



Meeting Transcript

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Good Morning.

I'd Like To Call The November 20.

Meeting Of The Board To Order.

First Item On The Agenda Will Be.

The Invocation By The Pastor.

Followed By The Pledge Of.

Allegiance.

Good Morning, Pastor.

Gracious Heavenly Father We.

Thank You For The New Blessings.

That Come To Us Every Morning.

We Thank You For The Joy Of.

Paradise Today, The Luscious.

Weather In Which We Share The.

Beautiful Place To Live.

We Thank You For Our Political.

Process Where We Can Gather And.

Speak Our Minds And We Will Be.

Listened.

We Thank You For The Opportunity.

To Do This.

In A Few Days, Lord, We.
Celebrate Thanksgiving.
We Thank You For Our Forefathers.
And Mothers That Placed This Day.
Before Us.
May We Pause From Our Feverish.
Pace To Reflect On The Blessings.
We Have.
If There Is An Empty Chair.
Around The Table We Ask That You.
Give Us Peace, Hope And Comfort.
For The Future.
Those That Have Moved Away, .
Those In The Military, Even.
Those That Have Passed Away, May.
We Remember Them Fondly, Keep.
Them Safe And Bring Them Home, .
Those Who Come To Us From Far.
Places.
Keep Those Who Travel Safe In.
This Busy Travel Weekend And, .
Lord, As We Wind Down A.
Hurricane Season, We Ask For.
Gentle Rain To Fall Upon Our.

Area That The Water May Be.

Restored.

We Ask, Lord, That You Would.

Bless Us In This Meeting.

In The Name Of Saviour Christ We.

Pray, 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.

Is This On?.

I Don't Think --.

Hello?.

Nope.

Hello.

Now We're Hot.

Very Good.

The Next Item On The Agenda Is.

The Recap Sheet.

We Have A Couple Of Items To Be.

Deferred.

One Is Administrative Item 9-A.

I'd Like To Defer That For A.
Week To The November 27th Board.
Meeting.
The Second Is Administrative.
Agenda Item 14-A.
The County Attorney Would Like.
That Deferred.
Do I Have A Motion?.
I'll Be Happy To Make The.
Motion.
C-15-B Also.
Oh, Sure.
Be Happy To.
Also Include C15-B.
Great.
We're Just Changing The.
Hearing Date On That One.
Seconded By Commissioner Mann.
Briskly.
Discussion?.
Please.
How Are You All Over There?.
Fine.
Can I Just Can For Some.

Explanation As To Why These.
Three Items Are Being Deferred.
-- One A Week, The Other Several.
Weeks And One Indefinitely?.
If You Might Or If You Could.
Give A Little Bit Of Explanation.
As To What It Is We Are.
Deferring.
P.M. Good Morning Mr. Chairman.
And Commissioners.
The Items Being Deferred -- A 9.
A Is A Solid Waste Item.
That Is The Close-Out For The.
Waste Energy Third Unit.
Contracts.
In My Discussions With Mr..
Sampson, This Was Originally To.
Be Scheduled For The 27th.
Meeting And Not Today.
We Are Just Moving It To The.
Date Where Mr. Sampson Will Have.
Everything Prepared And Discuss.
It On That Date.
That Was An Error, A Slip-Up On.
The Part Of Someone Somewhere.

And Got On This Agenda When It.
Shouldn't Have Been.
It Was Scheduled For The 27th..
A14-A Was An Item Scheduled For.
Today.
That Has To Deal With The.
Board's Requirement For A Super.
Majority Vote On The Waiver Of.
An Ordinance Put In Place In The.
Early 1990s.
92-22.
It States When An Engineering.
Firm Has Had The Opportunity And.
The Benefit From The County To.
Do A Feasibility Study For A.
Project Then They Would Not Be.
Awarded The Hard Part Of The.
Design, The Engineering Work And.
That Type Of Thing.
That Was Constructed Back Then.
To Try To Keep The Engineering.
Aspects Of A Project As.
Objective As Possible.
The Other Part Of That, I Will.

Let Mr. Muler Address If You.
Need.
But We Had Issues Where We Were.
Looking To Bring In A Larger.
Pool Of Engineers On This.
Project.
Rather Than Doing That, And.
Rather Than Doing That Today,.
We'd Prefer To Go Back And Look.
At It, Retool And Discuss Issues.
Brought Up By The Commission And.
When We Are Ready To Bring It To.
You, We'll Brief You And Bring.
It Back.
That's Why I Requested The.
Indefinite Date Because We.
Aren't Sure When We'll Be.
Prepared..
On That Point, It's Not A.
Feasibility Study We're.
Proposing, Right?.
It's A Master Plan.
Yes, Sir.
So It's Still Your Opinion.
That This Applies To The Rfp.

They Have Put Out?.

It Does..

So That Won't Change.

It's Just That We'll See This.

Later?.

O.K.

It'll Come To You Later.

It' Not Going Away.

A Request For A Waiver And.

The Rfp.

Just Want To Be Sure Nothing Has.

Changed About Your Opinion Or.

The Intent And Direction Of The.

Utility Department.

Not At This Time, No, Sir.

O.K.

The Last One Was Utilizing A.

Full Board On Another Date -- On.

December 13th For -- I Didn't.

Bring My Regular Agenda With Me.

I Just Have The Recap Sheet.

Mr. Chairman, I'd Like To Ask.

That Staff And County Attorney.

That Only Super Majority Votes.

On Any Item That We Always Have.
A Full Board For A Super.
Majority Vote.
I Looked At 14-A As Being.
Deferred More Because We Don't.
Have A Full Board.
I Think It's Only Appropriate.
That When We Need Super.
Majorities That We Have A Full.
Board For That.
So We Recognize That Schedules.
Professionally And Personally.
Sometimes Conflict With Us.
Having A Pull Board.
As A Matter Of Policy, I Would.
Like That Any Time We Need A.
Super Majority That It Comes To.
A Full Board And Not Obviously A.
Partial Board.
So I Would Hope We Could.
Entertain That At Some Point In.
Time.
I Think That's Better Policy For.
Us To Have.
If That's The Will Of The.

Board, We'd Be Glad To Do It.

Makes Sense.

I Would Fully Support That.

Anything Else?.

Further Discussion?.

Question Rises On The Motion To.

Approve Those Items.

Those In Favor, Signal By Saying.

Aye.

The Motion Is Adopted.

That Takes Care Of The Walk-Ons.

And Carry-Overs.

The Next Is Public Comment On.

The Consent And Administrative.

Agenda.

I Have A Couple Of Cards Here.

I Will First Call On Kevin.

Shaye.

Kevin?.

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, .

Council, Manager, Ladies And.

Gentlemen, In View Of The.

Emergent Financial Difficulties.

Of This State And Of This.

County, I Would Respectfully.
Request That You Defer Any And.
All Unnecessary Or Optional.
Expenditures.
Preliminary Analysis Would Seem.
To Indicate From Economic Data.
And The Continuing Fall Of.
Residential And Other Real.
Estate Values The Need.
Potentially To Cut Your County.
Budget This Fiscal Year By \$100.
Million.
The Tax Base Is Descending.
Rapidly In A Free-Fall.
Your Mstu Thing Is Already This.
Year Decreased By Over \$1.
Billion In 054 Subsection.
My Preliminary Analysis Based On.
A Preliminary Subset Of Over.
125,000 Parcels Indicates The.
Potential Conservatively Of A.
20% Decline, A Possibility Of A.
25% And A Real Not Impossible Or.
Improbable Of A 30% Decline In.
Your Add Velorum Tax Base.

You Need To Go Back And.
Reconfigure Your Numbers.
I Have Already Done A.
Criss-Cross Study Of The Lehigh.
Acres Fire Control District And.
Even With The Constitutional.
Limit Of Three Mills They Are.
Going To Have A \$4 Million To \$5.
Deficit Compared To What They.
Collected This Year.
I Therefore Think That Unless.
You Want To Come September And.
Talk About Cutting 500 Or A.
Thousand County Employees And.
Whacking Hundreds Of Millions.
Off Your Budget, It's Time To Go.
Back And Do A Little Preliminary.
Recalculation.
Suppose The Ad Velorum Tax Base.
Goes Down 20, 25%.
Let's Do The Budget Exercise.
Before Disaster Strikes.
Thank You Very Much.
Thank You.

Sanders?.

Good Morning.

For The Record, My Name Is Joyce.

Sanders.

I Represent Over 400 -- Almost.

400 Citizens Of Friends Of Six.

Mile Cyprus Loop Preserve.

As You Know, We Are A Not For.

Profit Organization.

We Are Support Arm Of Lee County.

Parks And Recs At The Slew.

Today I'm Here On Behalf Of.

