE THIS 14 ACRES WHICH WE BOUGHT A YEAR AGO FOR OUTRAGEOUS SUMS OF MONEY IN ANY

ESTIMATION, AND TO MEET THE OBVIOUS NEED.

AND WHERE ARE WE WITH THE CITY OF FORT MEYERS IN THEIR REQUEST TO PARTNER WITH US HERE OR SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, BECAUSE WE ARE STRESSING THERE TOO, CITY FORT MEYERS PLANT TO THE POINT WHERE THEY'RE HAVING TO DISCHARGE.

WE HAVE 50% OF THEIR CAPACITY UNDER CONTRACT AND THEY'RE FILLED TO THE GILLS AS TO PLANTS.

I DON'T GET IT WHEN THIS IS OBVIOUSLY AN ALTERNATIVE TO RELIEVING THOSE TWO PLANTS.

WE CAN GET OFF THEIR BACKS, SO TO SAY.

I STILL NEED SOME HELP HERE AND UNDERSTANDING THIS AND GETTING COMFORTABLE WITH IT BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS TWO MILLION GALLONS BEFORE AT LEAST, WHICH IS SOMETHING WE HAD PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED WITH T.

K.

W.

THE EXPANSION IS IN LINE WITH THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT MASTER PLAN THAT SHOULD PROVIDE US CAPACITY WELL BEYOND THE FIVE-YEAR POINT.

SO THAT WAS JUST DEEMED APPROPRIATE FIRST STEP FOR EXPANSION OF THAT PROJECT.

THE PROPERTY NEXT TO IT, THE 14 ACRES.

THAT EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT UTILIZE IT MANY THIS PARTICULAR PHASE THAT DOES FACILITATE US THE EXISTING SITE MUCH MORE EFFICIENTLY.

SO THAT WE JUST HAVE BETTER FLOW IN TERMS OF THE PROS.

ULTIMATELY THE 14 ACRES WILL BE FOR THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER STORAGE AND PUMPING FOR USE IN THE GATE WASTE AREA OR OTHER AREAS THAT MIGHT SIGN ON.

SO IT DOES FIGURE INTO THE LAYOUT OF THE FACILITY EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE UTILIZED RIGHT NOW.

THIS PLANT WILL TAKE SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF OF I BELIEVE THIS IS THE CENTRAL THE FORT MEYERS CENTRAL PLANT.

IT WILL PICK UP SOME OF THE WASTE WATER THAT CURRENTLY FLOWS TO THEIR IN REALITY, LEE COUNTY UTILITIES MAKES UP ABOUT 30 TO 35% OF THE FLOWS EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT.

WHERE WE HAVE RIGHTS TO 50% OF THE CAPACITY.

OUR ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTION IS 35% OF TOTAL FLOW TO THE CENTRAL PLANT.

CENTRAL.

YES, AND THE SOUTH PLANT AS WELL.

35% IS WHAT WE'RE USING OF THEIR TOTAL CAPACITY OF THOSE TWO PLANT.

YES AND THAT WAS BASED ON THE AUDIT THAT WAS DONE FOR OUR INTERLOCAL, FOR THE INTERLOCAL LAST YEAR.

CITY OF FORT MEYERS HAS PLANNED TO EXPAND INTO THEIR EAST PLANT WHICH IS THE PROPERTY ACROSS FROM THE WASTE ENERGY SITE.

THEY HAVE A SITE WHICH THEY THINK WILL BE UP A PLANT WHICH COULD GO UP TO 12 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY AND WERE ATTENDING MEETINGS WITH THE CITY OF FORT MYERS AND THEIR CONSULTANT TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY PROCESSES WE CAN SHARE, IF THERE'S ANY PART WHERE WE CAN FORM A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO ASSIST EACH OTHER.

SO WE'RE DILIGENTLY WORKING TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT THIS PROBLEM OUT EAST.

YES, THOSE MEETINGS.

IN THE 14 ACRES THOUGH I THINK IT'S SIX USABLE ACRES OF 14.

ABOUT HALF IS USABLE.

SO I CAN EXPECT DURING THIS TWO MILLION GALLON A DAY EXPANSION PROJECT YOU WILL BE USING SOME OF THAT SEVEN ACRES? IT'S GOING TO ULTIMATELY BE USED FOR REUSE BUT IT ALLOWS US TO REARRANGE THE TANKAGE ON THE EXISTING SITE SO THAT WE CAN MAXIMIZE THE CAPACITY ON THE EXISTING SITE AND HAVE A MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION FOR SOLID HANDLING AND TRAFFIC IN AND OUT.

SO, EVEN THOUGH WE AREN'T GOING TO BUILD IMMEDIATELY ON THE 14 ACRE SITE, IT IS ALLOWED IS TO GO BACK IN AND REDESIGN THE ACTUAL LAYOUT OF THE BUILDINGS AND THE STRUCTURES ON THE EXISTING SITE.

ISN'T IT SAFE TO SAY THAT WE DON'T NEED THAT SEVEN ACRES UNTIL WE ARE BUILDING AN EIGHT MILLION GALLON A DAY PROJECT.

WE CAN USE IT, IT'S SITTING THERE, IT'S OURS.

ANOTHER THING IT ALLOWS US IS THERE ARE BUFFERED ZONES WE HAVE TO RESPECT BY HAVING THE 14 ACRES.

THAT BUFFER GOES AWAY ON THAT SIDE OF THE FACILITY SO WE CAN MOVE SOME OF THE STRUCTURES RIGHT UP TO THE EDGE OF THAT 14 ACRES WHERE WE WOULD HAVE.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE USING SOME OF THAT SEVEN ACRE.

IT'S BASICALLY BUFFER AT THIS POINT, YES.

OKAY.

SOUNDS LIKE WE BOUGHT THE LAND BEFORE WE EVER NEEDED IT AND I'M TERRIBLY CONCERNED WITH THAT BUT, SO WHEN WILL WE BE EXPANDING? YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS A TWO MILLION GALLON IS WITHIN A FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN AT THIS SITE.

BUT WHEN WILL WE BE MOVING ON TO EXPANDING TO EIGHT MILLION.

IF IT FOLLOWS THE NORMAL PROCEDURE WHEN WE GET TO 70% OF CAPACITY, THEN WE WILL START THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR THE EXPANSION AT 80% OF CAPACITY.

IF YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO EXPAND YOU SHOULD BE LOOK FOR THE FULL DESIGN AND BE PLANNING CONSTRUCTION.

THANK YOU MR.

CHAIRMAN.

WE KNOW WE NEED THE TWO.

SEEMS LIKE WE WERE ON A FOUR MILLION GALLON A DAY TRACK BEFORE.

