

August 4, 2009

Welcome Back.

And For All Of You Viewing, We'll Start With The Commission Meeting Of August 4.

Pleased To Have Paul Lodato From Wrxv From Tv Christian Television For The Invocation.

Please Rise.

We Thank You For The County Commissioners That You Lead And Guide Them.

You Give Wisdom And Concertainment That Govern The Affairs Of This City And Region And County.

In Jesus' Name 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.

We Have A Ceremony Presentation.

It's National Clown Week But I Don't See Whether The Clowns Are Here.

They're Out There? Waiting For Frank To Sing "Bring In The Clowns.

They're Not Religious? They're Not Spiritual? On The Recap We're Going To Need To Defer Consent Item 10-B.

Motion By Commissioner Janes.

And Administrative Item 9-A, Some Change In Language.

And Before I Get Started On The Agenda Itself, We Do Have One Comment Card But Before That Person Is Brought Person Proceeded By The Clowns.

Welcome.

They're Outside Clowning Around.

Chairman Judah: You Are On.

Seems Like Yesterday You Were Here.

Good Morning.

Always A Pleasure.

Chairman Judah: Nice To Have All Of You Here.

Good Morning.

Good Morning.

Nice To See You.

Good Morning.

Who Gets To Read Today? I Do And Pleased To Have That Opportunity.

Kind Of Crowd Around Here.

That's Fine.

Whereas Clowns Of The Star Attraction Of The Circus Providing Laughs And Replenishing Care-Free Joy To Many.

Whereas People Have Come To Rely On The Art A Rejuvenating Breath Of Fresh Air In The Sometimes Stale Abnormality We Know As Realty.

Clowns All Over America Recognized For Their Cheery Contributions.

The Clown Ally, A Chapter Of Clowns International Provides A Special Humor And Should Be Recognized.

Even Serious Commissioner Need To Take A Break And Laugh.

Commissioners Do Hereby Proclaim August 1 Through August 7 2009 As National Clown Week And Call Upon All Our Citizens In Order To Make Our Lives Enjoyable.

Our Board Of Commissioners Is Appreciative To Recognize Clown Week And Thankful To Sign A Resolution.

[Applause] We'll Have A Picture First.

Serious Protocol Here.

Do Not Look Serious.

No Red Noses This Year.

That One Is Probably A Squirt Gun.

One, Two, Three.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

Now My Apologies For Interrupting.

No Problem.

Testing, One, Two.

On Behalf Of The Clown Ally, Thank You For The Resolution.

We Are Clown Ally Clowns Ally 97.

We Graduated Eight Clowns This Year.

Our Total Number Of Clowns Is Up To About 64.

Unfortunately, We Don't Have A Bunch Here.

A Lot Of People Have To Work.

On The Other Hand, We Are Or We Try To Be, We Are Entertainers.

We Do The Hospital, We Do Nursing Homes, We Do The Parades.

When Anyone Calls We Try To Show Up Usually In Greater Numbers But We Try To Do Our Job, And They Troubled Times, It's Good To Have Everybody Laugh And The Hospital Is, You Know, Great Clowning.

Kids, You Look At Their Eyes And It's Special.

Thank You So Much.

Chairman Judah: Thank You All.

[Applause] We Can't Go To Baseball Games.

We Have To Get Rid Of Tickets.

Red Sox Tickets.

Two Tickets To The Red Sox.

Two Tickets? Two Each.

Are You A Scalper.

That's Right.

[Laughter] [Applause] Thank You All Very Much.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Appreciate Your Time This Morning.

I Don't Know How Many Times She's Done This.

Amazing, Hasn't She? She Has Been.

Chairman Judah: We Do Have One Card And Hard To Follow Up That Act.

Good Morning, George.

Good Morning.

George, You Look Like You've Been Scalped.

I Have Things I'd Like Say About That Picture But I'm Not Going To.

Okay? For The Record My Name Is George Wheaten.

I'm Here Representing Myself, Really.

I'm On The 2020 Committee But It's On Consent Item 10- A And Simply Questions I Have To Ask To Be Sure I'm Covered.

We Have A Good Legal Staff To Make Sure We're Covered I Think I Know What A License Agreement Is.

Improvements On The Kiel Canal Which Desperately Need To Be Done.

I Remember Going Out And Seeing It And What A Problem It Was.

A Major Drainage Problem And We Understand That Needs To Be Done But I Don't Understand What The License Agreement Is, Number One.

And, Two, I Want To Be Sure This Can Never Be Construed Since Improvement On The 2020 Parcel On This Pit That's Out There, Probably What They Used To Put The Road In, Bonita Grand.

I Want To Make Sure This Can Never Come Back And Slap Us In The Face And Be Construed As Private Mitigation Because We Are Forbid From Doing That.

We Use It For Everything Else, Schools For Our Roads, Whatever, But Let's Be Sure We Are Covered On That.

That's My Only Question And Glad You Guys Had A Good Vacation.

I'm Sure You Did And Glad You're Back To Work.

Chairman Judah: We'll Make Sure The Questions Are Answered.

Anyone Else From The General Public Wish To Comment? Seeing No, Back To The Board Them.

That Is 10-A.

Commissioner Bigelow? I Have Nothing.

Commissioner Hall? Comm. Hall: No.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Janes? All Righty.

And Commissioner Man? Comm. Mann: 1-C And 14-F.

Chairman Judah: 14-F.

Okay.

And I Have None.

So Motion For The Balance Of The Agenda.

Hearing No Objection.

Motion Passes.

10-A.

Do You Want To Answer That? Chairman Judah: Who Is Going To Respond To 2020.

Good Morning, Barbara.

Good Morning Commissioners.

Welcome Back.

I Believe The Question Is The License Agreement, It's Strictly A License Agreement With The Company To Do The Work That We Would Have Had To Do On The Pine Lake Preserve.

So This Is A Special Situation As Mr. Wheaten Said.

This Is Not Mitigation.

It's Work They're Going To Do That On Their Property That Also Affects Our Preserve.

And So We Have Entered Into A License Agreement With Them Just Strictly For This Work.

The South Florida Water Management District Is In Agreement With Them Doing This As Well As Natural Resources And Everyone Worked Together And License Agreement Has Been Made.

Chairman Judah: Their Opportunity For Flow Versus That Wide Angle That Exits.

Correct.

Chairman Judah: Any Questions Of Barbara? Commissioner Man? Comm. Mann: We Met Briefly Before We Came In And The Major Support Was Not So Much What The Project Was, He Supports That.

Could He Possibly And Might Be The One He Wants To Enter This Be Considered As Private Mitigation Which We Obviously Don't Want To Do.

Mr. Wheaten, Did That Characterize Your Question Properly? It Is Considered Private Mitigation.

No.

Chairman Judah: You Have A Motion? Seconded By Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Janes? Discussion, Observation.

Thank You, Barb.

I Tried To Get In There.

Did We Meet Privately On This Matter With Someone And You Showed Me Maps And This Is A Development Entity? It Is.