Asking For Your Support And.

Approval Of Conservation 2020.

Proposal Of Unit Number 347.

This Parcel Of Land Adjoins On.

The West Side.

Anyone Who Has Ever Been To A.

Conservation 2020 Meeting Knows.

How Thorough The Committee Is In.

Evaluating And The Process It.

Goes Through In Order For It To.

Pass Through Each Committee.

Before It Reaches You.

This Parcel Of Land Is Very.

Important To The Slew Both For.
Wildlife And Watershed.
As I Said, It Is Adjacent On The.
West Side To The Slew.
I Would Urgently Ask Your.
Support And Approval Of The.
Purchase Of This Property.
Thank You Very Much.
Thank You Very Much.
We Are In The Public Comment.
Agenda.
This Is Where We Give The.
Members Of The Public The.
Opportunity To Comment On Items.
On The Agenda.
We Have Heard From Two.
Mr. Shaye And Ms. Sanders.
Would Anyone Else Like To.
Comment?.
O.K.
I Don't See Any Hands Waving,.
Handkerchiefs Flapping Or.
Anything.
So We'll Close The Public.

Comment Period And Proceed With.
The Consent Agenda.
First Will Be The Items To Be.
Pulled For Discussion By The.
Board.
Commissioner Hall.
None.
Man?.
None.
Bigelow?.
I Have A Couple.
Yes, Sir.
6-A.
And 13-A.
O.K.
Motion To Approve The Balance?.
So Moved.
Moved By Commissioner Hall To.
Approve The Balance Of The Items.
On The Consent Agenda.
Seconded By Commissioner Mann.
All Those In Favor.
The Yays Have It The Motion Is.
Adopted.
Commissioner Bigelow?.

This Is To Approve.

Acquisition Of Parcel 133 Burn.

Ed Store Road Widening Project.

I Noticed We Didn't Seek An.

Appraisal On The Proposal And.

Instead We Used Some Market.

Data.

Who Accumulated The Market Data?.

For The Record, Karen Forsyth.

County Lands.

Commissioner Bigelow, This.

Project Has Been Going On For.

Some Time As Far As Early.

Acquisition.

Approximately A Year And A Half,.

Two Years Ago We Did Obtain.

Appraisals -- Some Appraisals.

Along The Corridor.

Went Through The Expense Of.

Doing That.

At That Time, The Land Values.

Were Much Higher Than They Are.

Now.

So From That Data And As We Have.

Been Watching The Market And.
Collecting Additional Updated.
Data In Our Office, We Decided.
Not To Go Through The Expense Of.
Appraisals Again And To Go Ahead.
And Put Together These Market.
Data Sheets Which Is Attached To.
The Blue Sheet Package If You.
See Behind The Blue Sheet.
Itself.
We Have Listed Eight Comparable.
Properties, All Selling Within.
This Year, 2007.
And The Purchase Price That We.
Have Agreed To Subject To The.
Board Approval Is Equivalent To.
The Lowest Per Square Foot Value.
Of The Market Range.
And So The Square Footage --.
That Is Derived From What?.
Is That Taken Off The Property.
Appraiser's Property Data?.
These Are Platted Lots And So.
The Plat Itself Identifies The.
Size Of The Lot.

O.K.

Have We Confirmed That The.
Subject Parcel Is 10,000 Square.
Feet?.

The Subject Property Is.
12,400 Square Feet Of Which.
2,400 Is Encumbered With A.
Platted Road And Drainage.
Easement.
Now That Has Not Been.
Constructed, But It Is On The.
Plat For Future Use As Roadway.
And Drainage.
So The Remaining 10,000 Square.
Feet Is Unencumbered.

O.K.

So Is That -- As You're Looking.
At The Property Today Which Is.
In The Back Half, Is That On The.
West Side Of That Subject.
Parcel?.

The Encumbrance Itself?.

Yes.

Or Is It Part Of The Parcel?.

This Is The Sticking Point For.
Me -- It's 2,400 Square Feet.
That's Encumbered.
The Value Of \$4 A Square Foot.
Is Based On The Unencumbered.
Property, The 10,000 Square.
Feet.
We're Not Purchasing The Part.
That's Encumbered?.
We Are, But The Value Is Only.
For That Part Which Is Not.
Encumbered..
Oh.
So We Are Getting The.
Underlying Ownership Of The.
Entire 12,400 Square Feet Of.
Which 2,400 Is Actually.
Encumbered With A Platted.
Easement.
O.K.
I'm Liking All This.
This Is Good Because We're.
Saving The Expense Of The.
Appraisal.
We're Buying Less Land And Get.

-- Paying Less And Getting More.
I Was Wondering Why -- Or What.
Dollar Threshold Do You Decide.
To Not Seek An Appraisal?.
Is It Possible That We Could Do.
These Market Data Analyses.
Internally On The Acquisition?.
We Go On A Case-By-Case.
Basis, Commissioner, Depending.
On The Prior History Of The.
Project.
Again, In This Case, We Had.
Expended A Nice Chunk Of Change.
A Couple Years Ago Of Getting.
Independent Appraisals And We.
Had Enough Information From.
Those Appraisals To Do In-House.
Updates.
We're Capable.
We've Got The Expertise To Do.
Appraisals In House.
We Just Try To Keep The Staff.
Doing The Negotiations And The.
Acquisitions.

To Do The Appraisals Takes.

Additional Time And It's Also.

Probably Good To Have The.

Third-Party, Independent Review.

And Market Analysis.

O.K.

Well, I'm Supporting This And I.

Will Move The Motion.

I Would Like To Make Other.

Comments..

There Is A Motion To Approve.

Item 6-A By Commissioner.

Bigelow.

Seconded By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion?.

Yes.

I Really Think This Is In.

Keeping With What We Need To Be.

Doing In Terms Of Cost-Cutting.

We Need To Think About How To.

Save.

If We Can Do This Internally, So.

Be It.

Mr. Chairman?.

Yes, Commissioner Hall.

I Want To Thank Staff For The.
Consistency In How They Approach.
Our Land Acquisition.
This Department Has Been In.
Business For Several Years And.
Karen, You And Your Staff Have.
Always Made Financially.
Responsible Decisions As To How.
And When.
While We Recognize That We Are.
In A Down-Turn Of A Market And.
Obviously That Affects Some Of.
Our Tax Base, You All Have Been.
Consistent In How You Treat Our.
Land Acquisitions.
This Is Not An Anomaly Because.
Of The Situation We're In With.
The Economy.
What's Apparent Is That Land.
Values Are Coming Down And We.
Are Benefiting From That.
As You Go Forward, I Wouldn't.
Want The Public To Think That.
Somehow Your Policy Has Changed.

Internally.

You Make These Decisions On A.

Case-By-Case, Bring Them Back To.

The Board For Our Support,.

Approval, Comments And.

Questions.

Again, I Want To Thank You And.

Your Staff For Excellent Work As.

Usual And Kudos To You All.

Burnt Store Will Be A Major.

Challenge On Right Of Way For.

Us.

We Are At 30% Design. Out Of.

Several Hundred Parcels Of Right.

Of Way, This May Be The Tenth.

Piece We Have Been Able To.

Purchase.

We Are A Long Way Away From.

Willing Sellers Along Burnt.

Store Corridor.

Every One We Acquire Is A Kudo.

To Staff.

Thank You, Commissioner.

To Follow Up, I Pulled Up On.

A Property Appraiser's Web Page.

This Area And Picked Other.
Parcels, One That We Acquired.
Already.
In The Middle Of 2006 We Paid.
150,000 For A Parcel Not Much.
Larger Than This.
Just Goes To Show You What's.
Happening Out There.
\$150,000 A Year And A Half Ago.
Versus Today At \$40,000.
That's Writing On The Wall For.
Us.
Thanks..
Further Discussion?.
All Those In Favor?.
The Eyes Have It.
Motion Adopted.
Item 13-A.
Thank You, Mr. Chairman.
This Is The Veterans Parkway --.
I'm Sorry.
Surf Side Traffic Light For.
Chris Cummings.
I Think We Have Given The.

Preliminary Nod And This.
Formalizes The Agreement.
I Would Like To Pick Up.
Something That Came Out Of The.
Meeting When We Discussed It.
One Is That The Mayor Suggested.
That We'll Time The Light Such.
That It Flashes Yellow At.
Certain Times, Low Volume Times.
And Other Times It Will Serve As.
A Fully Functioning Traffic.
Light.
I Just Want To Know That's Still.
A Possibility Because It Makes.
Sense Because The Traffic.
Volumes Do Fluctuate.
Considerably There, I Think.
Scott Gilbertson, Dot, For.
The Record.
It's An Operational Item That.
Our Traffic Folks Would Look At.
And Review On The Merits..
It's A Wonderful Way To.
Mediate Those That Didn't Want.
To See It Happen With Those That.

