

August 18, 2009

Chairman Judah: Good Morning.

Nice To Have Everybody Here In Attendance.

To Everyone Hearing And Listening In, Good Morning.

If You Could Keep A Secret, It Is Mary Gibb's Birthday Today.

Where Is Mary? She's Working, Of Course.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: I Know Paybacks Are Not Pleasant.

I Was Hoping To Sing Happy Birthday But She's Not Even Here.

Any Rate, The Invocation.

Good Morning, Pastor.

Good Morning, Thank You.

Let's Pray Together.

Mighty And Loving God We Give You Thanks And Praise This Morning First For Who You Are For Your Power Exceeds Our Human Understanding And Your Wisdom Cannot Be Expressed In Human Terms.

Your Knowledge And Creativity Causes Us To Stand In Awe Of Who You Are.

We First Of All Thank You For Your Grace And The Gift Of Love Extended To All By You.

We Thank You For Your Goodness For We Know That Every Good And Perfect Gift We Enjoy Comes From You.

We Thank You For Your Gift Of Peace, A Peace That Permeates A Very Anxious World Of These Days.

Today, God, We Pray That All Those In This World May Know Of Your Goodness, Your Peace And Your Love.

We Lift Up To Your Throne Of Grace Those Serving In The Armed Forces Today.

May They Know You Are With Them.

We Lift Up Our Fellow Citizens In Lee County, Many We Know Are Hurting Today And May They Experience And Know You Will Never Leave Or Forsake Them.

I Pray For Our Leaders Here.

We Ask That You Would Give Them Wisdom If They Make Decisions That You Would Give Them Strength As They Carry Out Their Many Responsibilities.

We Offer A Special Thanks Of Praise To You, God, For These Who Have Served In Lee County Who Are Going To Be Recognized Today.

They Cause Us To Remember, You Call Us To Faithful Service And The Greatest Among Us Are Those Who Serve.

So God, Be With Us Today In Every Need.

Help Us To Call To You First Of All, In Jesus' Name That I 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, Pastor.

Chairman Judah: Always A Pleasure To Honor Our Commissioners.

Chris? Please.

We'll Come Down And Join You.

Good Morning, I'm Christine Brady From Human Resources.

We Are Here This Morning To Present The Length Of Service Awards To All Eligible Employees For The Second Quarter Of 2009.

These Awards Represent 1040 Years Of Service To Lee County Government.

For Those Employees Present, Please Step Forward To Receive Your Pin.

Please Remain Off To The Side In Order To Take A Group Photo At The End Of The Presentation.

Starting With Five Years Of Service, Ronald Alexander Facilities Management.

[Applause] Lisa Barringer, Library.

[Applause] Theresa Blank, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Sheryl Blumberg, Library.

[Applause] Jason Byers, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Joanne Fischer, Library.

[Applause] Danny Fluty, D.C.D. Development Services.

[Applause] Michael Harmon, D.C.D.
Development Services.

[Applause] Morgan Highfill, D.C.D.
Development Services.

[Applause] Erik Iverson, Utilities.

[Applause] Barbara Kallas, Library.

[Applause] Robert Lowery, Jr., Utilities.

[Applause] Christopher Marinell, Solid Waste.

[Applause] Roger Miller, Utilities.

[Applause] Scott Shaner, Public Safety.

[Applause] Janet Sherman, Fleet Management.

[Applause] Alan Shoap, Jr., Utilities.

[Applause] Kimberly Stryker, Human Services.
Carolyn Andrews, Utilities, 10 Years Of Service.

[Applause] Kathy Cahill, Parks And Recreation.

[Applause] Christine Bailey, Parks And Recreation.

[Applause] Larry Clifford, Utilities.

[Applause] Scott Comer, Public Safety.

[Applause] Mary Ellen Harrigan, Equal Opportunity.

[Applause] William Keeler, Jr., D.C.D.

Development Services.

[Applause] Mary McCormick, Utilities.

[Applause] Matt Morello, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Anthony Petito, Public Safety.

[Applause] Gregory Powell, D.C.D.

Development Services.

[Applause] Anne Rausch, D.O.T. Tolls.

[Applause] Thomas Shell, Transit.