IT WAS PRETTY WELL UNDERSTOOD AND CLARIFIED A NUMBER OF MONTHS AGO COMMISSIONER BIGELOW THAT THE CITY OF FORT MEYERS OPTED OUT OFFER IT.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SUBSIDIZE THE RATE PAYERS IN THE CITY OF FORT MYERS ON THE BACKS OF THE RATE PAYERS FOR LEE COUNTY UTILITIES.

WE'RE ON RANKING OF THE CONSULTANT HERE NOT ON THE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT.

CITY OF FORT MEYERS TOLD ME.

IT'S NOT THEIR ACTION, SIR.

IT'S NOT THEIR ACTION.

NO, THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANSION AND OPTED NOT TO.

QUESTION HAS BEEN CALLED FOR ITEM 4-A.

I BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A MOTION AND SECONDED? YES.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? THAT WAS 14-L.

YES, I'M SORRY.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

SO ORDERED.

COMMISSIONER HALL IS STILL ABSENT.

I'M SORRY.

ITEM 4-A.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

NOT ME.

COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

EXCUSE ME.

I WROTE IT DOWN WRONG.

THIS IS ROUGHLY \$200,000 TICKET PRICE FOR \$150,000 WORTH OF ELECTRICAL DEMOLITION AND NEW INSTALLATION BY B.

N.

I.

WE'RE PAYING THAT \$200,000 TO LODGE CONSTRUCTION.

THAT MEANS WE'RE PAYING LODGE CONSTRUCTION \$4700 TO OVERSEE ONE CONTRACTOR.

I SURE EXPECT THAT YOU WILL MY COLLEAGUES HERE WILL SUPPORT THIS.

I WILL NOT.

MAKE THE MOTION TO MOVE ITEM 4-A.

THERE'S A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 4-A BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

IS THERE A SECOND.

YES.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANN.

DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL ABSENT.

9-A COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

YOU DID GIVE ME DOWN AS A NAY.

YES.

JUST WANT TO BE SURE.

I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ELSE.

OKAY, THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO BUY TWO MODELS, TWO 2008 MODEL YEAR TRACTORS WHEN THE BID CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT WE COULD BE BUYING A 2007 MODEL AND SAVING \$6,683.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY, MISS LINDSEY, WHY WE'RE NOT CHOOSING TO SAVE SOME TAXPAYER MONEY HERE WHEN WE COULD BUY A 2007 MODEL WHICH IS OFF THE SHELF, RIGHT? NO, IT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTIONED FOR LINDSEY SAMSON SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT.

WE DID CONSIDER THAT OPTION SERIOUSLY LOOKING INTO BOTH AT THE ULTIMATE RESALE VALUE AT TRADE-IN TIME DOWN THE ROAD.

THAT IF THAT VALUE WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSER TO A NINE OR \$10,000 IT WOULD MAKE A MORE SENSE.

THAT'S A \$6,000 DIFFERENCE GOING TO THE NEW MODEL YEAR IS MORE ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL ON THE RESALE VALUE DOWN THE ROAD.

SECONDLY BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES IN LAW RELATED TO EMISSIONS, ON THESE TRUCKS, THE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE IS PREDICTED TO BE BETTER THAN THE OLDER MODEL.

THERE WAS A CHANGE IN DIESEL EMISSIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO YEARS.

SO, IT WAS NOT TAKEN LIKE IT OF WHETHER TO GO WITH THE NEW MODEL YEAR FOR THAT ONE VEHICLE, BUT WE FEEL IT HAS PROVEN TO DO SO LOOKING AT ALL FACTORS.

OKAY, LINDSEY I APPRECIATE THE EXPLANATION.

DON, I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL WHEN WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THESE IF WE COULD HAVE FURTHER EXPLANATION AS TO WHY A DECISION TO SPEND MORE IS BEING MADE, SO THAT I CAN SEE THAT BEFORE WE GET HERE.

I MEAN IT'S \$7,000 WE COULD HAVE SAVED I GUESS THE EXPLANATION OF COMMISSIONERS, THE BENEFIT OF REDUCED EMISSIONS OR IMPROVED EMISSIONS.

THE HEAVIEST WEIGHT FACTOR WAS THE VALUE GOING FORWARD ON THE VEHICLE.

THE ONE-YEAR-OLD DIFFERENCE WITH ONLY A \$6,000 DIFFERENCE WAS NOT PRUDENT.

WE WILL DO BETTER THAN THAT ON THE BACK SIDE.

ALL RIGHT.

APPRECIATE THE EXPLANATION.

I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

SECOND.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 9-A BY COMMISSIONER BIGELOW, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

17-B COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

THIS IS JUST AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

BY THE CLERK I GUESS WE SEE IT QUARTERLY.

I'M GOING TO POINT OUT TWO FACTINGS THAT IN FISCAL YEAR '07, WE HAVE ACQUIRED \$81 MILLION, 374,000 IN INTEREST OFF OF THE I GUESS \$1.

45 BILLION THAT WE'VE SQUIRRELED AWAY OVER THE YEARS.

CURRENTLY WE HAVE \$1.

3 BILLION? IN THE BANK OF AMERICA ACCOUNTS THAT WE OVERSEE.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SINCE WE'RE BECAUSE WE ALL RECEIVED OUR TAX BILLS YESTERDAY AND WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING ON A LOT OF MONEY PRETTY SOON, YOU KNOW THIS IS, THIS HITS TO THE FRONT LINE ISSUES OF HOW WE'VE TAXED AND IN A SENSE NOT SPEND.

WE'VE JUST BEEN PUTTING MONEY AWAY.

IT'S EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE FOR ME TO ACCEPT THAT WE ARE JUST TAXING AND SAVING AROUND CONTINUE TO DO SO.

I THINK IF WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY THIS HABIT, WE'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO PUT OUT THERE FOR THE PUBLIC'S EDIFICATION WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE DOING WITH THIS \$1.

2 WHICH I THINK WILL BALLOON TO ALMOST \$2 BILLION.

IN THIS NEXT DURING THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

WHAT ARE OUR PLANS ITEM BY ITEM.

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, HERE'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST AND SHOW THEM IF THIS IS THE TRACK WE'VE DECIDED TO BE ON, HOW IT IS THAT WEIR GOING TO BE SPENDING THIS LARGE ACCUMULATION OF MONEY.

I ASKED DIANE LEWIS AT THE BUDGET HEARINGS, AT THAT POINT \$1.

4 BILLION, WHAT WILL IT BE AT THE END OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

AND SHE WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

I TELL YOU, THERE'S GOING TO BE A VERY UNCOMFORTABLE YEAR FOR ALL OF US AFTER THESE TAX BILLS ARE PAID.

AND STATE LEGISLATURE CONTINUES TO WRESTLE AS REPORTED TO THESE PAPERS AS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO WITH IT TAX ISSUE.

WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY OVERTAXED OUR BASE AND I THINK THAT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE VERY COGNIZANT OF AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO DEAL WITH THAT TO REMEDIATE IT FOR THE PUBLIC'S EDIFICATION.

THAT'S ALL.

YEAH, MR.

CHAIRMAN.

THE BOARD IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS REDUCED THE MILLAGE 40%.

THE MONEY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT COMMISSIONER BIGELOW IS WELL KNOWN TO THE

COMMUNITY.

PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND BY NOW.

THAT \$1.

3 BILLION HAS TO DO WITH MONEY SET ASIDE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE STATE MANAGEMENT LEVEL CONCURRENT REQUIREMENTS.

IT'S FROM ROADS TO LIBRARIES TO PARK.

TO EXPANSION, WITH THE GROUND BREAKING RECENTLY THE SANIBEL, WHEN THE PRODUCTS THE MONEY IS SPENT.

IT'S NOT MONEY SQUIRRELED AWAY, IT'S MONEY TO IMPROVE AND DEDICATED TO ENHANCE OR QUALITY OF LIFE.

WHO MADE THE MOTION? I DID.

14-B.

ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL DISCUSSION.

YES.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS AND THAT IS THAT THIS MORNING I ADDRESSED THE THIRD GRADERS AND I EXPLAINED HOW VALUABLE IT IS FOR ALL OF US TO HAVE PUBLIC DISCOURSE ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO OUR TAXPAYERS AND OUR RESIDENTS, AND THIS IS ONE ISSUE THAT IS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE TO OUR TAXPAYERS AND RATE PAIRS.

MR.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH, I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THAT YOU AND I WILL BE ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF FOR THE NEXT YEAR AS YOU TAKE OVER THE REINS OF THIS BOARD I LOOK FORWARD TO DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE AND I THINK THAT WILL BE TO THE BENEFIT.

I DON'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED IN THE PUBLIC ARENA.

WHO KNOWS WHO IS GOING TO TAKE OVER THE REINS.

RIGHT NOW I'M APPRECIATIVE OF HIS CHAIRMANSHIP AND HIS LEADERSHIP.

AND WITH THAT -- AND WITH THAT ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA.

MOVE ITEM 15-A THERE'S A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH IN THE ADMINISTRATION AGENDA.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF 30 YEARS.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF 30 YEARS.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL, DISCUSSION.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

THANK YOU BEVERLY.

I'M SURE IT HAD TO BE SOMETHING SPEECH THAT YOU MADE EARLIER ON THE SUBJECT.

I WAS RIGHT ON THE VERY END DECISIVE UNTIL THEN.

I UNDERSTAND, PUBLIC HEARINGS I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC HEARINGS? I DON'T THINK SO.

ANYBODY SEE ANY PUBLIC HEARINGS.

NO.

OKAY, VERY GOOD.

WALK-ONS AND CARRYOVERS.

SO MOVED.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

SECOND.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

CARRYOVER ONE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

CARRYOVER ITEM NUMBER ONE.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL.

DISCUSSION? YEAH I GUESS I WOULD JUST POINT OUT THAT DON IN THE GOALS FOR THE CONTINUED EFFORTS THAT YOU MAKE TO DIVERSIFY STAFF, YOU SAID THAT YOU WILL PRESENT SORRY I'M LOOKING FOR IT, YOU WILL PRESENT ANNUALLY OR HOW OFTEN WILL YOU PRESENT ANALYSIS OF THE AVAILABLE WORKFORCE VERSUS THE CURRENT STAFF MAKEUP? SOMEBODY IS GOING TO -- THAT'S DONE ANNUALLY, WELL, I CORRECT MYSELF.

IT MAY BE DONE IT MAY BE DONE EVERY TWO YEARS.

WE'RE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL LAW TO DO A REPORT WHICH I BELIEVE IS DONE ANNUALLY.

MAY BE DONE EVERY TWO YEAR.

OKAY CAN WE GET TO THAT GOAL BECAUSE THAT'S NOT AS I RECOLLECTED WHAT.

ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY MAINTAIN EQUAL THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEES, STAFF WILL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT COMPARING THE DIVERSITY OF LEE COUNTY WORKFORCE WITH THE DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

STATISTICS WILL BE TRACKED BY GENDER RACE AND OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY.

SO YOU WOULD LIKE TO JUST COMPARE THE MAKEUP OF THE STAFF TO THE AVAILABLE WORKFORCE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO JUST GO OVER THIS A LITTLE BIT.

IF YOU ARE TO DO THAT, IF YOU'RE ONLY TO LOOK AT WHAT YOU CALL THE AVAILABLE WORKFORCE AND YOU WILL BE DO THIS ANNUALLY, WILL YOU NOT FIRST HAVE TO FIND OR ESTABLISH WHAT THE DEMOGRAPHIC MAKEUP OF THE COUNTY IS AND FROM THAT DERIVED YOUR AVAILABLE WORKFORCE, AM I RIGHT? WE CERTAINLY THE DIVERSE MAKEUP OF THE COUNTY, WE HAVE THE NUMBERS, YES.

SO RATHER THAN JUST NARROWLY SCOPE IT TO WORK FORCE AVAILABLE, IF YOU WOULD INCLUDE THE INFORMATION THAT BACKS UP HOW YOU'RE GLEAMING THAT AVAILABILITY NUMBER.

I'M NOT SURE IF I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION.

WE KNOW WHAT THE DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY IS, BUT WHEN WE LOOK AT THE IN THE WORKFORCE.

THE WHOLE SO JUST PROVIDE US THE WHOLE IS WHAT I'M SIGNATURE.

NO, WE WILL LOOK AS DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND THIS COUNTY GOVERNMENT UNLESS THE BOARD DIRECTS OTHERWISE.

WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE AVAILABLE WORKFORCE AND SHOWING THE DIVERSITY OF THE AVAILABLE WORKFORCE.

WELL, I'M SUGGESTING THAT SINCE YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE WHOLE POOL IN ORDER TO GET THE SUBSET OF THAT POOL, PROVIDE US A VIEW OF THE WHOLE POOL.

IT'S NOT ABOUT POOL UNLESS THE BOARD DIRECTS WANTS TO DO THAT BUT I WOULD SAY TO THE BOARD, THAT WOULD BE A NEEDLESS EXERCISE A MEANINGLESS EXERCISE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IS NOT REFLECTIVE OF WHAT THE WORKFORCE IS.

IF YOU HAVE A LARGE INFLUX OF PEOPLE INTO LEE COUNTY AS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT IN THE WORKFORCE AND MANY OF THEM ARE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT EVEN.

LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

I DISAGREE WITH YOU.