Did. One Other Point, Will There.
Be More Street Lights Added To.
The Intersection?.

I Happen To Travel It Over The.
Weekend And Noticed That.
Compared To The Other.

Intersections East Of There That.
Are Signalized, There Are Street.
Lights.

This Is Poorly Lit And With The.
Addition Of The Traffic Light.
Can I Assume More Street Lights.

--.

Correct.

Usually With Signal.

Intersections There Are A Number.
Of Street Lights Associate..

This Is Just In The.
Construction Stage.

So They Will Be Added.

It Will Be More Illuminated When Construction Is Done.

That's What I'm Trying To.

Establish.

You Have Done A Good Point Of.

It.

The Point Is Made..

I Will Move This Item.

There Is A Motion To Approve.

The Item By Commissioner.

Bigelow.

Seconded By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion?.

All Those In Favor?.

The Ayes Have It.

The Administrative Agenda.

First Item, 3-A.

Move The Item.

There Is A Motion By.

Commissioner Hall.

Seconded By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion?.

Under Discussion, Mary, When.

Do You Want Our Appointments?.

Are We Trying To Have This.

Adopted Then By The Fourth When.

We Have A Full Board?.

What's The Dead Line For.

Nominations?.

There Is No Deadline, But I.

Would Hope That Since We Are In.
A Rush To Get It Going If You.
Could Appoint Next Week Or -- I.
Know Commissioner Dudo Won't Be.
Back Until The 4th.
I Was Shooting To Have A.
Kick-Off Meeting Around December.
12.
So We Could At Least Get An.
Initial Meeting And Gear Up In.
January.
My Motion Includes A Dead.
Line Of December 4 For.
Nominations To Be Approved.
I Have No Problem With That.
Let Me Make Sure Of A Couple.
Points.
Number One, We Are Suggesting.
Each Commissioner Appoint Three.
That's Correct.
I Guess It Could Be Made.
Today.
We Have Them.
I Have Three.

I Could Do It.

I Also --.

We Can See If Anyone Has.

Nominations.

May I Interrupt?.

We Can Try To Introduce The.

Subject -- A Lot Of People Are.

Tuning In And This Is A Very.

Important Issue.

It's A Big One.

I'm Afraid That Folks May Not.

Understand What We Are.

Considering Here.

I Can Do A Very Quick.

Overview.

I Have One --.

35 Words Or Less.

Just As Commissioner James.

Mentioned, This Is The Committee.

To Do The Drgr Study And What.

We're Suggesting Is 15 Members.

On The Committee.

That Would Be Three Appointments.

From Each One Of You, But We.

Have Three Categories.

So You Have To Appoint One From.
Each Category.
The First Category Is Mining.
Interest Or Fdot Or Large Land.
Owners.
So You Have Flexibility In That.
Category.
The Second Category Is The.
Residents Of The Drgr Or The.
Nearby Estero Area.
The Third Is A Catch-All.
Could Be Environmental Or People.
Of County-Wide Interest.
We're Trying To Balance Is.
Committee.
We Don't Want It Just Specific.
To That Area.
Any Kind Of General Citizens.
With No Axe To Grind Basically Or.
Smart Growth Members, Anything.
Like That Would Qualify Under.
The Third Category.
The Committee Is Set Up As A.
Special Committee Which Means.

It's Ad Hoc, Not A Permanent.
Committee.
Just For The Purpose Of This.
Project.
So When It's Done, The Committee.
Goes Away.
It's Set Up Similar To What We.
Did With The Blasting Committee.
Of Course, They Are Subjective.
To Disclosure And Sunshine Law.
As Are All Committees.
I Want To Make A Clarification.
Because Commissioner Mann Asked.
How The Committee Members Are.
Appointed And Removed.
They Are Appointed Of Course By.
An Affirmative Vote By You At One.
Of Your Meetings.
The Way They Are Removed Would.
Be The Same Way.
Commissioner Mann Asked Couldn't.
A Commissioner Remove Your Own.
Appointment If You Wanted To.
You Can If You Want To Add Some.
Language.

That Would Be Under Section C.
I Would Just Suggest That You.
Can Add This Language.
It Says A Member Of The.
Committee May Be Removed By The.
Appointing Commissioner Or An.
Affirmative Majority Vote.
So If You Want To, We Can Add.
Those Three Votes In.
My Motion Will Include That.
Language Then.
Moved And Seconded.
That's Consistent With All --.
It Is Consistent, Exactly.
It Follows In Line Over The.
General Policy We Have.
I'm A Great Believer In The.
Power To Appoint Is The Power To.
Remove Other Than Supreme Court.
Justices.
I Think I Understood This,.
Mr. Chairman, When Ms. Gibbs.
Gave Me A Briefing But.
Appointments Can Be Anywhere In.

The County And, In Fact, Outside.

The County.

It Could Be Outside The.

County If The Person Has.

Interest And Knowledge Of The.

Area.

Category Number Three.

Right.

But You Don't Have To Live In.

The County To Be Appointed.

For Instance, The Mining.

Industry.

There Are Experts In That That.

May Be In Other Areas Of The.

State If They Were Willing To.

Come And Participate. We May.

Want To Go Outside To Make Sure.

We Have Competent People Who Are.

Willing To Serve As Well.

That's Right.

It's Not Limited.

It's Not Within Our Own.

District.

It's County-Wide Or Anywhere.

Right.

Mr. Chairman?
You Have Led With An.
Explanation Of What The.
Committee Will Do.
I Took From That Maybe Something.
Different Than What I Envisioned.
This Committee Will Do.
It's Manufacture Advisory?
Serves The Purpose Of Assisting,.
Reviewing, Not That They Are The.
Lead Committee And Whatever They.
Decide Is Brought To Us For --.
Well, They Would Make.
Recommendations.
The Way I Envision It Is Just.
Like The Blasting Committee, We.
Staff The Committee.
When We Have Consultants On.
Board We'll Go Through The.
Committee With The Different.
Tasks -- Land Use Scenarios,.
Maybe Mining Regulations, The.
Traffic Counts, Whatever We.
Happen To Be Working On.

We Have Already Started -- The.
Staff Is Already Working On.
Several Different Things.
We Would Take Those To The.
Committee Like With Blasting.
The Committee Would Review It,.
Discuss It And Of Course The.
Public's Invited So It's Open.
Eventually They Will Make.
Recommendations To You All.
Then, Of Course, The Final.
Decisions On Whatever Comes Out.
Of It Would Be Up To You.
And The Hired Consultant Will.
Be Part Of This Process, Too,.
Right?.
Right.
The Way We Envision It Is The.
Consultant Will Be Going To Some.
Of The Meetings Or We'll Work.
Something Out Where Everybody's.
Involved..
Right.
O.K.
I Just Want To Be Sure The.

Consultant Is In The Mix There.
On Number One, Mining Industry, .
F-Dot, Large Land Owners In.
Southeast Drgr.
Help Me With The Definition Of.
Large.
I'm On A Quarter Acre.
Someone On A Ten-Acre Is A Large.
Land Owner From My Perspective.
The Way I Envision It Is --.
How Large?.
It Would Be Like A Farm Or.
Something Bigger Than Ten Acre.
The Reason I Distinguish It Is.
If It's Something Smaller It.
Would Be A Resident And Fit.
Under Category Two.
A Large Land Owner, Could Be A.
Farm, Crew, Any Of Those.
And The Smaller Ones Would Go.
Under The Second Category.
Because They Would Be Residents.
Right.
I Suppose That We're Expected To.

Classify Our Nominations.

Is That Right?.

That's Why She Gave Us Three.

Categories.

When We Present Them.

I'm Nominating Such And Such For.

Category One Of The Drgr.

Sure, You Can Do That.

I Don't Think We Ought To --.

If A Commissioner Nominates.

Them, It Ought To Be Us To.

Decide.

The Person Making The.

Recommendation Should Say It.

It Would Be Helpful.

We Have Three Categories That.

We Need To Fit People Into.

I'm Thinking Of Your E-Mail.

Commissioner James, Where You.

Have Three Nominations You're.

Proposing To Put Out Today.

I Guess I Could Try To Figure.

Out Which Categories They Are.

In, But Maybe Under Committee.

Nominations You Will Share It.

With Us?.

Can I Touch On The No Axe To.

Grind Comment Just As -- Maybe.

It Was Just Levity And Jest, But.

--.

Of Course The First Two.

Areas, They All Have Personal.

Interest.

I Think Category Three Is.

Someone That Doesn't Have -- You.

Know, I Don't Live There, I'm.

Not A Large Land Owner Or A.