[Applause] Susan Strum, D.C.D. Planning.

[Applause] Souraphy Tirollo, Public Safety.

[Applause] Pamela Westberry, Animal Services.

[Applause] Representing 15 Years Of Service, Kenneth Astling, D.C.D.

Development Services.

[Applause] Michael Foley, Natural Resources.

[Applause] Claudia West, Library.

[Applause] Representing 20 Years Of Service, Diane Millott, Library.

[Applause] Peter O'brien, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Roland Ottolini, Natural Resources.

[Applause] Bruce Stark, D.O.T. Operations.

[Applause] Daniel Vasiloff, D.O.T. Traffic.

[Applause] Representing 25 Years Of Service, Gary Ewen, Sports Development.

[Applause] Alise Flanjack, Parks And Recreation.

[Applause] Vicki, Parks And Recreation.

[Applause] Linda Sloan, D.C.D. Development Services.

[Applause] And Finally Representing 30 Years Of Services, Rosa Silcox, Utilities.

[Applause] Congratulations To All These Employees And Thank You For Your Service To Lee County.

Please Stay For Your Pictures.

Give Us The Count Of Three.

One, Two, Three.

And One More.

One, Two, Three.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: We Thank You All Very Much.

Did Mary Gibbs, I Thought I Saw Her A Few Seconds Ago.

Snuck Out Again.

Chairman Judah: Okay.

One Thing We Need To Do Is Take An Item Out Of Order And That Is Going To Be The Babcock Ranch Check Presentation.

With The Indulgence Of The Board, Actually We Should Take Public Comment First And Agenda Item 4-A Out Of Order.

The First Speaker Is Carl Vogue Followed By Don.

Good Morning, Carl.

A Beautiful Morning.

Chairman Judah: Yes, It Is.

If I Go Over Five Minutes.

Forgive Me.

Member Of The Babcock Presentation Partnership 2004.

I'd Like To Recognize Just A Few Of Our Members Because We Will Be Presenting You A Check And Thought It Would Be Gracious To Memorialize These People.

First Foremost Bob James And Adam Cummings.

They Were Spearheaded The Program To Keep All Of The Babcock Ranch And Arranged The Moratorium So We Could Buy The Ranch In That Period Which Didn't Occur.

Cindy Bear The Monday Group.

Her Kids Collected Pennies And Nickels And Dimes And The Elementary Kids And Junior High Kids And Senior High Kid For Our Project.

Ray Ann Russell, She Did The Technical Issues And Always In The Thick Of Things.

Ruth Conway Organized Our Things And Got A Grant For Our Program.

She Can't Speak Today Because She's Still Doing Things On The Ranch.

Scott Merriam And Scott Is In The Hospital And My Prayers Go Out To Him And Can't Even See People, He's In The I.C.U.

Scarlet, I Don't Know Her Last Name But She Came Down And Coordinated Things.

Put Up A Good Fight For Us In Charlotte County And Still Doing It.

Never Forget Cole Peacock To Give Us A Grant For A Part-Time Person And Excellent Help To Us.

Gail Palmer From The News Press.

She Handed Over The Opinion Page.

Wish She Was Here.

I Couldn't Get Ahold Of Her But One Of The Reasons She Resigned Was Babcock Ranch.

Matt Smith Who Got The Community Going And Still Working On The Project.

Second Page If I Can Get It 8 Going Here.

Reuben Daniels Who Worked Hard On This Through A Subcommittee.

Matt Bixly Worked With The Southwest Nature Conservancy, He Worked At The Ranch And Egged Me On How Many Signatures Do We Have.

I Say 12,000 And He'd Say Make It 13 Or 14.

Always Asking Me For That.

Jim Crawford Who Was Always There To Help And Had Ideas.

Alan Peterson.

Telly Fuller Who Spoke Elegantly On The Capital Steps To Save The Babcock Ranch And Organized The Bus Trip.

Eric Wemblatt, His Organization Donated \$30,000 And He's A Charter Member.

And If I -- Beverly Grady Helped.

I Want To Wrap This Up.

A Big Hand Goes To Brian Bigelow.