WE'RE FOLLOWING WHAT FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT DOES AND UNLESS THE BOARD.

BUT YOU'RE DOING AN ANNUAL.

I DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD PEOPLE.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DIVERSITY OF THE WORSE FORCE I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A WORKFORCE THAT'S REFLECTIVE OF THE AVAILABLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK.

IT WOULDN'T DO US ANY GOOD TO LOOK AT THEM.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THEN TRY TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF A NUMBER IN

OUR WORKFORCE.

IT WOULDN'T BE A TRUE REFLECTION.

LET ME SAY 25% OF OUR POPULATION IS OVER THE AGE OF 65.

WHY WOULD WE INCLUDE THEM IN AN AVAILABLE WORK BUDGET, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

THEY'RE NOT AVAILABLE FOR WORK.

SO THAT'S A DIFFERENT POOL THEN.

BUT YOU CAN LOOK AT THEM.

OF COURSE.

YOU CAN CONSIDER THEM.

HERE'S A COUPLE POINTS.

THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOCC, RIGHT? YES, THIS IS AN ONGOING ANNUAL REPORT.

THAT'S NOT WHAT PAUL PROVIDES.

PAUL PROVIDES A FEDERALLY MANDATED REVIEW AND IT'S NOT ANNUALLY SO THIS WILL BE SEPARATE AND APART FROM THAT WHICH I THINK PETE ALLUDED TO.

WHAT HE PRESENTS IS PART OF WHAT WE WILL BE PRESENTING TO THE BOARD BECAUSE SHE THE ONE WHO HAS THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND HE'S THE ONE THAT COMPILES THESE NUMBER.

OKAY.

JUST TRYING TO MAKE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT THIS WILL BE AND WHAT PAUL PROVIDES BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO BE TWO DIFFERENT REPORTS BECAUSE ONE IS DONE ANNUALLY, ONE IS DONE LESS OFTEN.

THAT'S ONE POINT.

SECOND IS I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU PROVINCE, 51% OF THE LEE COUNTY ON POPULATION ARE FEMALE.

30% OR 33 I GUESS A THIRD OF OUR STAFF IS FEMALE.

CURRENTLY PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE AND SO WE HAVE A HUGE DISPARITY IN THE NUMBER OF MALES VERSUS FEMALES ON THE COUNTY STAFF AS COMPARED TO THE COUNTY AT LARGE.

AND I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO WORK ON VERY DILIGENTLY AND I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY AT LARGE IS MAJORITY FEMALE, WHEREAS IF YOU'RE JUST TAKING YOUR AVAILABLE WORKFORCE NUMBERS OKAY WHICH IS A SUBSET OF THE TOTAL AND YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT WHAT THE COUNTY IS AT LARGE, THEN YOU'RE MISSING AN ANALYSIS THAT I THINK WE WOULD BENEFIT FROM.

I THINK THE ANALYSIS HAS TO BE PREDICATED UPON AGAIN UPON THE AVAILABLE WORKFORCE.

IF YOU'RE JUST TAKING RAW MILLIMETER.

I'M NOT SAYING IT'S AN INVALID -- BUT YOU ARE.

IT BLAMES PEOPLE AND NOT REFLECTIVE OF AVAILABLE WORK PORES.

I'M NOT -- EXCUSE ME COMMISSIONER.

YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT WORKFORCE.

THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE RAW NUMBERS OUT THERE AND PEOPLE ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE WORKFORCE AND YOU TRY TODRAW BECAUSE SOME KIND OF AS COMMISSIONER JANES VERY WELL POINTED OUT, IF WE HAVE A LARGE RETIREMENT POPULATION IN LEE COUNTY.

PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT LOOKING FOR WORK.

DO WE INCLUDE THOSE IN OUR DIVERSITY IN OUR HIRING -- YOU KNOW IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

THEY'RE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE WORKFORCE AND ALL WE DO IS CUE THE NUMBERS AND POLARIZE PEOPLE AND GIVE PEOPLE THE WRONG IMPRESSION, THAT SOME WAY OR ANOTHER THAT LEE COUNTY IS DISCRIMINATING AND WE'RE NOT.

WE GET GLOWING REPORTS FROM THE STATE, WE GET GLOWING REPORTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR EMPLOYEES WILL TELL YOU THAT WE ARE GREAT EMPLOYER.

WE GET EVERY ENTITY IN THE AREA IS APPLYING TO US.

WE GET PEOPLE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD.

WE GET PEOPLE FROM OTHER CITIES.

PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTIES TRY TO COME TO WORK IN LEE COUNTY, BECAUSE WE HAVE AN OPEN WORKFORCE.

WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE TO THE EXTENT THAT WE COULD IMPROVE THAT DISPARITY

BETWEEN MALES AND FEMALES, WE WOULD BE IMPROVING BECAUSE THE COUNTY AT LARGE IS NOT THE COUNTY STAFF DOES NOT REFLECT THE COUNTY AT LARGE POPULATION? BUT AGAIN YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE COUNTY OFFER WIDE POPULATION AND THAT'S WHERE WE GET IN TROUBLE BECAUSE WE'RE INFLAMING PEOPLE ERRONEOUSLY.

BECAUSE WE'VE GOT TO -- HOW ABOUT THIS, SHOULD WE IMPROVE THE NUMBER OF FEMALES WORKING FOR LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

LET ME JUST SAY THIS DISCUSSION IS GOING NOWHERE.

IT'S GETTING CIRCULAR AND MAKING NO SENSE.

AND I THINK I SEE NO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

OBVIOUSLY TO DRAW THE AVAILABLE WORKFORCE IS AVAILABLE YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE TOTAL SAMPLE.

I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY ARGUMENT WITH THAT, IT'S TRIVIAL AND SOPHOMORIC AND NOT EVEN ELEMENTARY.

TO ARGUE AND DISCUSS THAT FACT SO I'M GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE MOVE ON.

MR.

CHAIRMAN IF I COULD.

MAY JUST SAY ONE THING.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING.

I'VE GOT A GREAT SENSITIVITY TO THIS AND I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS THIS SENSITIVITY.

WE DO WANT A WORKFORCE REFLECTIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND I'LL STOP THERE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO START THE ARGUMENT AGAIN.

I'M SENSITIVE TO THAT, WE'RE DOING OUR DARNEST AND WE'LL TRY TO KEEP ON PROVING.

IF YOUR QUESTION IS CAN WE DO BETTER ABSOLUTELY AND WILL WE KEEP ON DOING, ABSOLUTELY.

MR.

CHAIRMAN? COMMISSIONER HALL.

I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THE DIRECTION THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER IS LOOKING AT AVAILABLE WORKFORCE.