Miner.

I Just Have The General County.

Interest In Mind.

I'm Just A Citizen.

I'm Objective And I Want To Have.

The Big County Perspective..

O.K.

My Thought Was That If I Were To.

Take An Activist, Someone We.

Identify As Being A Strong.

Advocate For The Environment And.

Passionate In Their Activism,.

Would That Qualify Them As.

Having An Axe To Grind?.

I Didn't Put Axe To Grind In.

The Resolution.

I Mean, Environmental Is Listed.

Under Category Three, So Other.

Can Be Environmental Or A.

General Citizen.

I'm Getting The Sense From.

This Discussion That It's.

Largely Up To Us.

There Will Be Few Challenges In.

How We Interpret The Categories.

I Appreciate That.

I Appreciate The Indulgence Of.

The Board.

Going On And On.

Can We Call The Questions Then,.

Commissioner James?.

Beg Pardon?.

Can We Call The Question?.

The Motion Is To Call The.

Question.

The Question Is Called. The.

Subject Arises Then For.

Adoption.

Could I Just Ask That It Was.

With The Language Of By The.

Appointing Commissioner.

I Added It Into The Motion.

All Those In Favor.

The Ayes Have It.

The Motion Is Adopted.

Item 6-A.

Do You Want To Go Ahead And.

Nominate Yours?.

I Can.

I Was Going To Do It Under The.

--.

Committee Appointments.

We'll Wait.

I Have No Problem.

I'm Sorry.

We'll Wait.

6-A.

I'll Move The Item.

There Is A Motion By.

Commissioner Bigelow To Move 6-A.

On The Administrative Agenda.

Is There A Second?.

Commissioner Mann Seconds.

Discussion?.

Yes.

Yes?.

I Want To Take This.

Opportunity -- Karen, You're.

Probably Not Going To Need To Be.

Here For Questions, But I.

Couldn't Agree More With Ms..

Saunders, Joyce.

Is She Still Here?.

There She Is.

Sorry.

This Is A Treasured Piece.

It Fits Into What I Consider A.

Puzzle That I Think We Need To.

Put Back Together.

I Am Encouraged That This Was,.

As Far As I Know A First-Time.

Nomination Of The Parcel.

That's A Good Sign.

We Have Had Some Problems Where.

We Have Had Nominations Before.

That Had To Come Back When They.

Were Clearly Understood To Be.
Missing Pieces To An Ecological.
System Puzzle That We Need, I.
Think, To Try To Understand Is.
Vitaly Important To The County.
At Large Because What Is.
Happening In My View Of The Way.
This County Is Growing Is We.
Don't Understand Our Ecological.
Systems As Such And That Bites.
Have Been Taken Out Of Them.
When The Opportunity Has Arisen.
Before To Bring Those Parcels.
Into The County Or The Public.
Domain That We Let Them Slip.
Through Our Hands And A Lot Of.
Times It's About Dotting The I's.
And Crossing The T's Or The.
Dollar Signs.
The Dollar Signs That We Attach.
To These Parcels Are Based On.
Market Values, But Really If We.
Understand The Eco-Systems,.
There's Some Other Value To This.

Land Other Than What The Market.
Says Is There On The Parcel.
So I Hope That The 2020.
Committee And This Board And As.
We Move Forward Will Understand.
That If We Can Identify It As.
Eco-Systems And When The Parcels.
Are Willingly Nominated They.
Have Greater Value Above What.
The Market Indicates.
Just Taking The Opportunity To.
Get Thoughts In.
That Would Be A Motion To.
Approve?.
Yes, I Did. We're Under.
Discussion..
O.K.
Any Further Discussion?.
All Those In Favor?.
The Ayes Have It.
8-A.
Move The Item.
There Is A Motion To Move The.
Item.
Is There A Second?.

That Is To Say We Are Not.
Taking Over The Oversight.
For Now.
But I Want To Remind -- I Do.
Believe We Need To Have An M & P.
At Some Point Because The.
Funding Will Be Cut In January.
I Think We Need To Have Dialogue.
With Our Staff And The Good Will.
Staff And Deal With How We'll.
Deal With It.
We'll Get The Phone Call.
I Would Rather Be Proactive, If.
We Could.
Motion To Approve By.
Commissioner Hall.
Seconded By Mann.
Discussion?.
All Those In Favor.
The Yays Have It.
Motion Is Adopted.
Item 9-A.
I'll Move It..
Second.

Under The Recap.

Is That Deferred?.

I'm Sorry.

Yes, It Was.

You're Right.

November 27th.

On The 14th, Please Remind Me Of.

The Same.

Thank You.

That's Deferred For A Week.

14 To Be Deferred Indefinitely.

O.K.

Item 11-A.

Move The Item.

Motion By Commissioner Hall.

To Approve 11-A.

Seconded By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion?.

If I Could Understand This A.

Little Bit Better, John, We Are.

Using Burnt Store Fire District.

Impact Fee Moneys \$163,000 Of It.

To Reimburse City Of Chris.

Cummings For The Purchase Of.

Fire Boat For The Burnt Store.

Fire District.

I Guess I'm Perplexed As To How.

We Get In On This Or How It Is.

That We're In On A Fire District.

Issue Like This.

For The Record, John Wilson,.

Public Safety.

The Burnt Store Area Isn't An.

Independent Fire District Per.

Se.

It Doesn't Have A Governing.

Board Elected By The Folks.

Living In That Particular Area.

Therefore, It Comes Under The.

Purview Of The County Under.

Chapter 125.

Rather Than Create Another Fire.

Service To Provide Both Fire.

Protection And Fire Prevention.

Services To This Area Of The.

County Which Is In The Northwest.

Corner, We Chose To Contract It.

Out With An Existing Fire.

Service.

In This Case, The City Of Chris.
Cummings Since Its.
Geographically Located As The.
Closest To The Area.
I Appreciate That.
Discussion?.
I Believe There Is A Motion To.
Approve.
Seconded.
All Those In Favor.
Aye.
Thank You.
All Those Opposed?.
Motion Is Adopted.
Can I Jump In Here And Ask.
John -- Will You Stick Around.
Under Commissioner Items?.
I'd Like To Discuss The Fire.
Hazards.
Yes, Sir.
Item 14-A.
It's Deferred.
That's The One --.
That's The One We Deferred.
I Believe That Concludes That.

Agenda.

Thank You For Reminding Me.

I Appreciate That.

Walk-Ons And Carry-Overs, I.

Don't Believe We Have Any.

Therefore, We Go To Commissioner.

Items.

Commissioner Hall?.

Yes, Thank You Commissioner.

James.

First, I Would Like To.

Congratulate The Five New Cape.

Coral City Council Members.

I Witnessed It Firsthand.

It Was An Exciting Evening.

The Five Outgoing Commissioners.

Were Thanked For Service And Of.

Course It Was A Privilege.

Serving With Them.

It Was Ab Exciting Evening For.

Cape Coral.

Commissioner James And I Got To.

Represent The Board Of County.

Commissioners At The Florida.

Association Of Counties.
Legislative Program To Adopt Our.
Agenda.
I Will Pass Out What Was.
Adopted.
These Priority Programs And This.
Legislative Was Adopted By A.
Majority Of County Commissioners.
Present At The Meeting.
We Have Five Priorities This.
Year.
They Are In The Front Of The.
Packet.
It's Unfunded Mandates, Mining,.
Safety Coordinating Commission.
And Medicaid Reform.
Then There Are Several Others.
Behind That.
Of Course, If You Have.
Questions, The Staff Is Listed.
Feel Free To Contact Florida.
Association Of Counties.
This Is Our Mandate Through Our.
Association This Year.
That's What The Association Will.

Be Working On.

Then Secondly --.

Can I Ask A Question On That?.

Sure.

You Mentioned Mining.

Yes.

The Pre-Emptying Of Mining.

I Want To Make Sure We're On.

The Right Side.

We're On The Right Side Of.

All These Items.

In Fact, They Didn't Oppose Or.

Take Any Position On The.

Referendum On The 29th.

But There Are Items Under Tax.

Reform.

You Can Read Those For Yourself.

I Want To Just Wish Everybody A.

Wonderful Thanksgiving Coming Up.

This Week.

I, On A Personal Note, Want To.

Thank All Of You.

This One Year To Date That I.

Almost Lost My Brother In A.

Terrible Car Accident On I-75.
And For All Of Your Concern,,
Happy To Report He's Healthy,,
Back Walking And Working.
Throughout The Year, Many Of You.
Have Contacted Me.
Your Blessings And Your Prayers.
Were Very Appreciated.
It Was Very Touch And Go.
Take Time To Think About How.
Blessed We Are In This Wonderful.
Community.
It's A Privilege And Honor To.
Work With You.
I Look Forward To A Great 2008.
Thank You, Commissioner.
Thank You.
Commissioner Mann.
None.
Very Good.
Commissioner Bigelow?.
Yeah.
I Have A Few.
I Think I'm Filling In For Ray.
Today.