Brian Voted No Against The Project And Boggles My Mind Two Months After Voting No, They Turned Around And Voted Yes And I Wrap Up My Vote.

We're Not Threw Fighting For This.

A New Cast Of Characters.

We Have Jim English Fighting To Save The Ranch, Karen, Myself, Matt And Many, Many More That I Can't Mention.

They Still Do Not Have A Permit Through The Corps Of Engineers And Every Day I Think There's A Million And One Chances They'll Deny It But That's My Hope And Prayer.

To The Elegant Sarasota Commissioner Who Said At The Responsibility Growth Management Coalition, This Is Elegantly Or Cleverly Conceived Urban Sprawl.

Thank You.

Thank You For All The Help That Thousands Of People Who Donated Money And Signed The Petition To Save All Of Babcock Ranch And It's Not Over Yet.

It's Not Over Until It's Over.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Carl.

Don Followed By Jerry Cox.

Good Morning.

Good Morning, Commissioner.

Pleasure To Be Here.

I'm Here To Speak To Urge You To Support The Acquisition Of The Boomer Property, The Area For The Detention Pond On U.S.41 Which Is 14-A On Your Administrative Agenda.

The Accusation Of This Area Which Has Been Designed Not To Look Like An Fdot Pond,
Thank God.

It Wouldn't Be Here If For That.

It's Been A Stumbling Block For A Couple Of Years And Accelerate That Six-Lane Segment
Which You All Know Has Been Delayed Twice By Fdot.

Should Have Been Started Two Years Ago At This Point In Time When I Started Working On
This Thing.

Very, Very Important.

If You Can Find The Resources To Loan Fdot The Money To Accelerate That, It Would Be
Wonderful.

You'll Save Lots Of Money.

Recent Metro Bid Is A Good Example Of That Coming In \$29 Million Estimated To Be A \$60
Million People.

It Means A Lot Of Jobs.

It Also Means Wal-Mart Sitting On Property There Could Move Ahead With Its Project, Too,
Because Cannot Do So Until The Widening Gets Started.

I Asked Scott Vanderbrook, The Chief Of The Fire District What He Thought About The
Project.

He Couldn't Be Here But Asked Me To Make The Comments On His Behalf.

Let The Commissioners Know The Widening Would Improve Capability Of Emergencies.

They Have The County Road Station In The Middle Of That Between Broadway And
Corkscrew Road.

They Have Great Difficulty Accessing Getting Out Of That Property.

The Widening There Ultimately Hopefully Will Also Result In A Signal That Will Help Them At
Least An Emergency Signal To Help Them Get Out Of There.

So I Urge You To Move Fdot Along In This.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Don.

Jerry Followed By Bill Brown.

Good Morning.

Thank You, Commissioners.

I Live In Breckenridge.

Breckenridge People Like To Feel We Are The Forgotten North End Of Estero.

Estero Is A Beautiful Community.

We Enjoy Living There But Looking Forward To For The Widening Promised To Us For Years, The Widening Of 41.

We Hope You People Find The Time And The Effort To Extend This And Get This Going.

The Property We Would Like To See Something Done With And I'm Sure This Water Project Would Help The Area So We Represent 842 Represents And Only A Small Part Of Estero In Lee County.

But We Look Forward To It.

We've Had A Lot Of Safety Issues That You As The Board Have Helped Out.

The Traffic Light Recently Put In Within The Last Week Is A God-Send.

It's Going To Help Safety Wise To Us And To Other People.

So Again, Thank You For Your Concerns.

I Hope You Find The Resources Or Whatever To Get This Project Completed.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

Bill Brown Followed By Beverly Grady.

Good Morning, Bill.

Good Morning.

My Name Is Bill Brown.

This Is A Project That Should Have Gone Forward Several Years Ago But Right Now It's Most Timely With Lee County's Unemployment Problem.

Not Only Would This Help Jobs In Construction Industry But Lay The Ground Work For Wal-Mart To Go Forward Which Would Mean More Full-Time Jobs So You Would Be Making A Tremendous Step Forward In Helping The Unemployment For Lee County By Doing Everything You Can And Move This Project Forward.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Bill.

Beverly Grady? Good Morning, Beverly.

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, Members Of The Commission.