And I'm Sorry Kathy Isn't Here.

We Met, They Ran It By Everybody.

2020 Natural Resources And Everyone Was In Agreement With This Project.

And As I Recall, This Partnership We Were Able To Improve This.

I Thought They Were Benefitting From Storm Water Retention Off Site And County Property Of Is That Not The Case? They Are Doing The Work On Our Property And The Canal.

Whether Or Not They Are Benefitting I Can't Answer That Now.

Because That Was -- This Was More Than A Year Ago On This I'm Just Going Purely On Memory Here.

A Benefit To The Developer To Store Storm Water Off Site.

So I Got A Red Flag Here I Remember Something That Flies In The Face Of What The Council Is Telling Us.

They Are Saying It Isn't.

That Was My Recollection.

They Wouldn't Be Doing Otherwise, Right? Sorry To Bring This Up.

There's Two Issues.

I Haven't Looked At It In Great Detail.

One Whether Or Not Somebody Derives A Benefit As A Result Of Working With Us And Doing An Improvement And The Other Is Mitigation.

Mitigation Has To Be Applied For.

You Have To Apply To The Water Management District.

The Folks Involved Don't Apply, There's No Mitigation Taking Place Here.

Well, Mitigation Doesn't Have To Follow A Prescribed Path.

Yes, It Does.

If They Are Going To Be Doing -- If They Need Some Benefit From Our County Conservation 2020 Lands, In Order To Get Their Development Proved Or Realized, That's A Form Of Mitigation, I Think.

I Would Say That's A Benefit Derived.

Now, If You Want, You Can Defer This.

I'll Take A Look At Later And Happy To Answer It For You Definitively.

What I've Seen And Heard So Far, We Are Talking About Consideration Going Back And Forth.

There's A Benefit That May Be Arrived But Not Necessarily Mitigation.

Mitigation Is A Formal Process, Commissioner.

My Memory There's A Benefit.

Thank You.

I Appreciate It.

A Huge Public Benefit.

Any Objection? Motion Passes 5-0.

Thank You, Barbara.

Thank You, Paul.

Thank You, David.

Okay Commissioner Janes.

Comm. Janes: This Has To Take An Action That Will Allow The Housing Authority Of Lee County To Issue Family Financing And Housing Opportunities And Wondering Why We're So Active In Sarasota.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

Committee Of Planning.

Phil Barnett Is Here.

He Can Answer Your Question A Lot Clearer, If He Could.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

Basically The Reasoning We're Active In Sarasota County Is Because We Have Been Working With All Of The Various Counties And Housing Finance Authority In Region Eight.

Lee Housing County Acts As The Issuer For Sarasota County Multi-Family Projects A Well As In Lee County And Lee County Housing Acts As The Issuer For Single Family Bonds For Single Family Housing For Region 8 Which Goes From Sarasota To Key West And Glades And Henry County.

What Has Happened Is Over A Period Of Years, The Various Counties And House Authorities Have Gotten Together And Worked Together To Better Distribute The Allegations So Every County Gets Its Fair Share And This Is Part Of It And Sarasota Doesn't Have A Housing Finance Authority.

So Part Of The Deal Is They Ask Us If We Would Issue The Bonds For Them.

This Is The Fourth Multi-Family Project That Has Come Before The Lee County Commissioner Board Of County Commissioners Three Of Which Have Been Previously Approved Two Of Which Have Been Completed.

One Fell Out When The Property Values Were So High.

This Particular Project Is A Project Public House Project In Sarasota Between Sarasota Housing Authority And County Commission And Going To Put 5,000 Of Their Own Money In The Deal.

No Money Out Of Anybody's Pocket.

No Personal Liability.

The Board Of Commissioners Has No Liability.

Nobody Has Any Personal Liability From A Governmental Standpoint.

The Only Thing It Is Is Volume Cap Allegation For Tax Exempt Bond Financing.

An Overabundance Presently Of Volume Cap Allocation And This Is -- And If You Had Time, I Would Explain How It All Functions.

But The Long And Short Of It Is It Doesn't Cost The County Anything.

It's A Cooperative Working Together With Other Counties.

It Has Worked Well For The Past 10 Or 15 Years So That All Of The Counties Can Get Single Family Tax Exempt Bond Financing And Every County Can Then Plan Because We've Allocated Among The Counties Based Primarily On Population As To The Volume Cap Allocation.

This Is Another Step In That Cooperative Effort.

I Don't Know If That Answers You.

Comm. Janes: As Far As I'm Concerned, As Long As It Doesn't Cost Us Money I'll Move The Adoption.

Chairman Judah: Motion By Commissioner Janes To Move Item 3-B.

Thank You.

And Commissioner Mann, Item 1-C? Comm. Mann: I Don't Have An Issue There.

He Comes In And Briefs Us A Couple Times A Year And We Look To Him And Trust Him.

A Point And This Relates To Some Of The Things We Did Yesterday.

Further Highlighted In An Article I Saw In The Paper About Ftop, Florida Department Of Transportation To A Request From Senator Dave Aronberg To Renew Contracts Where There Was A Built-In Salary Inflation Factor On All D.O.T. Contracts And Wrote To Special K

Direct Of D.O.T., Affectionately Referred To.

Got The Special K Name.

Could We Review This.

She Responded To Him And Said I Have Reviewed This.

We Are Eliminating Any Inflation Factors Related To Salary Panels On Consultants.

Now Better Than That, My Thought Was A We Review These Contracts And You Renegotiate With In This Case David Bennett, But Yesterday We Discussed The Consultants, Political Consultants Or Any Consultants We Have, I Just Want To Let You Know That At Least One Of Us Here Is Not Opposed To Your Talking To Them About What Type Of A Cut They Would Like To Negotiate Considering The Economy And Everything That's Going On, And So Many Other Areas Have Gone Backwards.

Our Contracts With D.O.T. Coming In So Much More Cost-Effectively As In Every Other Way.

I'm Just Saying I'm Hoping Rather Than Just Rubber Stamping Whatever We Had Last Year That We Have A Conversation With Our Consultants.

And That's Just A Thought I'd Like To Share With You.

I Have No Problem With This Item.

I'd Like To Make That Point And I Move The Item.

Chairman Judah: Moved By Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: You're On Tap For This One.

This Is A Half Million Dollar Budget Transfer, Internal Budget Transfer That Probably Most Issue With But When I First Got On Here I Was Worried -- Not Worried But Bothered Sometimes These Blue Sheet Summaries Don't Tell Me Very Much.

For Instance Three Items Always Listed At The Top.

Action Requested, Funding Source And What The Action Accomplishes.

When We Are Referring This Especially When We Have A Thick Book And Just Come Off Break We Skim Through These And Though Give Us Comfort Because You Can Get A Sense Of What's Going On Here.

What Action Accomplishes.

The Answer Is All Budget Transfers Require Board Approval.

I Know That Amendment To An Adopted Annual Budget Require Board Approval.