Just Quickly -- Hopefully.
Yesterday I Tuned Into The City.
Of Fort Myers City Council.
Meeting And Jim Lavender Was.
Present To Discuss With The.
Council An Interlocal Agreement.
Jim, If You Could Share What.
They Want.
Apparently They Want Us To Pony.
Up \$4 Million For The Justice.
Center Parking Garage Which Is A.
Partial Contribution Or, I Guess.
What They Consider Our Fair.
Share Of The Road Impacts For.
These Corridors, I Guess --.
Monroe And Mlk, Right?.
Could You Shed Some Light For Me.
As To How You're Going To.
Approach This With Us Or -- I.
Know They Deferred It For, What, .
Two Weeks?.
If You Could --.
Essentially The Issue Is That.
We Have A Fundamentally.

Different View Of Con Currency.
And How It Affects Martin Luther.
King Boulevard Than They Do.
I Told Them In No Uncertain.
Terms That We Were Not Agreed To.
-- We'd Simply Not Build A.
Garage If They Were Going To.
Have A \$4 Million Binding Issue.
That Keeps Us From Getting A.
Building Permit.
That Was Thrown In At The 11th.
Hour.
I Didn't See That Condition.
Until Yesterday Morning.
I Informed The Council That.
During All Our Negotiations.
Which Had Gone On For A Long.
Time That It Never Appeared.
While Some Sort Of Discussion --.
General Discussion Had Occurred.
About The County's Impact To.
Martin Luther King Boulevard, We.
In No Way Ever Committed Any.
Kind Of Long-Term Construction.
-- One Of The Fundamental.

Problems Is That What The City.
Engineer Thinks Is A Solution To.
Mlk Is Rerouting To Victoria --.
The Old Plan To Take It Up To 41.
Which Is Not On The Long-Range.
Plan, Not Funded By Anyone.
That's To Take It Down Monroe.
--.
That's Correct.
I Basically Said We Would Maybe.
Come Up With Language For An.
Interlocal Saying This Board Or.
Future Boards Would Discuss An.
Impact As The City Council Can.
Come Approach You At Any Time.
About Any Impact We're Having.
Which They Have.
We Helped Build For The.
Infrastructure On The City.
Building.
We Have Been A Good Partner With.
The City.
This Takes A Little Different.
Light Because Essentially This.

Parking Garage Is For The.
Criminal Justice System, Not A.
Small Percentage Of Your Actual.
Employees Will Be Using This.
This Is To Facilitate State.
Attorney Folks, Public Defender.
Folks.
They Are Not Really Board.
Employees.
We Are Just Trying To Keep The.
Cars From Flooding The City.
I Referenced That You Are.
Gracious Enough To Have Us Spend.
\$15 Million On A Garage That's.
Not Really Required.
I Felt The County Was Already.
Being Gracious In Helping The.
County With One Of Their Parking.
Problems.
We Had Initially, Two Or Three.
Years Ago, Agreed To Partner.
With Them With The Downtown.
Developer.
My Preference Would Have Been.
Buying Spaces From The City.

Those Things Never Happened.
The City Hasn't Built A Garage.
In I Don't Know How Long.
Therefore, We're Faced With.
Building It.
What I Envision Happening Is If.
We Can Come To Terms On Language.
Between Our Attorneys And City.
Attorney, We Would Come Back To.
This Board With Some Interlocal.
That Says You Agree To Look At.
The Issue In The Future Without.
A Commitment Of Dollars.
One Of The Problems I Had Last.
Night Is There Were No Specifics.
Attached To The \$4 Million Or A.
Time Frame.
I Didn't Know What Our \$4.
Million Share Was Going To.
Contribute To And How It Would.
Benefit The Downtown County.
Government Campus.
Right.
Well, Members Of The Board, I.

Really Think We Have An.
Opportunity To Work With The.
City To Try To Figure This Out.
I Mean, It Seems Like If We're.
Going To Say, Well, Fine, We.
Just Won't Build It, Then We.
Ignore The Effort And Money We.
Have Put In Because We're Ready.
To Go.
The Plan's Ready To Be.
Permitted.
So Rather Than, You Know, Take.
That Extraordinary Step, Let's.
Try To Work It Out.
I Tell You, I Have To Agree With.
The Rerouting Of Mlk Down Monroe.
And Into Victoria.
If We, As A County, Could Get.
Behind It And The City In.
Partnership With Us, I Think We.
Could Bring More Force To Bear.
On Dot To Help It Happen.
There Is A Fundamental Flaw.
With The Appropriate.
I Asked The Council If We Agreed.

To The \$4 Million Where Was.

Their Share.

I Understand That.

But, Jim, We Know Where Their.

Share Is.

The Share Doesn't Exist.

Probably.

O.K., Well --.

Mr. Chairman?.

Hold On.

Mr. Chairman, My Question To.

Jim Is How Were You Going To.

Approach Us With This?.

It Seems This Is A Very Critical.

Issue For Us.

It Was Mentioned Several Times.

To Have A Joint Meeting.

I Think I Could Agree To That.

We've Got To Work With These.

Cities.

Just Because You Have Hit A.

Sticky Point Doesn't Mean In My.

Estimation You Should Just End.

It..

You Know --.

Building The Garage Is On Us.

Like It Or Not, It's On Us.

You're Right, We Can Not Build.

It, But We Are, By State Law, .

Required To Provide The.

Infrastructure For The Judicial.

System.

Now That Doesn't Mean Build The.

Garage.

I Understand That Because The.

City Doesn't Require Us To Have.

The Parking.

But Clearly We're At This Point.

I Really Would Hate To See Us.

Not Do This.

Mr. Chairman?.

Yes, Commissioner Hall.

I Happen To Be On The City.

Council When The Judicial System.

Was Discussed With The City.

The County Graciously Came Over.

And Met With Every Single.

Council Member For Hours.

We Were Briefed Completely And.

There Was No Discussion -- I.
Mean, Absolutely The County Has.
Been A Good Partner.
They Added And Met All The.
Requirements After The Fact.
They Did Not Come Under And They.
Were Exempt From The Landscaping.
Requirements, All The Pedestrian.
Requirements, But The County.
Said, We're Going To Extend The.
Extra Dollars Because We Want To.
Follow What The City's Doing.
We Think It's Good For The.
Downtown.
On Top Of What They Had To Do.
And What They Did Do, The City.
In The Up-Front Negotiations.
Because We Were At That Point.
Adopting That Plan, The Entire.
Justice System Landscaping And.
Pedestrian Area Got Revised.
There Was Never A Discussion Of.
\$4 Million.
Quite Honestly, I'm Happy To.

Have A Joint Meeting But I'm Not.
Going To Be Held Hostage To The.
City For Moneys They Don't Have.
That They Are Looking To Put On.
Our Budget.
The Whole Idea -- And There Is A.
Bigger Picture To Victoria And.
Wanting To Run It Out. It's Not.
Just About The Justice System.
And Not Just About Downtown.
If You Follow What's Going On.
And You Have Been Involved For.
As Many Years As I Have Been,.
You Know There Is A Bigger.
Picture There.
The County Is A Good Partner To.
The City Of Fort Myers.
We Are Partnering On State Road.
482 Already Because They Are.
Failing On Con Currency.
They Can't Get Development.
Permits And We're Lending Them.
\$10 Million To Advance The.
Widening Of State Road 82.
We Advance Many Things.

This Budget Was Adopted By Three.
Commissioners And It Will Hold.
Tight.
We Won't Be Adding To The.
Budget.
We'll Be Talking Away.
Staff Has Been Looking At Con.
Currency, Cuts, Cost Savings And.
Short-Term.
I'm Not Going To Look At The.
Budget And Add Money To It.
They Can Come Back And Budget.
Time And We Can Discuss It Then.
Throughout This Year, .
Commissioners, I Am Going To.
Hold To This Budget.
The Three Of Us Stood Up And.
Adopted This Budget.
Two Of You Did Not.
I Am Not Going To Take Add-Ons.
To This Budget.
The Budget For \$4 Million Was.
Not Here, Was Not Part Of Our.
Preliminary Discussion.