My Comments On Behalf Of Babcock Partnership.

I Don't Know If I Should Wait Until The Next Item.

Chairman Judah: No, We'll Pell That And You'll Be Leading Off With The Presentation Of The Check.

Let Me See If There's Anything Else Who Would Like To Speak On The Consent Of Administrative Agenda.

Let's Go Ahead And Take It 14-A Then.

4-A Out Of Order, Administrative Agenda 4-A Regarding The Babcock Partnership Check.

Beverly, If You Would Like To Start Out Then.

Thank You.

This Is Quite A Celebration Today.

Babcock Partnership Energized A Grass Roots Public Acquisition Campaign For Babcock Ranch.

We Were Assisted By The Southwest Board Community Foundation Who Provided General Assistance To Southwest Florida In Corporation Of The Babcock Project By Managing The Funds Donated By The Public To The Acquisition Of Babcock Ranch.

Today Babcock Partnership Presents With The Foundation A Check For The Bob Janes Preserve Part Of The Babcock Ranch.

Babcock Ranch Has Supported And Led On The Acquisition Of The Acres Of July 2006 By The Public And The Management Portion Of The Babcock Ranch.

The First Officers Of The Partnership Were Bob Janes, Adam Cummings And David Burr.

We Thank Them For That Leadership.

Today We Are Celebrating A Broad Support For The State Purchased.

A True Grass Roots Happening.

We Brought In, Support Not For Profits Like Sccf And Chicos To Elementary, High School, Mild School, High School Students In Science, They Choose A Project Every Year, They Chose Babcock Ranch For Two Years.

Education Across The Board, Liz, Cindy Bear Participated And Donated Untold Hours.

We Have People Involved In This Acquisition Who Had Never Been Involved In Community Projects Before.

This Was Their First.

Carl Who Spoke Earlier Was Probably Every Public Event Held In Southwest Florida.

In Addition To Mobilizing All The People's Participation, Babcock Preservation Partnership Was Able To Attain A \$2.8 Million Noah Grant Toward The Acquisition But We Are Here To Celebrate Today With The People Of Southwest Florida And Look Forward To This Contribution Used And To Provide And Be Enjoyed At The Bob Janes Preserve At Babcock Ranch And Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Beverly.

[Applause] Thank You And Certainly We'd Be Delighted To Hear From Liz Or Any Others.

If Not We'll Have The Whole Group Here To Present The Check.

And Bob, Let Me Have You Step Here.

Comm. Janes: You Bet.

I'll Let You Hold It.

Comm. Janes: For Pictures, That Check Has To Be The Other Way.

Chairman Judah: Everyone Like To Come Up Here First And Happy -- Actually Give Your Camera To Stacey, If You Would.

And Anyone Else Who Has A Camera.

One, Two, Three.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: Commissioner Janes, On Behalf Of The Preservation Committee, They Want To Present The Real Check.

We Thank You All Very Much.

How Are You Doing, David.

Thank You Very Much For Being Here.

Bob, Would You Like To Turn This Over To Karen? Comm. Janes: Let Me See What The Real Check Looks Like.

Chairman Judah: Folk, Before You Leave, I'd Like To Turn It Over To Commissioner Bob Janes.

Comm. Janes: Like To Thank Everybody For All The Hard Work And Making This Project A Reality, People Worked Long And Many Hours Over.

Deeply Appreciate It.

I Think The People Of Lee County Will Come To Enjoy This Acquisition Even More As Time Goes On And Then Begin To See And Appreciate How Valuable An Acquisition It Turned Out To Be.

I'm Pleased To Have Participated In It.

It Was A Lot Of Fun, A Great Ride And I Had A Great Time Working Behind Me.

Thank You, Everybody.

You Guys Are Great.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: Thank You All Very Much.

And Bob, Of Course, The Funds Will Be Used For Construction Management With Trail At The Bob Janes Preserve.

Can Hardly Wait To Have That Trail Up And Running For Everybody To Enjoy.

Comm. Janes: Wondering If We Might Not Be Able To Get A Blackout Thanks To The Babcock Partnership.

Chairman Judah: Absolutely.

Thank You, Bob.

We'll Go Back To The Consent Agenda Items.

Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: Thank You.

Going To Pull 13-B Or C.

I Apologize.

Let Me Make Sure I'm Pulling The Right One.

The Connection With Fort Myers Beach Utility 13-C.

Chairman Judah: Motion By Commissioner Hall, Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion, Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

Comm. Bigelow: I'm Going To Move This Item.

Chairman Judah: Motion To Move On 13-C.

Comm. Hall: I Asked For Backup For This With Respect To The Cost Estimate For The Final Project.

This Is A Supplemental For Professional Services To Design And Do Preconstruction Work.

I Think It's Important That We See How Much These Projects Are Anticipated To Cost At This Point.

There's A \$1 Million Threshold And If We Exceed That, Then We Have To Get A Competitive Bid On The Street.

This Came In At \$944,000 So Close To \$1 Million.

I Think It Would Be Million If We Could Have That Construction Estimate Back Up Provided That's All.

I Think Regardless Of How Close They Come To That Threshold, That Way We Can Have A Fairly Good Working Understanding Of The Cost.

That's All, Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Any Further Discussion? Motion Passes.

We Worked Through 4-A, Now 14-A.

Anyone From D.O.T. Here? County Or Florida Department Of Transportation? Scott Is Here.

Let Me Bring This Point Forward, And That Is To Really Extend Our Appreciation To Mrs. Boomer.

The Property Was Purchased And Alarmed In That It Looked Like The Department Of Transportation Was Going To Take A Sliver Of Track For The Retention Of Storm Water Runoff And We All Know It's A Critical Segment, An Important Corridor.

I Want To Thank Kathy Olson And Roger Clark And The Entire 2020 Group And Parks And Recreation Staff Working With Mrs. Boomer To Address Her Concerns About What She Thought Was Going To Be An Intrusion Into The Conservation Values Of That Boomer Track That She So Graciously Offered To Sell To Lee County And Mike Wood, The Late Mike Wood With The Department Of Transportation, Thoughtful Enough To Hire A Graphic Artist And That Graphic Artist Put Together A Visual Display To Show How A Retention Pond Could Be Designed And Built As A Wetland System That Functioned As A Retention But Also

Simulated A Natural Wetland System Around The Shoreland Properly Scalloped And Excavated To Attract Wildlife.

Mrs. Boomer Did Eventually Agree, Yes, This Would Be An Asset If Done Correctly.

If Not For Her Support, We Would Have Been In A Messy Legal Entanglement To Secure This Land For Very Needed Project.

So I Want To Thank Mrs. Boomer And Everyone Else Involved And Scott And The D.O.T. Staff.

But I Did Want To Mention That With What Don Essex Was Talking About If We Could Follow Up On That Discussion, At Least Give Administration Direction To Coordinate With The Department Of Transportation To Expedite The Project Knowing This Is Going To Be A State-Funded Project.

At This Point In Time, Scott, If You Have Anything To Offer At This Juncture Or County Attorney's Office, The State's Proposal To Secure A Portion Of This Track Of Land For Use As A Storm Water Retention Area.

I Think You've Covered It Well, Commissioner.

It's Been A Joint Effort And Us And D.O.T. Are Not All Asphalt And Concrete, We Do Other Things, Too.

We Are Coordinating In That And Letting It Stay On Schedule.

Quite A Bit Of Money Out Of Transportation Trust Fund But Through The Diligent Efforts Of Fdot They Kept The Money For The Project There.

Chairman Judah: Continual Time, Unless There's Any Questions, A Motion To Move The Item And This Is To Allow Florida Department Of Transportation To Purchase This Parcel From The Boomer Track.

Any Discussion? Comm. Hall: A Lot Of Concern When We Use 2020 Properties And A Mixed Message And I Appreciate What's Happening With The Boomer Property.

We Always Don't Communicate Clearly What It Is We Are Doing And Why We Are Doing It And Why We Make Exceptions With Some Areas And Push Up Against The Wall In Other Areas And Not In My Backyard But Okay In That Backyard.

Not A Typical D.O.T. Project.

The Retirement With The Retention Was That It First And Foremost Helped In The Preservation And Enhancement Of The 2020 Preserve And The Property Owner Who Donated The Land Was In Acceptance.