IF ANY ONE OF US WANT TO LOOK AT DEMOGRAPHIC POPULATION THE COUNCIL WEB SITE UPDATES THAT ANNUALLY.

THEY HAVE A FORMULA WHICH THEY UPDATED ANNUALLY.

AND AT THIS POINT I THINK THAT OUR STAFF, DIANE LEWIS, COUNTY MANAGER STILWELL, THIS ORGANIZATION TRIES TO BE REFLECTIVE OF OUR COMMUNITY BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE WIRE HIRE THE BEST PEOPLE FOR THE JOB, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR RACE AND GENDER AND WHAT THEIR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND I WANT TO MAINTAIN THAT QUALITY.

I WANT US TO BE COLORLESS AND GENDERLESS AND IT'S IMPORTANT WE CONTINUE UPON THOSE LINES TO HIRE THE BEST PEOPLE FOR THE JOB AND IN DOING SO, WE HAVE ACCUMULATED A VERY GOOD CROSS SECTION OF THIS COMMUNITY BUT I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE DON'T START TWEAKING AND THAT WE LOOK WITH REAL FACTS EVEN ON ALL OF OUR OTHER ISSUES AND ALLOW THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EVEN IF BILL DOES IT BY REQUIREMENT TWICE A YEAR OR ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS HE'S OFFERED TO COME IN ONCE A YEAR TO SHOW US THE NUMBERS AND THE HORIZON COUNCIL HAS DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION UPDATED ANNUALLY AND IT'S AVAILABLE TO US ON-LINE.

SIMPLE CLICK OF A MOUSE.

I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THIS WHOLE DISCUSSION ITEM RELATES TO 17-B WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF SELECTED SIGNIFICANT FUNDS OF LEE COUNTY.

AND THE STATUS OF SPECIFIC REVENUES AS OF THE DATES AND I SUBMIT THAT THE REPORT DOES DO THAT.

AND BUT IF YOU HAVE SOME ARGUMENT OVER THAT.

WE'RE ON CARRYOVER ONE, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

I'M SORRY, CARRYOVER ONE.

I'M SORRY.

CAN I MAKE ONE MORE STATEMENT.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF WE CAN'T SIMPLY LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHIC.

CALL A QUESTION, PLEASE, MR.

CHAIRMAN.

SECONDED, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

I BELIEVE THERE IS SECONDED THAT.

I BELIEVE WE HAVE, ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS OR COMMISSIONER HALL.

I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD'S INDULGENCE, I CAN PRESENT AT THE EVERGLADES.

MEETING THAT SENATOR BURT SAUNDERS IS PROVIDING FOR US AND THEY'RE GOING TO GO UNTIL 12:30 AND EXTEND INFORMATION FOR ALL COMMISSIONERS SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

A COPY OF THE POWER POINT THAT I USED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL OF YOU, WORKED ON IT EARLY THIS MORNING SO I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GET IT OUT TO THE BOARD BUT JUST SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT STAFF AND MYSELF SAID.

AND THAT'S I JUST APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON ABILITY TO WORK LAST YEAR ON THAT LEGISLATION, THANK YOU ALL.

THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER MANN.

MISS CHAIRMAN ONLY TO SAY A PUBLIC THANK YOU TO SHERIFF MIKE SCOTT.

AND HIS OUTSTANDING TEAM OF DEPUTIES AND OTHER PERSONNEL WHO ARE RECENTLY COMPLETED OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP WHICH WAS A BIG HELP TO SOME OF THE SERIOUS ISSUES THEY'RE FACING AT LEHIGH ACRES.

THEY'VE DONE YOEMAN'S WORK OUT THERE.

THEY'VE SHUT DOWN SOME GROW HOUSES THAT HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM.

JUST DONE A SUPERB JOB OUT THERE.

THE CITIZENS OF LEHIGH HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR MORE ATTENTION OUT THERE.

THIS IS A HATS OFF AND AN ATTABOY TO OUR SHERIFF AND HIS TEAM, THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

UNDER THAT ITEM, CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION? AS WE SEE THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION ECONOMY NOSE DIVE AS THE STORY IN TODAY'S PAPER DEMONSTRATES HOW A FIRST HOME IS LAID OFF I GUESS.

ANOTHER 200.

ANOTHER 200 WORKERS, RIGHT? AS THE ECONOMY IN LEE COUNTY CONTINUES TO DIVE, I THINK WHAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE IS AN INCREASE A CONTINUED INCREASE IN CRIME.

SOME STATISTICS THAT I'M FACING IN MY DISTRICT, THE VILLAS AND PINE MANOR AND PAGE PARK, WHERE THAT YOUNG MAN WAS RECENTLY MURDERED IN A CAR FIRE.

I THINK WE MAY WANT TO HAVE THIS SHERIFFS EMPLOYEES, YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE THE STATISTICS CRIME STATISTICS THAT THEY MAP HERE IN LEE COUNTY.

MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE SHERIFFS OFFICE.

SO WE CAN MONITOR THIS AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT THIS BOARD CAN DO TO GET IN FRONT OF THIS INCREASE IN CRIME, THAT WILL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS IT BECAUSE OF IT.

SO I WOULD LIKE US TO HEAR FROM THE SHERIFF'S CHIEF OR WHATEVER.

WOULD BE SUBJECT IF THAT'S.

WELL.

YES, COMMISSIONER HALL.

MR.

CHAIRMAN.

I GO TO THE QUARTERLY AND THE SHERIFF HAS NEVER BEEN SHY ABOUT COMING TO THIS BOARD AND HE AFFORDS US ALL A QUARTERLY PRESENTATION ON COUNTYWIDE AND THEN YOUR DISTRICT IF YOU WANT.

I ALWAYS GETS THE COUNTYWIDE AND MY DISTRICT ALSO.

AND I GUESS IF WE WANT TO INFORM THE PUBLIC I THINK THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE M.

M.

P.

BECAUSE THE SHERIFF AS COMMISSIONER MANN STATES HE'S NOT SHY ABOUT COMING AND SHARING WITH US WHERE HE NEEDED ADDITIONAL MONEYS, ADDITIONAL

SUPPORT.

I DO I RIDE ALONG AND I'M OVER THERE WORKING WITH THE SUBSTATION.

SO I GUESS THE PURPOSE OF THE M.

M.

P.

WOULD BE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHAT IS IT THAT WE WANT TO INFORM THIS BOARD AND HAVE ALL OF THAT COME FORWARD UNLESS OUR PURPOSE IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC.

UNLESS THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS DON'T FEEL THEY'RE GETTING ENOUGH INFORMATION OR THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE WE NEED TO DO BECAUSE I'M NOT FOUND LIKE SCOTT TO BE SHY ABOUT MEETING WITH US WHEN HE'S IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

AND I FEEL LIKE I SEE HIM AND TALK WITH HIS STAFF ENOUGH TO FEEL STRONGLY THAT, I JUST DON'T FEEL UNINFORMED, I GUESS.