If The City Wants A Big.
Transportation Discussion With.
Us, We Have An Opportunity To.
Put It On The Agenda At The.
Metropolitan Planning Meeting.
And We Can Have The Big Picture.
Discussion.
But I'm Not Going To Have Us.
Piecemeal The Downtown.
Infrastructure.
Because It Also Affects The West.
Side Of U.S.-41 And What They.
Are Trying To Do With Lodgemont,
Macgregor And More.
If You Listened To Their.
Workshop On This You Will.
Understand It's A Need That's.
Unfunded.
Now They Are Looking To Fund It.
I'm Sorry.
The County Does Not Have -- As.
This Commission Has Said.
Numerous Times -- A Bottles Pit.
Of Being Able To Partnership.
Partnership Means Two People.

Come To The Table With Assets.
If We're In The Grant Business,.
Ask For Grant.
But If It's A Partnership, Both.
Bring Something To The Table.
Jim, The City Of Fort Myers.
Needs Parking Garages Worse Than.
Any City In The County Now.
We Have Offered To Partner On.
The Property With A Private.
Developer On The Property By The.
Utility Building.
I'm Getting Aggravated With The.
Sense That We Don't Partner With.
Cities.
We Partner And Are Good Partners.
With All Five Of Our Cities As.
Is Indicative Of Decisions We.
Have Made For Parks,.
Recreational Facilities In The.
Budget.
The List Goes On.
So I Don't Want To Take One.
Issue And Say, Oh, We Aren't.

Good Partners Because Of This.
One Issue.
It Doesn't Go That Way.
I Have A Good Memory.
I Want Us To Take A Big Picture.
Approach.
I Won't Allow Our Budget To Get.
Nipped At A Piece At A Time So.
At The End Of The Year We Found.
We Added \$20 Million To The.
Budget One Thing At A Time.
I'm O.K. With The Joint Meeting.
To Have A Big Picture Discussion.
With The City Of Fort Myers.
But I Say We Stay The Course.
To Me, We Are Being Held Hostage.
For A Permit.
I'm More Than Happy To Say,,
Fine, You Know, We're The.
Building Official For Goodness.
Sake Right Now.
Their Building Department Has.
Major Issues.
I'm Surprised We Have The.
Opportunity To Get A Permit.

Much?.

Yes, Commissioner Mann?.

Four Letters.

If Commissioner Bigelow Was.

Looking For Consensus, I Think.

-- I Don't Think He Can.

Misinterpret Commissioner Hall's.

Feelings On The Matter Here.

I Would Chime In And Say This To.

Mr. Lavender.

It's My Impression That The.

County Is Shouldering The Total.

Expense Of The Expansion Of The.

Justice Center Behind Us Over.

Here.

Scores Of Millions Of Dollars.

That We Are Totally Committed.

To, Not The City Of Fort Myers.

It's An Unfortunate Sad Fact.

That Much Of The Crime That Is.

Processed In That Big Building.

Over There Occurs In The City Of.

Fort Myers.

Unfortunately, Relative To Other.

Areas Of The County, It's A.
Higher Crime Relatively-Speaking.
Area.
We Are -- If You Want An Impact.
Fee, You Can Count The Tens And.
Tens Of Millions Of Dollars.
We're Paying Over Here.
The People In The City Of Fort.
Myers Who Are Going To Access.
The System Are Going To Be.
Parking On The Streets Here.
Further Exacerbating A Traffic.
Situation And Comes Now The.
County Offering To Build A.
Parking Garage.
We Have Assumed Enormous Impacts.
Here.
It Seems Grossly Unfair To Me.
For Them To Come Back And Ask Us.
For An Impact On Top Of That.
When We Are Relieving The City.
Of Fort Myers Very Directly By.
The Access We Have Already Taken.
Financially Here.
You Can Add Me To Commissioner.

Hall On This One.
I Suppose I Would Go To A.
Meeting If Somebody Wants To.
Have A Meeting, But I Will Go.
With That Message And I Think.
They Can Get It From The Minutes.
Here Without Another Meeting.
There Are Legal Issues Here.
That Require Them To Charge.
Impact Fees Because Of The Comp.
Plan Laws Of The State.
But Is That Something We Might.
See Happening, Don -- A Joint.
Meeting?.
If We Have Reached Any Consensus.
Here, It's To Have A Joint.
Meeting.
I Think The Commissioner Said.
It Best.
If They Want A Joint Meeting,.
They Can.
It's Not My Recommendation.
I Don't Know What Would Come Of.
It.

I'm Not Terribly Sure What.
Would Come Out Of The Meeting.
Anyway.
We Can Certainly Explore It.
Informally And See.
I Will Not Participate In A.
Meeting Where I Don't Know If We.
Have Reasonable Outcomes And.
Possibilities.
I Don't Want To Get Together And.
Talk For The Sake Of Talking.
It's Already Pretty Clear That,.
A, We Don't Have The Financial.
Background To Continue Something.
Like This And Second, It Goes.
Beyond What We Ever Agreed To.
Do.
We Can Talk About It, But For A.
Meeting.
Mr. Chairman?.
Commissioner Bigelow Brought It.
Up.
David, Could You Get With Jim.
Lavender And Review Our Legal.
Requirements In Reference To.

Impact Fees And Just Do A Memo.
To Us.
I Don't Think We Need Another.
Public Meeting.
But Then We Can Understand The.
Scope And Understand If By.
Statue, Ordinance Or Legal.
Mechanism We Are Required To Pay.
An Impact Fee For A Parking.
Garage?.
I Can.
25 Words Or Less.
Yes.
The Legal Issue Is On Their.
Laugh Of The Problem.
You Know, Interestingly, We'll.
Meet With The City Of Fort Myers.
And Bonita Beach.
This Is My Area I'm Trying To.
Bring To This Board An Issue.
That's Very Important.
We Have Spent Millions Already.
In Design Of The Parking Garage.
And We Are Talking About Taking.

Our Ball And Going Home.

Let's Work It Out.

It's Frustrating For Me,.

Folk.

I Have Been Here A Year.

The Number Of Problems We Refuse.

To Pick Up Is Just Mind-Boggling.

To Me.

I'm Very Frustrated.

Commissioner, You Caused Some.

Of The Shortages, So Don't Come.

To Us About It.

Mr. Chairman, Have I Said I'm.

Wanting Us To Pony Up \$4.

Million?.

I Haven't Said That.

I Said That's What The City Is.

After.

Well, You're Representing The.

City And You Maintain That.

You're Representing The City.

O.K.

I Think Commissioner Hall.

Probably Said It Best.

It Should Be Discussed At The.

Mpo Level.

I Don't Have A Problem With.

That.

We Should Hear From The City.

Engineer.

You Do It At The Mpo And Hear.

The Whole Story, All The.

Ramifications.

That May Be A Good Venue.

Could We Ask Possibly Then,.

Mr. Chairman, Could We Instruct.

Jim To Look To The City To.

Schedule -- To Put It On The.

Agenda If They Will Desire Us.

Looking At This As Getting On.

The Mpo Since It Does Cross A.

State Road And Put The Schedule.

Forward When They Feel.

Appropriate?.

I'm Not Trying To Make Them Do.

Anything, But I Feel It Needs To.

Be Discussed At That Level.

You Have County Commissioners,.

Members Of The Board And It Can.

Be Spoken To At Public Comment.
Let Them Schedule It And Let's.
Talk About It On Their Time.
Frame.
We Meet Every Month.
O.K.
Another Item?.
Last Tuesday I Attended Brush.
Strokes From The Soul 11th.
Annual Art Show For Alzheimer's.
Awareness 2007.
I Had A Discussion With Their.
President, Peg Gray Hickory And.
I Suggested We As A Board Could.
Host The Event Next Year In The.
County Courthouse Down Stairs In.
The Hall Way -- Office Hallway.
If That Would Be The Pleasure Of.
The Board, I'd Like To Know.
We'll Work It Out With Them.
That Way, We Can Bring Attention.
To This Disease And Their Good.
Work.
I Have Absolutely No Problem.
With That Except However We Did.

Pass -- Didn't We Pass Something.
Last Week Tending To Downplay.
Our Role In The Charitable.
Events And Everything If It.
Costs Money Or Something..
If They Would Like To, I.
Think You Can Coordinate With.
Administration And The.
Availability Of The Building. If.
That's What You're Asking To.
Actually Have Our Courthouse Be.
The Host Of The Art Show, But We.
Do Several Functions.
I Don't Think It Needs A Board.
Action Per Se As Working Out.
Dates And Times With.
Administration.
If Administration Feels There Is.
An Issue That Needs To Come.
Before The Board, They Will.
Bring It Forward.
I Think Administratively, We.
Promote All Kinds Of Things On.
The First Floor.

I'm Looking To Host It So We.

Would Host It As The Board.

We're Not Providing Dollars.

For Anything.

So If It's Free, Why Not?.

O.K.

I Will Let Them Know As Long As.

It Won't Cost Us Anything We'll.

Provide The Venue And Attention.

To The Issue.