I Remember Three Years Ago We Unequivocally Denied It Because It Was Not Meeting The Criteria Or The Purpose Of 2020.

We Have 20,000-Acres And Still A Growing County And Always A Concern Is A Road Going Through The Area Because On The Map It Shows It.

And Diligent Truly Analyzing What's Best For The Preserve.

People Are Counting On Us To Make The Decisions.

They've Taxed Themselves With The Intent And Opportunity For Habitat And Wildlife And Greenery Would Be There.

I Want To Make Sure It's Clearly Understood That This Parcel Truly Being Used Not Only For A Retention Area But Enhancement Of The Property And Diligently Followed D.O.T.'S Process To Make Sure Mrs. Boomer's Perception And Expectations Are Met As Well As The Commissioners Of Lee County.

Chairman Judah: Thank You To Mrs. Boomer.

Any Further Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Passes.

Let Me Just Mention, If We Could.

Scott, I Need To Get You Back Up Here If You Wouldn't Mind.

This Is A Critical Segment Of The Major Spine Running Through The County.

Traffic North/South Through The County To San Carlos Park And The Need For The Widening Of The Segment.

What You're Saying Is Fdot Has The Funds In The Five-Year Program Identified For The Project.

Correct, Commissioner.

Chairman Judah: But The Fund Willing Not Be Available Until 2011? July 1 Next Year.

Chairman Judah: Is There A Way The Project Could Move Up Sooner, Quicker If The County Were To Consider A Bridge Loan With An Understanding We Would Be Reimbursed.

Could This Board At Least Ask Administration To Coordinate With Fdot To Consider With Insurance Of Being Paid Back In A Timely Manner Time Permitting And Construction Of This Project.

They Would Have To Get Back To Us.

Not Voting On This Today But Suggesting To Coordinate To See If It's Worth While To Pursue And Enter Into An Agreement.

Comm. Hall: It's Less Than An Eight Month Window.

I Think It Would Be Best To Have Them Come In September And Give Us A Fact Of What The Status Is.

Literally Looking At An Eight-Month Window And I Don't Know With The Way These Go.

Chairman Judah: I Think That's What I'm Hearing From Scott.

If We Could Get A Summery From Tdot.

Comm. Hall: And Have To Go Back To M.T.O. Or Maybe They Could Come To Our Board And Talk About That.

Chairman Judah: If We Could Schedule That? Comm. Hall: Before Public Hearings.

Chairman Judah: Good.

Thank You Very Much.

Thank You All.

Move That Forward.

Okay.

That's The Consent Administrative Agenda.

Go To The Walk-On Item? 14-B.

Chairman Judah: Okay.

I Did See That Discussion? Thank You, David.

Any Objection.

Motion Passes.

Walk-On Item One? \$15,000 Grant Fund.

Comm. Hall: Move The Item.

Chairman Judah: Motion Passes.

David, Did You Want To Bring Something Forward? Oh, And We Just Approved It.

Thank You, David.

Good Job.

Thank You For Being Here.

Appreciate It.

Okay.

That's It For The Agenda Items.

To Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: I Don't Have Anything.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Hall? Comm. Hall: Thank You.

Saturday I Have The Pleasure Of Attending Grace Church Community Service, Purchased A Very Large Box Store That Sat Empty For A Long Time And Concerned For The Businesses Along Hancock To Have A Community Center Run By A Church.

I Have To Tell You A Year Later It's Amazing What This Group Has Done.

Not Only Rehabbed And Beautiful But The Community Has Embraced It.

Saturday Grace Community Gave Away 4400-Pounds Of Food.

Medical Screening.

Gave Away Articles Of Clothing.

Provided 67 Haircuts And Entertained Basically From 8:30 To 12:30 Allowed Folks To Come In And Take Advantage Of The Volunteer Services That The Community Provides.

Amazing To See The Faces Of The Folks There.

It Is From A To Z.

More Importantly, I Want To Thank The Hundreds Of Volunteers It Takes To Make Had Program Work.

They Have A Thrift Store.

Giving Away Everything From Shoes To Clothes To Office Equipment, You Name It.

And People From Every Walk Of Life There Participating As A Volunteer And Those Who Need.