WELL I'M TRYING TO SUGGEST THAT THIS BOARD SIT AS A BOARD IN FRONT OF THE FACTS AND CONSIDER WHAT THEY ARE, AND CONSIDER WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO GET IN FRONT OF THIS CRIME WAVE.

IT'S AN OBVIOUS CRIME WAVE WE'RE FACING.

I THINK IT'S AGAIN NOT THAT WE HAVE TO BE CRIME ROCKET SCIENTISTS TO KNOW THAT WE'RE SEEING A SPIKE AND IT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE, WE'RE SEEING SUCH A DECLINE IN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY.

I THINK THE SHERIFF IS GETTING IN FRONT OF IT AND I CAN THE SHERIFF IS PULLING HIS RESOURCES TO DO THAT AND I DON'T MIND HAVING, BUT AGAIN I GUESS I'M LOOKING AT IT FROM UNLESS WE'RE HERE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC, I THINK THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF MECHANISMS AS A BOARD AND AS INDIVIDUALS AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO GET OUT AHEAD OF THE SHERIFF.

I RESPECT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, HE'S AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND HE IS GETTING AHEAD OF IT.

HE'S BEING PROACTIVE IN LOOKING AT THE STATISTICS AND DEPLOYING HIS RESOURCES IN A WAY THAT HE IS GETTING AHEAD OF IT AND HAS GOT IT UNDER CONTROL AND I THINK THAT IF HE FEELS HE NEEDS TO ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN DOING THAT, HE'S GOING TO COME VERY QUICKLY TO US AND I JUST I GUESS I DON'T WANT TO SEND A MESSAGE THAT I DON'T THINK HE'S DOING ALL THOSE THINGS ALREADY.

SO UNLESS THE MEETING IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON WHAT HE'S DOING AND WANTS THAT OPPORTUNITY I GUESS MR.

CHAIRMAN I WOULD AFFORD HIM THAT YOU WANT THE TO SAY DO YOU WANT TO COME AND GIVE US THAT FULL REPORT, SO THE PUBLIC CAN BE INFORMED.

WELL -- IT WAS MY ITEM.

I GUESS I'M ALMOST SORRY I BROUGHT IT UP.

I WAS JUST TRYING TO BE COMPLIMENTARY, BUT LET ME GIVE THIS PERSPECTIVE.

COMMISSIONER AS I UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE, WE HAVE ONE THING THAT WE HAVE TO DO FOR THE SHERIFF AND THAT'S APPROVE HIS BUDGET.

NOW AS FAR AS THE STATISTICS AND WHERE THE CRIME IS COMING OUT AND THAT SORT OF THING, HE IS AN INDEPENDENT OFFICER.

ONCE WE GIVE HIM HIS BUDGET HE DECIDES WHERE THE RESOURCES GO.

NOT US, WE CAN CERTAINLY MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE ANY TIME WE WANT AND POINT OUT THINGS WE THINK ARE IMPORTANT THAT HE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.

BUT, WE'RE NOT GOING TO COME HERE AND REVIEW ALL THESE STATS AN THEN DIRECT HIM TO DO SOMETHING.

HE DOES THAT ON HIS OWN AND HAS THE INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY TO DO THAT.

SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WOULD BE GAINING COMMISSIONER BY HAVING THE MEETING YOU'RE SUGGESTING AS WELL.

ON BEHALF OF OUR OWN DISTRICT HAVE A CONTINUAL DIALOGUE.

THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN OPEN WITH ME AND READY TO DISCUSS ISSUES LIKE YOU SAID AT PINE MANOR AND SOME OTHER PLACES AT A ARE TRADITIONALLY HIGH CRIME.

LEE HIGH.

HE'S BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE AND SUSCEPTIVE.

PERHAPS WE NEED TO THINK DIDN'T ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE TOO ARE CRIME FIGHTERS BECAUSE WHICH ARE.

IT'S NOT -- THE SHERIFF IS NOT THE ONLY CRIME FIGHTER AND ALL HIS CAPABLE MEN AND WOMEN IN GREEN ARE NOT THE ONLY -- EXCUSE ME FOR INTERRUPTING, WE FIGHT OUR BATTLE WITH THE BUDGET.

AN WE'VE DONE THAT.

LET ME SUGGEST THE CITY OF FORT MEYERS RECENTLY THE CITY COUNCIL HELD A WORKSHOP ON THEIR CRIME WAVE IN THE CITY AND DELIBERATED AS AN ELECTED

BODY AND I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE OUGHT TO CONSIDER DOING BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE STATISTICS ARE AND WE NEED TO PARTNER.

CHAIRMAN, IT'S NOT THE SAME.

ABSOLUTELY.

NO IT'S NOT NO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKFORCE THE CITY OVER THERE.

THIS MAN IS AN INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER THAT ROLES ARE NOT TO BE COMPARED.

AT CITY OF FORT MYERS AND THE COUNTY OF LEE.

SO COMMISSIONER MANN IS YOUR SUGGESTION THAT THERE'S NOTHING THIS BOARD CAN DO ABOUT FIGHTING CRIME EXCEPT FUND THE SHERIFFS OFFICE.

I PERHAPS WASN'T VERY CLEAR.

I SAID WE CAN CALL THE SHERIFF ANY TIME.

I HAVE HIM LISTED ON MY CELL PHONE AND WE CAN HAVE THE INPUT THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

LET ME GIVE YOU.

THE I ASK THAT THERE'S CONSENSUS NOT WE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT COMMISSIONER ITEM.

I SAY WE ALWAYS MUST REMEMBER COMMISSIONER, FIGHTING CRIME IS NOT SUM MY GIVING THE SHERIFF MORE ASSETS.

IT'S ABOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES.

SO TO SAY YOU KNOW THAT ONLY THROUGH THE SHERIFF CAN WE FIGHT CRIME OR SHOULD WE BE APPRAISED IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG.

AND I PRESUME YOU WOULD CONCUR WITH THAT.

ABSOLUTELY AND YOU'RE USURPING MY SIDE OF THIS ISSUE.

WELL THAT'S MY INTENTION I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE SUPPORTING MY SIDE WHICH IS THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL AT A TIME NO CAN I CALL FOR A QUESTION IF THERE'S CONSENSUS TO THE SHERIFF PRESENTS HIS NUMBERS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF THERE'S CONSENSUS ON THIS BOARD.

AND MYSELF PERSONALLY I DON'T THINK THERE IS.

FIRST THERE'S A CALL OF QUESTION.

THERE HASN'T BEEN A MOTION.