And That's Not What This Action Accomplishes.

It Doesn't Tell Me What Does It Do? Taking Half Million From One Project And Going To Drop That Project And Put Half A Million In.

I'd Like To Know Something About The One That's Dropped And What One Now Has Catapulted To The Top.

And You Can't Get That Out Of This Blue Sheet.

I Could Have If I Called You Friday And Didn't Have That Opportunity.

Here's Our Opportunity.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

Sorry For The Lack Of Information.

This Is Simply A Budget Transfer.

We Have Two C.I.P. Programs For Renewal And Replacement.

We Refer To That As R And R.

One For Water And One For Waste Water.

We Started Rehabilitating List Stations And Upgrading Electrical Panels And Doing It So Efficiently And Making Such Great Progress We Decided To Start With The Waste Water Side And Defer Some Of The Water Side R And R Work.

We Are Taking Approved C.I.P.

Budget From One Fund Which We Are Going To Defer Some Of The Maintenance Work And Moving It To The R And R Fund To Continue The Station Rehabilitation.

Internal Priorities Have Shifted.

Urgent Need For The Other One We Previously Approved And Prefer To Spend That Money Here.

I Yield To Your Judgment And Appreciate That On Half Million Dollar Budget Of Transfer.

I Move The Item.

Chairman Judah: Move Item 14-F.

Moved By Commissioner Janes.

Any Discussion? Any Observation? Motion Passes.

On To The Administrative Agenda.

I Move We Adopt.

Chairman Judah: Move By Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: Seemingly Simple As This Requires Administrative Agenda As Opposed To Consent? Still Trying To Learn The Process.

For The Record Karen Foresight County Lands.

It's Senator Requirement That We Advertise Exchanges And Decided To Bring It Out On An Administrative Agenda To Follow Up On That Public Notice Process.

We Have To Advertise Two Consecutive Weeks Of Any Exchange Of Real Estate.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Karen.

Discussion? Observation? Hearing No Observation.

Motion Passes.

Item 8-A.

Comm. Hall: I Move The Item.

Chairman Judah: Motion Passes.

Move On To Item 9-A.

Comm. Hall: Moved By Commissioner Hall.

Chairman Judah: A Second.

I'll Second.

Discussion? Roland And Perhaps Robert.

Good Morning.

Great Job, By The Way, Getting Us To This Point.

Good Morning.

Chairman Judah: Questions? Comm. Bigelow: Is This Annual? 600,000? Explain This Project To Me.

\$600,000 Project.

Contracting To Do Something.

Help Me Here.

This Is To Expand 10-Mile Canal By 10.4-Acres.

We Encroach The Railroad Right-Of-Way.

This Provides Us Lease Agreement Until 2047, Roughly 40 Years.

Comm. Bigelow: Single Payment.

I Feel Much Better.

Thank You Very Much.

That Was Not Clear.

I'm Okay, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Judah: Roland, Robert, Thank You Very Much, As I Said, To Get Us To This Point, A Phenomenally Good Project.

Any Discussion? Motion Passes.

Item 13-A.

Comm. Mann: I Move.

Seconded By Commissioner Hall.

Discussion By Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: Thank You.

Comm. Bigelow: I Got An E-Mail Here That Information Was Received And Therefore, Does Not Appear Changes Can Be Modified To Satisfy You All The Concerns Raised And Meet Bond Requirements And Expenses.

Recommend No Changes To The Recommended Structure At The Time.

Can You Tell Me What Forever Was Received? Specifically Or Generally? I'm Sorry, Mr. Chairman, I Apologize.

I Saw The Tv, Lucky This Man Is Not On Crutches.

Well, I Guess You Fill Me In.

I Must Not Have Watched The Right Television Stations.

For The Record D.O.T., We Did Hold Two Public Meetings, One On Sanibel And One On Cape Coral.

Fact Finding And Providing Information As To What It Was We Were Looking At Proposing.

Retire To That We Had A Question Raised To Give You A Specific Example About The Unlimited Use Program.

We Found A Way To Cap That So We Can Answer That Question.

The Information That We Gained Primarily From Sanibel Known A The Second Vehicle Discount And Looking For A Way To Cap That At Its Current Rate.

We Determined That, A, That's Not Very Possible Today.

And, B, Result In A Significant Revenue Loss.

So Based On Not Being Able To Answer Those Types Of Questions And Concerns, We Just Didn't See Any Need To Continue To Pursue It At This Point In Time.

So The Long And Short Of It, We Cannot Simple The Payment Structure Plan For Those Two Reasons Generally.

We Cannot Simplify -- The Second Vehicle? Some That's One Of The Issues But We Can't Simplify The Program And Not Have A Negative Impact On Some Portion Of The Customers That Use That Program Whatever It Is We Are Trying To Modify And Couldn't Come Up With A Way To Resolve That Issue And Others That Were Raised.

Comm. Bigelow: I Appreciate It.

We Got A Lot Of Information From You And Your Department A To Why This Was A Good Thing To Do And You Met In Cape Coral And I Get A Little E-Mail Information Received Is The Reason We Don't Want To Go Forward.

Having Lived Through A Lot Of The Information And This Is The Undoing Of It Left Me Scratching My Head.

I'll Have To Tune Into The Right Television Station.

Comm. Janes: Paul Is Standing On A Box In Case You Haven't Noticed.

I Was Cut Off At The Knees.

He's Much Shorter.

Comm. Bigelow: Thank You For Whatever You Had To Go Through.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Hall.

Comm. Hall: We Received Quite A Bit Of Information From The City Stating The Concerns And The Challenges That Their Residents Were Facing.

I Think We Received Three Correspondence From Them, Two Before The Meeting And One After The Public Meeting And After The Meeting You Had With Them Again.

We Did Get A Bit Of Information Not Only Through Numerous E-Mails From Residents From Cape Coral And Sanibel And Captive But Various Entities, Chamber Of Commerce.

The Only Disappointment I Have In This Is There's No Way To Lop Off Some Of The Programs Rather Than Just Going To Two.

I Hope That Somewhere Down The Line We Can Look At How We Got To Giving 40, Why That Was A Good Idea And How We Can Come Back And Look At That Without Having To Pay Consultant Fees To Figure That Out.

I'd Like To See If There's Ways To Eliminate Some Of Those Programs With Not A Negative Impact We Can Lower The Various Programs That We Offer.

There May Be Some Things We Can Do.

We Are Asking Basically To Bring This To A Conclusion At This Point In Time.

I Had A Conversation With The Mayor Of Sanibel Look At Specific Things Only Utilized On Sanibel.

Once The Board Takes Action Today And We Let The Dust Settle, We'll Get Together And Have Further Discussions To See If There Are Not Other Things We Can Do That Would Be Acceptable To The City Council And Residents And Obviously Back To The County Board Of Commissioners.

We May Look At Things Later This Year.

Comm. Hall: Wonderful.

Chairman Judah: Almost Like Mob Mentality That Deep Six This Whole Approach.