I Want To Thank Pastor George For Their Hard Work.

More Importantly The People Of This Community Who Constantly Give And Give To Help Others.

Thank You, I'm Proud Of What They Are Accomplishing In North Fort Myers.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Janes? Comm. Janes: Thank You.

I Want To Say One Thing.

I Want To Get Out How Pleased I Am We Were Able To Approve The Additional Funding For The Triage Center.

700,000 From The Edward Burne Grant.

It's Terrific And Like To See What We Can Do.

Just Terrific.

We Can Use Every Cent For The Triage Center.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Commissioner Janes.

Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: Just Like To Say I Was Pleased To See The Note We Received From Staff On That Request To Make That Position Possible That State Had To Cut That Involves Teaching Floridians That Live Around Here How To Grow Food.

No Small Issue.

And So Miniscule And Appreciate Your Study On That And Get More Recommendations.

I'm On Record Of Supporting That And Hope Others Can Help On That Massive \$20,000.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

I Have A Couple Of Issues.

One, Lindsey Requested I Bring This To The Board.

Evidently In The Past Lindsey Has Been Able To Sign Off For Management With The Solid Waste Program.

A Permit For Water Use Permit.

And So The Letter Says The Director Of Solid Waste Authorized To Sign Permits And Documents.

I Would Sign This.

Comm. Hall: So Move.

Chairman Judah: Appreciate It.

Commissioner Hall Makes A Move To Allow To Sign This.

Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion.

Comm. Bigelow: I Want To Be Sure, We Are Doing This Same Approach With Other Department Heads, Are We Not? The Facility Director Able To Sign Permits? Chairman Judah: Lindsey, Step Forward.

Not Typically The Way It's Been Handled In The Past And The District Is Authorizing The Board To Authorize You As Director.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

I Don't Have The Particular Persons But My Environmental Engineer Preparing The Permit Application Came To Me And Surprisingly Said They Requested -- That Is The Water Management District, The Person She Was Dealing With Requested Authorization From The Board For The Director To Submit The Application.

Very New And Unexpected But I Don't Know If Any Other Departments Have Seen This Yet.

Comm. Hall: What The Commissioner Is Asking Is Normally What Happens In The Past You've Been Signing Them And Now Asking Us To Authorize You.

Chairman Judah: Requested By Other Departments, Also, Through The District.

This Is The First Case Of It.

Typically We All Sign Off On Those.

I'm Not Sure What's Unique In This Case But See What Happens In The Future.

Comm. Bigelow: Hand That Over To County Manager.

Comm. Hall: Not Specifically Asking.

If They Come Back And Ask.

We File Permits Routinely.

Seems Odd.

Chairman Judah: Further Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

One Other.

I Recently Received Authorization Here In Fort Myers, Going To Hold A Meeting On August 20, Thursday? Regarding The Culvert I-75 Study.

To Me It Was Going To Be With The South Water Management Representatives, Lee County Representatives And Bonita Springs.

We've All Been Working Together With The Conservancy Of Southwest Florida And The Estero Community.

I Met Yesterday And They Respectfully Requested And Out Of Courtesy I Did Call The District Office Yesterday To Let Them Know I Would Be Bringing This To The Attention Of The Board, Fine To Hold These Meetings To Talk About Where We Go Next With The Analysis Of Determining Whether We Need Culverts And The Size, Et Cetera, But We Need Stakeholders.

And Basically Spearheading The Project At The Request Of The District, To Defer The Meeting On August 20 And Reschedule Such A Meeting But With All The Stakeholders.

It's Just Going To Create Further Problems Down The Road.

Comm. Hall: Mr. Chairman? And Again Having A Town Hall Meeting And An Input And Meeting With Representatives Of The Stake Holders, Trying To Understand Is That What They're Trying To Do? Have A Couple People There, Have 50 Or 60 In A Room Might Be Difficult For Them.

Chairman Judah: No, Not 50.

Just A Couple Representatives.

Comm. Hall: I Don't Have A Problem Asking Stakeholders To Have Representation But Our Responsibility To Go Out To The Community And Hold That Town Hall Meeting And Get That Input.

We Are The Ones To Take The Task And Put Them To Task.