Let Me Just Say That The.

Alzheimer's Issue Is.

Tremendously Important In Lee.

County.

Anything We Can Do, As Long As.

It Doesn't Involve Money, We'd.

Be In Favor Of.

Next?.

Well, Let's Talk A Little Bit.

About Money.

Last Week, After I Mentioned.

Something About Lee Grows, I Got.

An E-Mail That Indicated Lee.

Grows Will Be Celebrating The.

20th Anniversary Next Year In.

October And That We Were.
Requested To Be Here In Chambers.
For An Event.
It's A Good Heads-Up, A Year In.
Advance Or So.
In The E-Mail It Says This Will.
Be Class Number 144 Totalling.
5,000 Participants Over The.
Years.
I Am Not One To Say That This Is.
Not A Good Program.
I Am One To Say That Perhaps In.
The Tough Budget Times We Need.
To Consider What It Costs Per.
Person To Make This Event.
Possible For Small Numbers Of.
Folks.
So I Would Like To Ask The Board.
If We Could Ask Or Direct County.
Management To Give Us A Per Head.
Cost For What Lee Grows Bears.
Upon Us So That We Might.
Consider Whether Or Not Charging.
For This Is A Good Idea.

Well, Let's Get A Count On.
What Transit Costs Per Person.
For Our \$20 Million And Make A.
Determination If We Should Keep.
Transit Per Rider.
I Mean, Commissioner Bigelow, .
The Cost Is Minimal To The.
Benefit.
I Think The Board At The Last.
Time You Brought It Up Said We.
Wanted To Retain Lee Grows And.
That Staff Was Bringing Back A.
Complete Recap Of The Programs.
-- Not Only Lee Grows But Also.
The Ribbon-Cuttings And Things.
Like That To Break Down Price..
No, What We Were Going To See.
Was On The Quarterly Expense.
Statements Or Whatever It Is.
That We Are Seeing Quarterly --.
The Petty Cash Expenses.
I Think They Were Going To Be.
More Specific In What They Were.
Expensed For.
I'm Asking Specifically That We.

Be Informed As To What It Costs.
Per Person To Host Lee Grows.
In A Big Picture Sense, This Is.
A Small Dollar Item.
But Here's Where I'm Going With.
This.
If We Don't Start And Practice.
On These Smaller Issues, We're.
Not Going To Get To The Bigger.
Ones And Make A Sizable Dent In.
The Expenses Of This County.
I Think We've Got To Start With.
The Small And Work Over The Next.
Year To Get To The Big Ticket.
Items.
I Don't See Us Getting A Handle.
On The Big Ticket Items Better.
Than The Small Ones.
I Propose A Small Step In A.
Long, Long Road Ahead Of Us.
It's A Hard Road.
I Have No Desire To Look At.
The Per Head Per Lee Grows. I'm.
Just One Commissioner, But.

That's My Opinion.
I Think Overall We Have An.
Annual Expenditure And We Have.
To Evaluate The Benefit Versus.
The Cost.
Staff Has Given Us That.
You Can Divide It By How Many.
People We Get.
I Don't Need To Have Another.
Meeting.
Sounds Like We Have Consensus.
That You Will Tell Us How Much.
It Costs Per Head And We'll Know.
Whether Or Not That's --.
Just A Minute, Folks.
If We Find It Costs \$9 A Person.
Does That Mean If We Can Find It.
For \$8 In A Different Way That.
We'll Knock Off A Buck Or If It.
Costs \$10 We'll Cancel It?.
I Think We Are Getting Kind Of.
Nit-Picking When We Fail To See.
That It's To Educate The Public.
On Governmental Affairs.
How Do You Put A Dollar Figure.

On That?.

To Have An Educated Public To Me.

Is Worth A Lot Of Money.

Well, But --.

Just A Minute.

The Amount We Spend For The.

Program So Accomplish That Is.

Nothing Compared To The Overall.

Good.

To Sit Here And Nit-Pick For.

Pennies, Cents, Makes No Sense.

At All..

Commissioner James, I'm.

Suggesting A Policy Change.

I Know That And It's Major.

I'm Not Sure There Is Anything.

Accomplished By It.

I'm Suggesting That We Would.

Charge For This Luxury.

Charge For It?.

We Have To Know What It Is.

Per Head.

If It's \$100 Per Head, We're Not.

Charging \$100 Per Head.

I Don't Think We'd Charge \$5.
Per Head.
It's Absurd.
It's A Volunteer Program.
We Look For Volunteers.
To Decide We Want To Charge Them.
For Coming To Find Out About Lee.
County Doesn't Accomplish What.
It Is We Want To Do Which Is To.
Educate The Public.
I Just Resent This -- Not Resent.
It, But Resist Anything Down.
That Road At All.
I Think It's A Waste Of Time And.
I Certainly Do Not Support.
Burdening Our Staff With What I.
Consider To Be Trivial Requests.
For Not Accomplishing Anything.
That's What This Does.
I Have No Interest In Analyzing.
What It Costs Per Person.
And Not Accomplishing Anything.
We're Just Not Getting There.
This Way.
Well, I Look Forward To My.

Second Year Of Cost-Cutting And.
If This Is An Example Of How.
We're Going To Do That, I Think.
We're Probably Setting Ourselves.
Up For Significant Failures In.
That Regard.
That Could Be.
But Let Me Say, Too, On The.
Other Hand, We Can Bog Ourselves.
Do Like Captain Queeg Looking.
For A Quart Of Strawberries That.
Has No Item.
Then Don't Talk To Me About.
Big Ticket Items Because --.
Commissioner, Let Me Finish.
I Don't Believe What We Were.
Doing Because You're Going From.
Point A To Point B Without A.
Clear Reason Why You're Doing.
It.
Let Me Say I Don't Want To Be.
Bogged Down In Looking Around.
For A Quart Of Strawberries For.
Every Little Minuscule Program.

We Have Around Here Under The.
Guise That, Well, That Costs.
Pennies But Pennies Makes.
Dollars.
That Makes No Sense At All.
I Will Repeat Again Pete.
Wenten's Words Of The Press That.
No Cost Is Too Small To Consider.
Cutting.
This Is One Place Where We Can.
Start To Consider Small Costs.
For Cutting Or Shifting The.
Burden Of It.
I'll Move On To Another Item.
Commissioner?.
Quickly, I Don't Want To Beat.
It To Death.
Well --.
It's A Service To The General.
Public To Give -- Disservice --.
That We Have Not Been Cutting.
For Years.
Three Years Ago We Cut \$28.
Million From The Budget.
Two Years Ago, It Was \$58.

Million Cut.

This Year, The Board Cut \$100.

Million Out Of The Budget.

So I Think It's Terribly.

Important When We Say These.

Things Or Realize What's.

Happening That We Don't Become.

Polarized Too Quickly That The.

Board Isn't Doing Anything.

Because The Board Has Been.

Increasingly Reduced.

58 Million Last Year.

This Year It's 100 Million.

I Think Those Are Very.

Significant Cuts.

Let Me Just Discuss With The.

County Management One Thing.

Well, I Don't Want To Do --.

Cost Containment Measures.

They Weren't Cost-Cutting.

They Were Just Cost-Containing.

Measures.

We Talked About A 10,000 Dollar.

Ticket On Tables At Non-Profit.

Events.

I Have To -- I Know Lee Grows.

Costs More Than That. How Can It.

Be That It's Appropriate To.

Consider Not Paying \$1,000 For.

Non-Profit Events But.

Inappropriate To Discuss What It.

Costs To Fund Lee Grows And How.

We Might Consider Shifting The.

Burden?.

Those Funds To The Few People.

Using It..

Commissioner, I'm Not Arguing.

With You.

We Have Been Through The Easy.

Times In Lee County And The Hard.

Times Are Coming.

We Have Reviewed Everything We.

Are Doing All The Time.

We Have To Be Careful About What.

We Do In The Future.

We Have A Huge Challenge.

Awaiting Us.

I'm Not Saying That's Not.

Correct Because You're.

Absolutely Correct.

I Am Saying I Don't Want Anyone.

To Think This Board Has Not Been.

Acting Responsibly For Quite.

Some Time.

They Have Been Cutting And You.

Will See More Cuts This Coming.

Year.

I Hope So.

I Want To Move On.

I Think We Have Plumbed This.

Enough.

I Will Become A Broken.

Record.

I Have No Problem With That.

The Smaller Ticket Items And.

The Larger --.

One Of The Commissioners Said.

You Have A Perfect Right To Be.

Wrong.

Did You Have Another Matter You.

Wanted To Bring Up?.

I Will Respectfully Disagree And.

--.

It Would Be Nice If The Other.

Items Would Be Shorter Than The.

Meeting.

Yes.