You Had Good Genuine Intentions.

As You Look At The Numbers, Opportunities For Benefitting The Businesses.

For Instance Visitors Not Having To Pay The \$6 Toll.

If They Bought The Transponder, Only Cost \$10 To Go To A Restaurant Or Retail Store And Would Have Been A Boon To Sanibel.

Some Businesses Recognize Instead Of Having To Pay The \$400 For The Ability To Use The Causeway There On Sanibel, They Would End Up Actually By Buying The \$10 Transponder, Not Having To Pay For The \$400 Because They Don't Necessarily Take As Many Trips That Would Have Paid Or That Would Have Shown That \$400 Use Of The Causeway Would Have Been Beneficial.

If They Had The Transponder And Paid \$3 Each Time It Would Have Been Less Than During The Course Of The Year.

We Had Letters From Businesses That Indicated More Beneficial With The Adjustments You Recognized.

Hopefully We'll Have More Discussions Now That Tempers And Emotions Have Calmed Down And Give A Chance To Work Through This Also The Federal Government Require The Ability To Use The Transponder And According To The State's System Allow All Vehicles Through The Nation To Utilize This System.

That's Going To Be A Requirement I Suspect On Our Door Step In The Not-Too-Distant Future.

That's Correct And That Window Is Two Years Out And Not Sure What The Legislation Says But Some There That's Going To Force That.

We Are Working In That Direction And As Issues Arise, We'll Have To Address Them As They Come Up We Are Interoperable With The Entire State Of Florida.

We Are Working With A Couple Of The Agencies Part Of Easy Pass To See If We Can Become Interoperable With Them And The Balance Of The Nation.

Texas And Oklahoma Are Working To Accomplish That Same Thing And We Are All Working Together In Trying Several Avenues To Be Able To Get That Accomplished In A Hopefully Relatively Short Period Of Time.

Given The Fact Significant Benefits Both To Businesses, Motorists To Be Able To Standardize The Transponder System, I Would Hope At Least This Board Would Feel Okay About Giving The Administration Opportunity To At Least Dialogue And Ways In Which We Can Eliminate A Lot Of These Subaccounts.

How Do You Feel At Least Continuing To Explore On A Informal Basis? Comm. Hall: Yes.

We Need To Lop Off And Have 40-Some Plus Programs.

Got To Be Some There Not Negatively Impacting People If We Eliminate Them.

That Was Going On Before It Reaches Formal Discussions.

Make Everybody Happy This Time.

Comm. Hall: I Have An Opportunity To Use New Sections Of The Turnpike In The Overhead Where They Break The Traffic Up Without Having To Slow Down And The People Who Don't Have The Transponder Have To Slow Down.

Amazing The Difference In Getting Traffic Through On The Overheads And Notes As Attractive A The Toll Booths Are.

The Technology Is Really Creating If You Will, A Better Appearance From The Bystander In Where You Are Putting The Facilities In Areas That Have Neighborhoods And I Was Really Impressed With The Facility.

I've Only Seen Pictures, Not In Operation.

Thank You For Your Professionalism.

Sounds Like You Have At Least Continue To Explore The Options.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner? Comm. Bigelow: I'd Like To Say A Couple Of Things.

I Talked To The Commissioner Several Times This And By E-Mail In Support Of This Opposition And Met Privately With Paul And The Consultant And Did A Lot Of Background Homework On This.

I Have To Agree There's Got To Be A Simpler Way, And There Was An Effort On Your Part Here To Incentivize Folks To Use The Transponders And I Like That For A Lot Of Reasons.

I Think There's More Benefit To Be Gained Here Than Just Deep Sixing It With A Simple Justification Given Me That Based On The Information Received It Doesn't Appear We'll Move Forward.

Again, Leaves Me Head-Scratching.

Echoing Commissioner Mann You Suggestions And Commissioner Hall Yesterday, We Could Use More Information Sometimes.

And This Is One Where A Significant Issue And I Feel Like The Information I Got Was Short.

Anyway.

We Were Relying A Lot As Commissioner Hall Said The Information We Received From The City Of Sanibel And The Several Pieces Of Correspondence And E-Mails And You May Not Have Been Copied On All Of Them.

I Apologize.

We Could Have Packaged Them All Up But Quite A Stack Of E-Mails.

And Our Meeting We Had With The City Council On Sanibel And Their Resolution To The Board.

I Guess We Felt That Was Sufficient Information.

We Can Certainly Provide More If Necessary.

Comm. Bigelow: If You Receive This Much Information In, You Believe That There's This Much Information, Tell Me What That Is Because You're The One Bringing It Forward With Your Initial Reasons And Justification.

But Now Deciding We're Not Going Forward.

You're Not Saying Everything A To Z Everyone Said About This Negatively As Your Reasons.

Is It? No.

So What Are County Management's Reasons For Not Moving Forward.

That's My Complaint In This E-Mail Here.

It Doesn't Tell Me What's In Your Mind.

What Are You Thinking? What Did You Accept A Plausible Complaints For Deep Sixing This At This Point? Not Deep Sixing It, Just Leveling It A Little Longer.

Comm. Bigelow: What We Are Doing Today Is Deferring It Indefinitely.

Giving Time.

Chairman Judah: Any Discussion? Observation? Motion Passes.

Thank You, Paul.

15-A.

Discussion, Observation.

Motion Passes.

Move 15-B.

Moved By Commissioner Hall.

Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Motion Passes.

Item 15-C.

Discussion, Observation.

Hearing No Observation, Motion Passes.

Item 1.

Moved By Commissioner Hall.

Discussion? Observation? Motion Passes.

Walk On Item 2.

Commissioner Hall.

Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

No Observation.

Motion Passes.

Commissioner Items, Commissioner Bigelow.

Commissioner Hall? Comm. Hall: I'd Like To Invite Everyone Into My Office.

David Is A Fifth Generation Floridian Displaying Wood Carvings And Pottery Quite Talented And Hope You'll All Come In And I Want To Thank David For Taking The Time To Display His Work And Share It With The Community.

I Wanted To Go Back To What We Moved Forward With Yesterday.

Some Of The Comments Ever Of A Thinking About Some Of The Things That Commissioner Bigelow Stated We Have A Set Price.

Yesterday In Our Conversation We Talked About Specific Items.

Healthcare That We Want To Bring On For.

That Should Be Negotiated Based As Our Objectives To Be Doing And How Much Of That Is Going To Be Handled By Him Or Her And How Much Is Going To Go To Outside.

I Prefer We Go Ahead And Approve The Contract But The Amount What The Priorities Are Going To Be Rather Than Just Assume As Last Year.

I Don't Know How The Rest Of The Board Feels About That.

That's Where Commissioner Bigelow Was Going.

We Don't Know What It Is They're Going To Be Doing.

After Thinking About -- I Didn't Understand What He Was Saying At The Time But I Ascertained That's The Direction You Were Trying To Say.