I MADE IT I'M CALLING THE QUESTION TO SEE IF THERE'S CONSENSUS.

SECOND UNDER DISCUSSION.

SECOND.

TO PUT THESE TWO PROPER PERSPECTIVE THAT \$1.

3 BILLION FUND WE WERE DISCUSSING A FEW MINUTES AGO WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE JUSTICE CENTER AND THE JAILS FOR THE SHERIFF, THAT COMES FROM THOSE FUNDS AND CERTAINLY THAT'S INCLUDED IN OUR EFFORT IN FIGHTING CRIME.

NOT TO MENTION THE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS THAT ARE USED TO HOST, SO LET'S KEEP IT ALL IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE AS WE PARTNER WITH THE SHERIFFS IN FIGHTING CRIME.

ABSOLUTELY, IT'S A GOOD PARTNERSHIP BUT UNLESS I FEEL THE NEED TO HAVE A CONSTANT SO I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE DON'T INSTRUCT THE SHERIFF BUT WE LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN THAT ANY TIME HE WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THIS FORUM HE IS WELCOME.

YOU'VE GOT A MOTION.

THERE IS A MOTION ON THE TABLE.

SORRY.

I WAS TRYING TO MAKE A SECOND MOTION.

SORRY.

AND THE QUESTION ULTIMATELY WILL BE WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO SCHEDULE THIS FOR MP I PRESUME.

AND.

AND THE MOTION WAS.

TO CALL THE QUESTION.

NOT TO DO IT.

TO NOT HAVE THIS AT THE MEETING WASN'T THAT IT.

IF WE CAN DISCUSS THAT AND JUST A MOMENT.

I KNOW IT'S PART AND PARCEL, WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COMMISSIONER.

I FORGOT WHAT THE MOTION WAS MR.

CHAIR.

I'M TRYING TO GET CLOSURE ON WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT THIS END THE DEBATE JUST YET.

IT SEEMS TO ME.

I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT THE MOTION WAS NO AND THE DEBATE IS NOT ENDING.

IT'S CONTINUING.

SO THE MOTION TO CALL A QUESTION.

MOVED AND SECONDED.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

NOW MY MOTION IS WE DON'T SCHEDULE THIS FOR MMP BUT SEND THROUGH THE COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE AN INVITATION AT ANY TIME THE 16 IS WELCOME TO COMP AN WE'LL MAKE TIME FOR HIM WHEN EVER HE NEEDS UPON HIS DECISION NO OKAY.

SECOND.

MOVED AND SECONDED.

THAT WE INDICATE TO THE SHERIFF THAT HE'S PERFECTLY WILLING AND BEEN INVITED AT ANY TIME TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND TALK TO US ABOUT NEED FOR ASSETS FOR FIGHTING CRIME.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

MOVED AND APPROVED 4-1.

COMMISSIONER MANN I CAN'T THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT AND TO THINK THIS ALL STARTED FROM A COMPLIMENT YOU WERE TRYING TO PAY TO THE SHERIFF.

I JUST WANTED TO THANK AGAIN DAVID OWEN BUT JIM LAVENDER, THE ENTIRE SOLID

WASTE STAFF, AND THEIR TERRIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH THE RIBBON CUTTING, WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE FACILITY 1800 TON A DAY.

LEE COUNTY CONTINUES TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PROVING ACTUALLY A 40-YEAR LONG-TERM PLAN IN TERM OF COLLECTION DISPOSAL EVEN AS WE GROW AT 28 TO 30,000 IN RESIDENCY THAT YEAR.

ALSO, I WANT TO ASK THIS BOARD AN HOPEFULLY YOU RECEIVE COPIES.

IT'S A REQUEST FROM THE SARASOTA COUNTY, THEY'RE LOOKING FOR \$6.

6 MILLION FROM THE FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST.

I'M GOING TO BE GOING TO THE MEETING ON FRIDAY FOR SEVERAL APPEARS BUT THIS IS ONE I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR YOU WANT FROM THIS BOARD.

ACTUALLY FOR PROPERTY ON PINE ISLAND NO THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO DO THAT.

THERE'S NO MONEY COMING OUT OF CONSERVATION 20/20 SO IF I COULD GET AND MAY I MAKE THAT MOTION.

SECOND.

DISCUSSION.

PERHAPS A RESOLUTION THAT ADMINISTRATION CAN HELP AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH THEM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO GO.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE THE AYES HAVE IT.

HODGSON.

COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

THANKS WEED A OUR LAST EVENING PUBLIC HEARING HEARD FROM CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT OF LEE COUNTY FLORIDA.

SUBJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN GOVERNMENT THROUGH REMEMBER ACCESS.

I WILL LIKE US TO CONSIDER THIS RESOLUTION SERIOUSLY AND MOVE THIS COUNTY TO THE DAY WHERE ANYTHING THAT'S ELECTRICALLY PRODUCED CAN BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC VIA OUR WEB PAGE.

MUCH LIKE I THINK THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOES VERY WELL.

I THINK MR.

SHAY EXPLAINED TO US THAT THERE'S BILLIONS OF PUBLIC RECORDS AVAILABLE VIA THE INTERNET THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT.

I GUESS I'M LOOKING FOR SOME COLLECTIVE WILL HERE TO MOVE THIS TO MMP OR TO HEAR FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER AS TO HOW IT IS THAT WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN AND PROVE THE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS.

MR.

CHAIRMAN MAY I SUGGEST THAT COUNTY MANAGER STILL WORK WITH I.

T.

FOR A PRESENTATION ON WHAT IT IS THEIR DOING SO WE CAN ALL BE INFORMED ON THE BIG PICTURE AT M.

M.

P.

AND IF THERE ARE THINGS THEY FEEL THEY NEEDED A ADDITION THEY CAN DISCUSS IT WITH US AT THAT POINT AND EXPLAIN TO US WHAT THE RESTRICTIONS ARE AND THE TIME FRAME OF THIS AND WHAT THEIR GOALS ARE OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO THAT WE'RE ALL UP TO SPEED.

OKAY.

SO WE'LL GET THAT ON M.

M.

P.

WE'VE ALREADY PREPARED STARTED TO PREPARE A MEMO.

WOULD A MEMO FORMAT BE OKAY.

IT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID.

THAT'S FINE.

AND WE CAN GO TO MMF FROM THERE IF WE NEED TO.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? NOPE.

COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

THE ONLY THING I'VE GOT TO SAY IS GO RED SOX OF COURSE.

THEY WON THE WORLD SERIES.

BILL HAMMOND IS NOT HERE.

HE'S CELEBRATING.

I THINK HE WENT TO GO PICK UP THE RING.

HE'S GOT TWO NOW.

I THINK HE'S BEING FITTED FOR ITS.