I Don't Have A Problem Asking Them To Expand Their Conference Room And Allow A Couple Of These Stakeholders To Sit In And Hope That We Go Out And Communicate What's Happening.

Chairman Judah: Right.

And What's Been Requested Here.

Comm. Hall: I Don't Have A Problem With That.

Chairman Judah: If The Board Is Okay With That.

I Wanted To Make Sure We're Comfortable.

Comm. Hall: Not Going To Put A Crunch In There.

Chairman Judah: I Think We Have A Consensus With The Board.

Just To Keep Everybody In The Loop.

Specifically Asking They Be Allowed To Be Involved, Not Just Noticed Of The Meeting.

Chairman Judah: Absolutely.

Just Like They Have Been Over The Years.

Committee Appointments? Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: A New Appointment Of Catherine C.

Green Otherwise Known As Kitty Green.

Chairman Judah: Discussion.

Objection.

Motion Passes.

Committee Appointment? Comm. Hall: An Appointment Of Jerry Hall.

Chairman Judah: Discussion.

Objection.

Motion Passes.

Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: Lehigh Acres Street Light District, Ed Weiner.

Chairman Judah: Discussion, Objection.

Motions Passes And Someone Take Up The Motion Of Stephen Brown For The Advisory Committee.

Of The Extension Service.

A Lot Of Stephen Browns.

This Is Extension Service.

The One Local.

Not The One Who Moved.

The One Still Here.

Chairman Judah: Right To County Manager.

A Briefing On What We Read In The Paper Today And Not Briefed On It In Advance.

Evidently 12 Members Of The Select Committee -- Not Committee, With Regards To Filling The County Manager Position? You Will Have A Complete Package Today Of All Of The 12 Candidates Have Been Prioritized Out Of The 78 To 80 Applications.

You Will Be Receiving All Applications But You Also Of Those Priority You Will Be Receiving The Resumés, Back Grouped Checks References And In Your Package To Review.

Chairman Judah: Will The Community Have A Chance To -- An Opportunity To Start Directing Their Questions Of The Applicants? The Top 12? Top Five? The Ones You Select.

This Week You Have The Opportunity To Review Those 12.

Next Week We'll Be Here To Meet You With Individually To Talk About The Applications.

You Will Then On September 1, Select -- This Is The Schedule, Of Course, You Can Change It.

On September 1 The Schedule Is That You Select Those Applicants, The Candidates You Want To Interview.

On September 10 And 11, You Have The In-Person Interviews.

The Public Will Have The Opportunity To Submit Questions And I'm Trying To Think Of The Date Of That.

I Think It's About A Week From Now.

It's On Our Schedule But Around The 28th Or 29th Of This Month And Over A Weekend.

It Will Open Up Before You And Your Selection Of The Top Candidates.

Once You Select Those Candidates, The Resumés Will Be Put On Line The People You Want To Interview.

All Of Applicants That You Are Going To Interview Will Have The Same Questions.

We're Going To Be Opening The Website Up For The Citizens To Ask Questions If They Want To Go In And Specifically See Resumés They Can Do That.

But The Questions That The Citizens Will Be Submitting Will Be Reviewed, Summarized.

May Be Duplicates But All Candidates Will Be Asked The Same Question.

Chairman Judah: Very Good.

Comm. Mann: Hard To Put The 12 On-Line So The Citizens Can Review These While We Are Making The Parring Down? If You Desire.

Comm. Mann: Comments To Share With Us Now That We're At A Level Some.

Comm. Hall: They Can E-Mail Us Individually.

Comm. Mann: That Wouldn't Be Too Much Trouble.

I Can Check On That And Put All 12 On-Line If You Would Like To Do That, And Do That Within The Next Days.

We Have The Capability Of Doing That.

Comm. Mann: Access Our Web Page And Review The Same Resumés We Are Looking At Now.

That Would Be Beneficial.

Okay.

Chairman Judah: Sure.

Fine.

If We Can't Do That, I Will Let You Know.

Otherwise We Will Go For It.

Chairman Judah: Anything Else? Some That's It.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You For Briefing Us.

David, Good Morning.

Good Shape.

Okay.

We're Adjourned.