Not We Hired The Guy But We Don't Know The Price He's Going To Be Doing.

When Bringing This Forward, I Would Rather Bring That Forward And The Contract After We Set Priorities And What We'll Be Doing With The Price Back To What Commissioner Mann Stated, Why Are We Paying The Same As Last Year? Chairman Judah: What Would We Do Differently Rather Than Immediately? Comm. Hall: Agree We'll Bring On In This Case Continue Our Relationship With Arnold And Set Up Priority Lists And Negotiate What We'll Pay For Services.

Chairman Judah: For Next Year.

Comm. Hall: For This Coming Year, The 10-11 Session.

Start In 9 Because Committee Hearings, This Starts October 1 And We'll Have Our Properties, We'll Start Working On That Now.

In Policy Session In September So Have An Idea And Before We Agree On The Price Is It More Or Less Than Last Year And A Price Negotiated.

Chairman Judah: Work The Same With Blakely.

Comm. Hall: We Don't Know Because There's A Problem.

David Has An Idea.

It May Not Be Fair That He Uses, It Just Has Worked Out Her Expertise Has Fallen In Line.

Am I Incorrect With That, David? He May Use Xyz, But Usually A Problem We Bring Sarah On.

She's Not Retained On A Retainer.

On An Item By Item Policy By Policy Agreed Amount.

360, She Worked On That.

Based On What She's Doing.

We Didn't Up-Front Say Here's A Retainer For You And We'll Pay That Whether You Do Anything Or Not.

Comm. Bigelow: The Contract Is Different.

Comm. Hall: Yeah.

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, If I May.

I've Been Bringing Sarah On For Several Years With A Letter Or Engagement But I Bring Her On For The Session.

What We Do Is Find Other Subset Issues And She Is Better Suited To Handle On Behalf Of The Board.

We Talk Almost Daily And Have A Wind Up On Fridays Where I Get An Idea Where Things Have Been Going.

She's Been Extremely Beneficial To This Board In The Land Use Area, Skilled In Public Finance.

I Put Her In The Gain, Brought In Under A Three Or Four Month Contract Under A Fixed Fee.

We Reduced That Amount By \$5,000, Only \$25,000 This Year And Negotiate That Separately From The General Lobbying Services But Make Sure She Coordinates And We Keep The Items Separated.

I Bring Her On On A Session By Session Basis Right Now.

As Commissioner Hall Indicated There Are Others Out There, If There Is Something Suited To Their Particular Tasks, Lobbyist Lawyers And Law Firms I Know, I Would Use Them In Place Of Sarah.

Right Now That Hasn't Arisen And I've Been Staying With Her And I Bring It To You Before I Bring Her On.

It's Within My Expenditure Authority But I Always Bring It To You And List For You Those I've Identified I'd Like Her To Get Involved With.

I Like That You Just Described About How You Solicit Her Services Compared To How We Hire The Generalist.

I Thought It Was Clear, Maybe Not, We Seem To Have Them There And Now We Have To Figure Out What To Put On His Plate.

So I Guess We're In Agreement.

Further Clarification Here.

The Point That You Were Making Yesterday I Hear Echoed By Commissioner Hall Is We Need To Know Very Clearly What The Issues Are That We're Going To Be Addressing.

And Then Try To Negotiate With Whoever It Is And How Much Time It Will Take And What

That Fee Will Be For Specific Services.

But If We Are Contracting With Miss Blakely For Two Months Or Four Months At A Fee That Seems To Be Ongoing Now For Several Years, That's Not All That Clear As To What She's Expected To Do.

I Recall Painfully I've Known Her For A Long Time.

She's Competent In What She Does But Our Instructions To Her Were Weak.

A Year Ago When She Came Back To Give Us A Summary And Spent 25 Minutes Here Telling Us About The Constitutional Amendments That Were Going To Be On The Ballot.

When Everybody In Florida Could Read In A Paper Or Any Number Of Places And Find Out That Information.

She Was Not Hired To Inform Us About The Constitutional Amendments.

If There's Going To Be Tightening Up, We Need To Tighten Up Everywhere.

Same Thing For Mr. Bennett.

The Point I Was Making Earlier, He's Coming Back For Another Round Of \$62,000 Of Advice And What Are We Being Advised About Other Than Just They Retainers That Can Be Good Because You've Got Them Supposedly On Duty All The Time Paying Close Attention On Our Behalf.

But If I Were Called Upon A Club Meeting To Say What Are We Getting For Our Money, We'd All Be In The Same Fix Not Being Able To Specify.

I'm Saying Goose And Gander Here.

I Don't Know How We Could Treat Miss Blakely Differently.

It's Funded Differently Because It's Under Your Legal Department To Contract As You See Fit.

My County Manager Seems To Have Thoughts I'd Be Happy To Hear.

Commissioners, With Keith Contract, I Know We Have Him On A Retainer.

With Any Generalist, And I Understand Your Point What Are We Buying If We Don't Know What We Want Is Legislation Or What Points We Want To Make.

I Think We Do Provide That, We Do Have Him Under Retainer But There Is Multiple Things That Come Up And I Know Last Session And Even The Previous Session I Think We've Squeezed Every Bit Of That Retainer Out Of Mr. Arnold Because Of The Issues That Came Up, What The Triangle And Some Of The Other Service Perspective, I Was With Him Quite Often And He Worked A Lot On The Triangle And Mental Health Issues.

So We Will Do Some Comparisons For You As To Some Retainers That Other Communities Like Our Size.

For Generalist But I Think For The Most Part We've Squeezed Every Dime Out Of Him In The Past.

I'm Happy To Make The Comment Those Of Us Took A Legislative Situation Realize Things Change Instantly Up There And A Session Wears On, They Are Apt To Change Faster.

Hard To Set Out Specific Criteria We Want To Have Lobbied Or Not Lobbied, Supportive Or Not Supported.

A The Session Weighs On We Need To Make Adjustments And Need To Make Them Quickly.

This Is Where The Generalist Comes In And Great Immense Help To Us.

And To Us To Be Able To Dot All The Is And Cross All The Ts Is Not Possible To Do.

Someone With The Acumen And Ability To Size Up What Is Happening And Get Back To Us To Make The Necessary Changes In Time To Have An Impact On The Decision.

Not That It's Too Late.

And This Is What's Very Hard To Do With The Legislative Session.

Chairman Judah: If I Could, Jim, It's Going To Be Helpful As The Public Works Director To Put Together A White Paper For This As A Reminder Of The Benefits Of David Bennett's Consultation Over The Years To Reduce Jail Overcrowding, Prevention Programs Such A Drug Court, Mental Healthcare Court, It Runs The Gamut Of Benefits Economically And Socially To This Community.

I Think It Would Be Helpful If You And Perhaps Pete Could Put Together A List A Reminder To This Board.

And Right On Target, Never Been A Situation Where We Hire A Generalist And Say, Okay, Now We Hired You, We Have To Think What We Want You To Do.

That's Absurd.