HE WILL HAVE A RING ON EACH HAND.

BUT ANYWAY.

GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THEY WILL.

AND THEY'RE KIND OF BECAUSE THEIR SPRING HOME AS WELL.

MOTION TO SEND A LETTER.

I KNOW WE SENT THEM.

SECOND.

NO PROBLEM.

WE'LL CONSIDER THAT A MOTION AND APPROVED.

WITH A 10-YEAR EXTENSION ON THEIR LEASE IF THEY CAN SIGN.

[LAUGHTER] IF THEY DO IT AGAIN, THEY GET A 10-YEAR LEASE.

FOR EVERY CHAMPIONSHIP THEY BRING.

YEAH, WE WOULD BE PROUD OF ANOTHER DECADE.

GOOD COMMENT.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

YOU WANT TO CALL A MOTION.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

IT'S ORDER.

I PRESUMED THAT WILL WOULD BE NO DEBATE ON THAT.

BUT YOU NEVER KNOW AGAIN.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER HALL.

ONE, A NEW APPOINTMENT OF DOUG VAUGHT TO THE ROAD LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE.

SECOND.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONER MANN NO I HAVE FIVE, CYNTHIA SHAEFFER TO THE COASTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

REPLACING RETIRING JAMES ELDER.

COCHRAN TO THE L.

P.

A.

, IT'S A REAPPOINTMENT AS WELL AS RON ENG TO THE REAPPOINTMENT.

LANCE McKINNEY TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL.

AND ARLINGTON BAB TO THE PARK STREET LIGHT UNIT.

SECOND.

DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH.

MICHAEL MORGAN AND GEORGE TO THE NORTHEAST HURRICANE, JIMMY ROGERS TO SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT UNIT AND ALFRED STEWART TO REPLACE EDWARD ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

SECOND.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HALL, DISCUSSION? HOWEVER.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

I HAVE A NEW APPOINTMENT, A REAPPOINTMENT OF BECKIE JOHNSON AT FORT MEYERS I WILL HAVE WILL STREET LIGHTING.

I HAVE A REAPPOINTMENT OF LENARD BLAIR TO THE RURAL PARK STREET LIGHTING, THAT'S ALL.

A SECOND, DISCUSSION? WHO MADE THE SECOND? COMMISSIONER MANN DISCUSSION.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

I HAVE TWO -- I THINK IT'S MARITZA.

HISPANIC, WENT TO DINNER WITH HER LAST NIGHT.

ADVISORY BOARD -- NO, I DIDN'T.

BECAUSE START TALKING OTHERWISE.

[LAUGHTER] ROBERT TO THE CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD CONSUMER LARGE AND THAT'S IN PLACE OF IDA BELTRY.

SO MOVED.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

AYE.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

COUNTY MANAGER ITEMS.

DID YOU WANT TO DISCUSS WHAT.

I CAN.

I HAVE TWO THINGS.

ONE THING LET ME SAY THIS QUICKLY, I THINK COMMISSIONER JUDAH OVERLOOKED SOMETHING THIS MORNING.

WHEN HE WAS COMMENTING ABOUT THE RECOVERY PLANT.

I CAME HERE IN '93 IN DOING MY DUE DILIGENCE.

I CAME HERE THROUGH THE ARCHIVES WITH THE PUBLICS REPORTS ABOUT THE WASTE RECOVERY PLANT.

I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT INTRIGUED ME.

I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY CUTTING EDGE FOR LEE COUNTY TO DO WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND COMMISSIONER JUDAH WAS VERY KIND IN TALKING ABOUT STAFFS INVOLVEMENT IN IT.

BUT NO ONE TOOK A MORE IMPORTANT DOMINANT LEADERSHIP ROLE THAN COMMISSIONER JUDAH DID.

AND IT WAS REALLY TOUGH.

I READ THOSE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND THE THINGS THEY SAID ABOUT HIM AND THE BOARD.

AND HOW WRONG THEY WERE AN MAKING SUCH A TERRIBLE DECISION.

WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO LEE COUNTY HAS BEEN PROVED TO BE 180ø OFF THE MARK.

THIS HAS BEEN A TRUE SUCCESS, AND THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF COMMISSIONER JUDAH AND HIS FELLOW COMMISSIONERS AT THAT TIME, WE ARE ALL BEING PRAISED ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR THEIR FORESIGHT AT THAT TIME.

THANK YOU.

AMEN, AMEN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THE OTHER THING WE WANTED TO MENTION TO YOU, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A FULL BOARD LATER ON THIS MONTH.

UNTIL DECEMBER 4th.

AND YOU HAVE A REORGANIZATION THAT'S TYPICALLY SCHEDULED ON THE 20th.

AND WE'RE WONDERING HOW YOU WANTED TO HANDLE THAT.

OUR SUGGESTION STAFF SUGGESTS YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

YOU CAN HAVE IT PRIOR OR YOU CAN HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE 20th, OR YOU COULD WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER 4th WHEN YOU HAVE A FULL BOARD AND MAKE THE APPOINTMENT, SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THIS MORNING.

WE'RE NOT JUST DO THE WORK AND MAKING THE MOTION TO PASS AN DATED THAT IT WOULD NORMALLY COME.

THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS THAT.

I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER BUT I THINK YOU NEED TO GET IT FROM THEM.

COMMISSIONERS WE CAN DO IT BEFORE AND MAKE IT EFFECTIVE, WHICH EVER.

I PREFER TO DO THAT IF IT'S OKAY.

NO PROBLEM.

I WANT TO GET SOME IDEA.

WHEN CAN YOU DO IT.

THE LAST MEETING BEFORE WHEN IS IT THE LAST MEETING BEFORE WE HAVE A FULL BOARD.

THE CLERK HAS TO BE PRESENT OR SOMEBODY FROM HIS OFFICE TO DO IT.

SO WHEN EVER YOU ALL SCHEDULE THE CLERK TO BE HERE, IT COULD BE NEXT WEEK.

THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

WE WILL HAVE A FULL BOARD NEXT WEEK.

YEAH.

LET'S DO IT.

OKAY, NO PROBLEM.

NEXT WEEK IT IS.

AND CHARLIE IF YOU CAN WAVE HIS HAND, WE WILL KNOW HE GOT THE MESSAGE.

SO, I THINK WE GOT THE OKAY SO THAT'S VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

DID THE OKAY SIGN.

WELL IT WAS AT LEAST ONE FINGER.

[LAUGHTER] ANYTHING ELSE? NO, SIR.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

COUNTY ATTORNEY, NOTHING? THANK HEAVENS.

I BELIEVE WE'RE DOWN AT THE POINT WHERE IT SAYS ADJOURNED AS THERE'S NO FURTHER BUSINESS.

WE ARE ADJOURNED.