I Would Like To Hear From The.

County Manager As To What.

Happened To Our Animal Services.

Director?.

Why Is It That He Left?.

I Think This Is A Terribly.

Inappropriate Question To Ask In.

An Open Meeting.

I Can Tell You What I Know.

He's Had A Conversation With His.

Supervisor And Said He Felt It.

Was Time For Him To Leave.

He Submitted His Resignation.

It Was Accepted.

Was He Forced Out?.

Commissioner James?.

Mr. Chairman?.

Yes.

We Have A Policy That.

Employees Work For The County.

Manager.

Again, Commissioner Items Are.
Supposed To Be Information.
Items.
They Are Not To Be Second.
Meetings.
If Commissioner Bigelow Wants To.
Agenda The Item So The Public.
Knows It's Being Discussed,.
Great.
Employment Decisions Are The.
Decisions Of The County Managers.
By Our Charter.
He Can Sit Down With County.
Manager Stillwell And Other.
Staff To Get The Full Details.
Which Any Of Us Can Do.
I'm Certainly Not In A Public.
Meeting -- It Is Not Appropriate.
And, You Know What, I Don't Feel.
Comfortable Having The.
Discussion.
Again, I'm Not -- You Know, I.
Don't Think That Mr. Trevidowsky.
Would Like His Employment Issues.

Discussed In Public.
I Would Like To Offer The.
Commissioner An Opportunity To.
Sit Down With The County.
Manager.
If He Feels Something Needs To.
Be Discussed In Public Then Blue.
Sheet It.
I Want To Go Again Over The.
Policy Of Commissioner Items.
They Are Supposed To Be For.
Information, Not To Have An.
Entire Meeting That Lasts Longer.
Than The Regular Agenda Meeting.
This Is A Human Relations.
Meeting.
There Are Remedies Found Within.
Our County Regs How To Deal With.
Situations Like This.
If Mr. Trevikowski Feels He's.
Been Wronged He Can Deal With It.
Through The Court Systems Or.
Human Relations System.
I Reject Strongly Dealing With.
It In Front Of The Public.

There Is Confidential.
Information There.
We May Be Revealing Information.
He Doesn't Want Revealed And.
Opening Ourselves Up To An.
Immense Liability Suit.
I Refuse To Go Down That Road..
O.K.
Let Me Then Refute Everything.
That's Been Said Because You.
Have Stepped On Me.
I Can't Tolerate That..
Well, If It Involves This.
Case You Will Be Stepped On.
Again.
Let Me Refer You To Our.
County Charter.
We Are A Board Charged With The.
Responsibility To Oversee The.
Operation Of This County.
Government.
The County Manager Is Beholden.
To Us As Is The County Attorney,.
Hearing Examiner.

We Serve The Public In An.
Oversight Capacity As To How.
He's Operating.
I Am One Member Of This Board.
That Has To Know What His.
Decision Was And Whether It Was.
An Appropriate Or Inappropriate.
Decision So That I Can Make Some.
Decisions As To Whether Or Not I.
Will Continue Or Not Supporting.
The County Manager.
I'm Trying To Bring It Out For.
Board Discussion.
The Sunshine Law Requires.
So I Can Know Directly From The.
County Manager Why It Is That.
Our Animal Services Director Is.
No Longer With Us.
I Can Tell You -- Because I Am.
The Board Liaison To Animal.
Services -- That That Department.
Is Suffering Tremendously.
Yet We Have \$66 Million For.
Libraries And We Can't Seem To.
Find A Way To Help Animal.

Services Whose Busting At The.
Seams Out There On Banner Drive.
If You Just Look At How Much.
Money We Have For Libraries And.
Have Horded Away Compared To The.
Need For Animal Services, You.
Will Come To The Conclusion That.
We Have A Management Problem.
That We Have Not Managed Well.
Well, Wait A Minute.
I'm Not Going Down This Road.
Anymore.
As Far As I'm Concerned, The.
Subject Is Closed. I Am Not.
Going To Discuss Personal Human.
Relations Problems In This Board.
Or Any Background Leading Up To.
It.
It's Inappropriate.
Even The Charter Says That We.
Don't Have Responsibility Nor Is.
It Our Requirement That We.
Interfere In The Hiring Or.
Dismissal Or Retention Of.

Employees.

That's The Purview Of The County.

Manager.

Mr. Chairman -- I Think You.

Would Agree I Am Seeking.

Information, Would You Not?.

The Way To Do It,.

Commissioner, Isn't In A Public.

Hearing.

That's How You Would Prefer.

To Do It, Right?.

Correct?.

That's How You Would Prefer To.

Do It -- Privately.

Do What?.

Privately Seek The.

Information.

I Would Prefer Not To Air.

Someone East Ills In A Public.

Meeting.

This Discussion Is Closed.

Next Subject --.

Does That Mean --.

It's Closed.

The Subject Is Closed.

O.K.

O.K.

Next Subject.

Is John Wilson Still Here?.

John, Could You Help Me.

Understand Where We Are With The.

Fire Hazards Potential For.

Wildfires And Whether Or Not We.

Need To Be Considering A No Burn.

-- A Ban On Burn?.

John Wilson, Public Safety.

Certainly We Are Looking At An.

Active Brush Fire Season Giving.

The Rainfall Over The Last.

Couple Of Years.

We Have An Ordinance In Place.

That Establishes Certain.

Criteria That Would Have To Be.

Achieved In Order For A No-Ban.

On Burning Is Put Into Place.

We're Not There Yet.

But The County Does Have One In.

Place That Would Affect Or Would.

Provide Policy On Whether Or Not.

Certain Types Of Open Burning.

Would Be Required..

O.K.

Did The District Limit Watering.

Officially To One Day A Week?.

Not Yet..

Not Yet.

They Are Considering It, O.K.

We're Looking At Lower Water.

Tables And Now We're Looking At.

A Dry Season Having Come Through.

A Drought, Still In A Drought.

We'll Be In A Drought For The.

Winter Season.

I Just Want To Be Sure We're.

Right On That And If A Burn Ban.

Is Necessary Then I Would.

Support It Sooner Than Later.

Actually, Just As I Would A.

Water Restriction Sooner Or.

Later.

O.K.

I Have One More Item.

We Need To Move On.

This Will Be The Last.

I Appreciate It.
This Is An Expression Of.
Gratitude During This Time Of.
Year As Commissioner Hall Also.
Described Her Blessings, I Would.
Like To Describe Mine, Too.
This Is The Anniversary Of My.
First Year On This Board.
Very Much Appreciate The.
Indulgences That The Board Has.
Given Me Over This Last Year To.
Be An Outsider, If You Will.
Someone With Minority Opinions.
More Times Than Not.
I Respect That In This Country, .
It Is An Asset And One That I.
Think We Should Value More Than.
Discourage.
I'm Not Here To Criticize.
Anybody For Stepping On Me, But.
I Do Want To Say That I Do Look.
Forward To This Next Year.
Because There Are Big Problems.
Ahead For Us To Solve.

If We Don't Pick Them Up, I'm.
Afraid That We Won't Get To The.
Solutions That Are So.
Desperately Called For.
So I Do Want To Say To The.
Members Of The Board, To The.
Staff And Anybody Tuning In That.
I Am Extremely Grateful To Be.
Here And Look Forward To Next.
Year And Other Years To Come.
Thank You.

O.K.

We'll Go To Committee.

Appointments.

Commissioner Hall?.

Yes, I Would Like To Make One.

Appointment Under Category One.

Which Would Be Mining Industry.

Of Richard Friday.

O.K.

Seconded.

All In Favor, Say Aye.

So Ordered.

Commissioner Hall -- Mann.

I'm The Quiet One.

I'm A Lover, Not A Fighter.

Just Happy To Make These.

Appointments.

For The Mining Drgr Committee,.

Kevin Hill As A Resident, Steven.

Brown As Other/Environment,.

Scott Mccaleb As Mining.

Industry..

Second.

O.K.

Further Discussion?.

All In Favor, Say Aye.

So Ordered.

Commissioner Bigelow?.

Thank You.

I Have Just One.

It's A Reappointment Of Noel.

Andresz.

Discussion?.

The Ayes Have It.

So Ordered.

I Have Three Appointments To.

Make To The Drgr Committee.

First Is Don Slick And He Is In.

The Category Of Resident.

Dennis Milke As A Large Land.

Owner Representative And --.

Motion.

Discussion?.

All In Favor Say Ai Aye.

So Ordered.

O.K.

Now We Go To The County Manager.

Items.

I Have None, Mr. Chairman.

Thank You.

County Attorney Items?.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Same To You.

I Hope Everybody Has A Good.

Turkey Day.

Thank You For Coming.

We're Adjourned.