Every Year We Have Priorities.

Ultimately With This Legislation We've Had To Take The Defensive.

We End Up As Commissioner Janes Indicated Contrary To The County's Interest Played Defense.

We Have To Have That Generalist To Represent Our Interest.

I Feel Like I'm In The Twilight Zone With This Discussion.

I've Seen We've Been Wrong In The Past And Need To Cover Our Own Community's Interest Making Sure We Have The Proper Consultants And Lobbyists To Assist Us In Our Efforts.

Comm. Hall: Let Me Get Us Out Of Twilight Zone.

What I'm Simply Stating Is A Request To Defer The R.Q. And To Accept Moving Forward With The Same Lobbyists Last Year For The Same Amount Of Money.

I Don't Have A Problem With The Lobbyists.

I Stated That Yesterday.

What I'm Saying With Good Conservative Value.

Maybe He Should Get \$120,000.

Not \$90,000 But Why Am I Approving That Waiver At The Exactly The Amount When I'm Saying To You And The Conversation We Had Was Let's Look At Our Priorities.

We May Want To Bring In Outside Folks To Do Things.

If I Have 10 Priorities And Five Handled By Someone Else, Do I Want To Pay \$95,000 Knowing -- And Also In My Opinion Want To Make Sure We Are Respected By Committee Meetings.

The Agenda Is Going To Happen In The Committee Meetings As They Come Up November, January And February, March, What Are Going To Be The Items And We've Gotten Late In That Sometimes.

But The Association Of Counties We've Always Had An Ear Up.

We Are Lobbyists.

Everybody Works Together And A Good Team Effort.

Stating Rather Than Rubber Stamp That Fee, Let's Just Make Sure We Are Looking.

We've Got To Bring In Other People, Does That Mean I Have To Go To Reserves To Bring On Other Folks And I Was Just Trying To Be More Conservative And Justify The Fee So That People Don't Feel We Are Just Turning Over They Contracts With No Discussion On The Fee.

There's No Doubt That David Bennett Has Brought Huge Value To The County.

But That Was Then, And This Is Now.

What Is He Working On Now, In What He's Working On Now Is This Directional Forward.

We've Been Moving Forward.

It's Not A Budget Item When You See These Cities, Cape Coral Identifying Possibly An 85% Increase Because Values Are So Low.

Everyone Recognizes The Value In The Past And The Present.

A We Go Forward, That's What We Are Paying Him For.

I Don't Have Problem With David Bennett Staying On Board And An Understanding What He'll Be Do.

A Huge Change In Our Correctional Philosophy And Hopefully A Huge Saving To Us On The Back End In Capital.

I Think That's Where You Need To Do The White Paper Is What He'll Be Continuing And Earning For That 65.5.

I Don't Have A Problem Being Reminded Of That.

I've Been Here Six Years, Some Only Three Year.

Time To Go Back Since 2003 And Bring That Forward.

As Far As Sarah Blakely Goes, When She Came Forward To Present The Recaps, She Was Asked To Do That.

She Didn't Wake Up And Say Let Me Go And Cover They.

Several Amendments We Were Working On.

She Was Asked To Recap The Amendments For Us.

All I'm Saying As We Go Forward With These, Make Sure We Understand And So The Public Understands In These Tight Budget Times What We Are Paying Information And Reaffirm That.

I'm Not Saying We Should Drop Anyone, That Anyone Is Not Doing Their Job, I Want To Be More Conservative And Say We'll Have Our Item List Out There.

If We Have To Add People, Know That Up Front And Make Sure We Are Getting Value For What We're Paying For.

At This Point, We Are.

I Want To Make The Assumption They'll Rubber Stamp When They Don't Know What's In That.

Chairman Judah: I Was Responding To Other Comments During The Discussion.

Comm. Hall: I Started This Conversation And Sorry It Morphed Into Something Else.

Based On The Conversation I'm Hearing, Rollover Contracts And Things Like That.

That's The World Of The Board Then We Can Move Forward.

I Completely Support All Of The Folks Working For Us.

They've All Brought Value And Savings To The County.

Lee County Regardless Of What People Want To Say, Lee County Is One Of The Most Respected Counties In The State For Our Business Practices And Innovation And Part Of That Is Because We Are Proactive And Proud Of The Staff And Board For Keeping Us In That Proactive Approach.

We Are Recognized Nationally In Our Human Services Issues, Utility Issues, We Have A Lot To Be Proud Of And This Is The Team That Makes It Happen.

It Doesn't Happen By One Person.

Thanks.

I Do Appreciate Bringing This Back Up, Commissioner Hall.

It's Causing Me To Think Maybe We Have Been A Little -- We've Been Picking And Choosing Who We Play Favors With Here.

For Instance I.T.G. We Decided We'll Going To Go Out And Rebid Their Services.

County Managers Decided To Get Rid Of The Guards On This City Block.

She's Taking A Look At That Contract And Decided We Need To Save Money There.

We Need To Probably Look At Mr. Arnold And Miss Blakely's Work And The List Can Just Go On And On.

Not Just Because We're Facing A Future That Is Unlike Any That We've Ever Seen Before In Our Lifetimes, I Know I Haven't.

I Think It's In The Taxpayer's Best Interest That We Revisit They, Not Perhaps As A Board, But That We Know That Administration Is Looking At Them In Detail.

What Are We Getting? What Kind Of Bang For The Taxpayer Dollar Are We Getting? And Let Us Know That We Are Where We Are.

If We're Going To Take Mr. Bennett's Contract And Just Look At As A Dollar Value, 67,500 A Year And Contracts With Other Governments A I'm, How Much Time Is He Spending Here

And Spending On Lee County And Netting 67,500 A Year.

I Don't Know.

I Couldn't Answer The Question, Either, Not Confidently.

We Need To Be Fair And Look At These Contracts We Have And Feel That They Are Justified Or Not.

If They Are Not, Find Alternatives Or Do Away With Them Just As We Did.

Comm. Hall: Commissioner, As All These Contracts Are Coming Up, We Are Looking At Them.

Mr. Bennett, There Are Some Specific Issues And We Can Get Those To You That He Is Working On And There Are Some Objectives That He Has In His Contracts And Specifics.

And There's New That He Is Sitting Down With Pete And I And Working On.

But We Can Get That Total.

A To Z, We Can Look At All Of Them.

Comm. Hall: Yes, Sir.

We Are Looking At Everything.

Chairman Judah: I Didn't Mean To Strike A Nerve With You.

I Mentioned Mr. Bennett.

His Specific Contract And Frankly I Would Agree With Commissioner Hall In The Sense I Don't Need A White Paper To Know What He's Done In The Past.

What We Are Talking About Is What He's Going To Be Doing This Budget Year And Paying For And That's A Valid Point And The Same Regard I Would Say That Two Years Ago When We Had The Entire Mining Industry State Wide Up Against Us And Able To Kill The Two Bad Bills And Not Let Them Get Away, The Potential Impact For Us Environmentally And Economically You Can't Measure Environmentally.

It Could Have Been In The Millions And Millions Of Dollars.

So Easy To Do A White Paper For That Year And Say We Had Money And Then Some.

But The Reason I Pulled That Item This Morning, I Think Relates To Everything We Are Talking About Here.

I'm Saying To Our County Administration Let's Not Just Rubber Stamp What We've Been Doing In The Past.

Let's Discuss This And What She's Saying She Is.

That These Are Not Going To Be Automatically We'll See If We Are Get Our Money's Worth Not Just In The Light Of The Economy Today Where People Are Fortunate To Be Dealing With Us Because They'll Get Paid And Paid Well.

But We Need To Look, Review Every Year And That's What Our Action Yesterday Kind Of, I Thought, We Are Going To Review This In Detail This Year To Make Certain We Are Getting Our Money's Worth And That Sort Of Thing And Clarity As To What These People Are Expected To Do I'm Comfortable With The Instructions Given To Review This Contract By Contract As They Come Up.

I Know Mr. Davis Will Do The Same Thing.

Comm. Hall: One Positive Thing.

I Want To Thank 11 Others Who Volunteered To Pick Up The Derelict Crab Traps That Are In Our Back Waters.

It's Quite A Problem.

They Capture Fish That, Unfortunately, Die Because No One Maintaining The Traps.

This Is A Great Service.

In Addition These Volunteers Go Out And Pick Up The Filament In The Water That Falls From The Trees.

We Want Them To Enjoy Our Waters But Great These People Once A Year Take Their Own Time To Maintain And Protect The Environment In The Waters In Which They Have To Make A Living From And Our Tourism Makes A Profit From And I Wanted To Personally Thank Mr. Ripa And 11 Other Commercial Fishermen Who Went Out And Volunteered That Day And The 13 Residential Volunteers That Went Out And Cleaned Up The Back Waters Of The Traps.

Thank You Very Much.

Chairman Judah: Well-Stated.

A Lot Of Hard Work.

Commissioner Janes? Comm. Janes: Advisory Committee Comments.

Chairman Judah: Okay.

There Is A Memo That Was Sent Regarding A Need For One Of The Commissioners To Participate In A Working Group Member With Regards To Development Of Total Maximum Load Requirements.

Comm. Hall: I'll Ask That You Do It If You Don't Mind.

Chairman Judah: I'm Fine With That.

Comm. Hall: Will You Volunteer? Chairman Judah: Happy To And Participate In All The Workshops.

Happy To Do So With A Motion By Commissioner Hall.

A Second? Seconded By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion, Objection.

I'll Provide A Report To The Board.

Any Further Discussion? Motion Passes And Let The Board Know And Value Commissioner Hall's Involvement To The Council, During The Month Of July When We Were In Recess, If You Remember Reading An Article In The Paper Where A Company, Their C.E.O. Was Rejected By The State In Partnership To Expand Operations With Their Company.

Really An Incredible Operation From The Standpoint Other Employees 40% Of Them Are High Level Doctorates In Chemistry, Biology, Microbiology.

They Take Algae And Not Just Any Algae, Worked On 10,000 Species Of Algae And Varieties To Ethanol.

They Have Operations In Spain, Germany And Labs And Office Space In Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Paul Woods Was Interested In Locating In The State Of Florida.

I Gave Him A Call.

I Put Him In Touch With Jim Moore And Now Pursuing The Potential Opportunities And Partnership And I Know He'll Give You All A Briefing If Anything Materializes.

I'm Hopeful That Something Will.

Tremendous Opportunities To Allow For Mr. Woods Who Lives Here In Lee County To Bring And Expand Operations Here In Lee County.

Another One Is Herbal Science.

They Take Extracts And Run Chemical Analysis To Isolate Molecules That Have The Potential For Urban Medicine And Curing Cancer.

Another Situation Like Where Jim Moore Is Targeting And C.E.O.S And Former C.E.O.S Have Retired Here In Lee County And Nothing Better Than To Offer Up Opportunities For

These C.E.O.S To Create New Business Or Expand Existing Ones.

This Is Where They Live And Another Opportunity.

Again I've Turned That Over To Jim Morris.

Jim Moore Is Handling Those Would Opportunities And, Of Course He's Done A Phenomenal Job As We Know In The Last Several Months Creating 1,000 Plus Jobs With Room To Expand And Recruiting New Business.

We Thank You For Your Effort And Working With That So I Want To Bring That Up To The Attention Of The Board.

Okay.

I Think, And, Of Course, You All Know Things It Not Work Out With Baltimore.

I Was 99.9% Certain We Would Bring The Orioles To Lee County.

Question Asked And Made By The Media And I Took The Bait And Still Reeling Over That Particular Statement.

I Am Just Really Frustrated Quite Honestly Because I Thought We Had A Great Business Arrangement And Lee County And The Baltimore Orioles.

Other Things Came In The Mix.

As You Know A Session To Pass A Committee Bill Which Never Got On To The Floor.

One We Could Have Been Entitled To Grant Funding.

Sarasota Did Get That Funding, \$7.5 Million And That's What Pretty Much Allowed Sarasota To Complete The Deal With The Orioles.

I Sent On Behalf Of This Board A Congratulation Correspondence To Sarasota And The Baltimore Orioles And Wish Them Well.

I Think The Orioles Will Add That Added Synergy Here On The West Coast Of Florida That Will Help Our Major League Baseball Attendance With The Twins And The Red Sox And Major League Baseball In General By Helping To Strengthen The Grapefruit League And Hopefully Putting An End To Baseball Teams Leaving Florida.

They Still Have Specifics To Work Out.

I Know That Our Staff And Want To Let You Know For Board Members We Don't Want To Leave That City Unidentified.

Other Major League Baseball Teams And Other Opposes Out There That Staff Are Looking Into.

If You All Would Like A Briefing Respectfully From Staff, I Know They Could Fill You In On Other Options They Are Pursuing, We'll Continue To Work With The City Of Fort Myers And Any And All Opportunities To Find Somebody A Suitable Home.

Just Much Too Nice A Facility And As I Said, At Least We Got Two Years, No Need To Panic.

But It's Unfortunate We Did Not Get The Orioles.

I Think It Will Be Good For The West Coast.

I Don't Know Any Questions Or Comments? I'd Like To Be Brief, That's For Sure.

To Know More About The Alternative Ideas.

As Opposed To Another Major League Team.

Sounds Like You Or Somebody Has Thoughts On That.

I'd Like To Be In The Loop On That.

Chairman Judah: If I Could, If You Could Set It Up With Jeff Milke To Brief The Commissioners As To Where We Are.

Comm. Hall: Are We Still Retaining John Yarbrough? Chairman Judah: Yes, We Are.

The Reason I Say That And That's A Good Question, He Was The Point Person For Baseball.

As I Said, Other Options And I'll Be Right Up Front, The Potential With The Washington Nationals, The Milwaukee Brewers And Toronto Blue Jays.

We're Still Looking At The Opportunity To Perhaps Attracting One Of Those Teams.

Having Said That, I'll Leave It Up To You.

Comm. Hall: What I'm Saying Is I Think We Need To Have A Working Understanding Of Who Is Working For The County On Our Behalf With They Understandings.

We Appointed Commissioner Judah To Continue To Work With Them, I Don't Have A Problem With That But We Need To Formalize That But At The Same Time This Board Understands Who Our Spokesperson Is In Major League Baseball Talking On Our Behalf.

One Of The Things I Didn't Want To Have Happen Is I Didn't Want A Volunteer Doing That.

We Need A Contractual Relationship As To What Their Role Is And What The Role Isn't.

These Are Big Contracts And A Lot Of Rumors Get Out And I Don't Want It To Be Misunderstood.

Now That We're Done And The Red Sox Done Because That's What He Was Hired For, If We're Going To Continue To Have Him Work Or Be Recruiting, I'd Like To Understand What That Relationship Is I Think That Needs To Come Back Ot Floor.

We Have A Flat Rate For Him, Not To Exceed Rate.

I Just Think I Would Like To Understand What That Relationship Is Going To Be.

So That All Of Us Understand What It Is So We're Not Lost In The Mix There.

A Good Point.

And Karen, Get Together What Work Would Be, Perhaps Get Back To All The Board Members.

I Think We Need To Approve That.

Chairman Judah: Okay.

Comm. Bigelow: We Don't Necessarily Need To Playoff It Because It's Under The Limit The County Manager Is Authorized It To Make Approval On.

As I Understand, 60 Some Thousand Dollars For A Year And I Don't Think We're At The End Of That Year, Are We? \$60,000 To Work On The Red Sox.

Recruiting Other Teams, We Need To Expand What The Contract Says And What It Is.

I Don't Think I Want Anyone Just Going Out There On Our Behalf Of The County Recruiting Without Understanding Who Is That Person, Who Is That Contact Person And Who Is Going To Be Engaged In That.

A Formal Organization Streamlines Communication Point.

If We Haven't Recognized Communication Isn't Our Long Suit On A Lot Of Issues.

I Want To Make Sure On This One It Is.

I Don't Want To Be Confused And Phone Calls Coming In And Five People Working On Something.

I Don't Have An Issue With John, I Want To Understand What It Is He Is Doing.

Just To Let You Know On That Red Sox Issue, A Not To Exceed Contract For \$50,000.

And We Will Be Working With Him, We'll Get Specific Objectives.

Comm. Hall: Expand That And See What It Is.

Chairman Judah: Fair Enough.

Comm. Mann: We Want Some Specificity.

A Contract That Will Roll Over.

We Needed Expertise With The Red Sox Issue.

We Had A Hot Team With The Orioles About To Move.

They Knew They Were Leaving And Where They Were Going.

We Could Hone In On That.

The Other Three, Mr. Chairman, That You Mentioned, Those Are Not As Hot A The Orioles Certainly Wasn't As Hot As We Are About To Lie The Red Sox.

This Is All Part Of This.

I Don't Think That You Need To Think That Just Because We Had Too Hot -- This Is His Scope Of Work Has Bound To Have Changed Dramatically And You Have To Talk It.

Sure Come Back.

We Know Him And Trust Him And He Knows He Has Contracts Put This Is Not At The Level He's Been And The Intensity Of Past Few Days.

Chairman Judah: That's Correct.

If I Could Trouble You To Step Up.

It's Good News.

Just Expand On The Recent Court Ruling Through The Florida Association Of Counties On The Contract Resolution Matter.

We'll Have To Encumber The Costs And Prevail In That Ruling.

A Budgetary Ratification Here To The Positive.

Diana Lewis, Budget Services.

Referring To, Commissioner, Is The Rules On The Conflict Council Which Through The Legislature Mandated To Certain Costs.

My Understanding That Decision Made Now That Legislation Is Unconstitutional.

Still A Little Bit Uncertain As To Who Exactly What That Means Now And I Would Refer To Mr. Owen About What The Teleprocess Is From There And When We Might Know Something Definitively.

On The Budget Ratifications? The Currents Use Budget As I Recall Is \$60,000 For Our Portion Of Their Costs.

They Have Not Spent All Of Those Dollars At This Point.

Administratively We're Not Processing Additional Expenditures At This Point In This Current Budget Year.

We Would Have Anticipated An Amount For Next Year's Budget.

A Request For Next Year's Amount And We Have That Request Decision Hasn't Been Made Whether We'll Put That In The Budget For Fiscal Year 9/10.

This Is Some Relief From The Court Of Appeals Now That Currently The County Is Not Mandated To Put The Costs In.

Can I Ask A Question? Chairman Judah: Or Diana Or Dave? Comm. Mann: A Bit Of Background Here.

We're Talking About, Aren't We, As A Zoning Board And Taken -- No? That's Not The Conflict Resolution? No, Commissioner.

What This Agency Is, Is An Extension Of The Public Defenders Office.

Specifically What Can Happen Is Multiple Defendants In A Criminal Case.

At Some Point The Defendants End Up With Different Interests President Historically What Happened Is Private Council Then Hired By The Public Defender's Office To Defend The Individual Defendants.

Two Years Ago The Legislature Said They Would Provide A State Agency To Resolve Those Professional Conflicts Through Council And Mandated That The Counties Provide Certain Of Those Costs.

Chairman Judah: Thank You For That Clarification.

Now I Know What You're Talking .

Good Morning, Again, Mr. Chairman.

The Last Piece Of The Puzzle When I Sent A Memo Down To Miss Lewis When She Set Something Up With What Does This Mean With Respect To The D.C.A. Opinion.

The State Still Has A Right To Appeal This.

The District Court Of Appeal And Time Hasn't Run Yet.

Until That Runs, That Order Is Not Final.

When The Order Is Final, Then We'll Take A Look At It Making Adjustments With Respect To Not Making Payments For The Region Conflict Council.

Held In The Right Direction Just Like On 360 And 227.

District Court Of Appeal Ruling Is Good.

The Order Is Good.

It's Solid But Times That Have To Be Run.

Times For Rehearings.

Times For Appeal To The Supreme Court Of The State.

Those Have Not Run Yet.

The Time For The Motions For Rehearing Motions, All Those Things, That Has Run.

I Have To Go Back Upstairs, Die Have The Memo With Me.

I Know Time For The Appeal Has Not Run Yet.

Until That's Run And The Order Is Final, Not A Lot We'll Be Doing.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, David.

Move Over To The Committee Appointments.

Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: I Have One.

Reappointment To Council.

Chairman Judah: Discussion, Observation.

Motion Passes.

Comm. Hall: A Reappointment To Human Services.

Chairman Judah: Discussion, Observation.

Motion Passes.

Commission Are Janes? Comm. Janes: Thank You.

Land Development Code Advisory Committee.

Industrial Development Authority, Human Services Council And Human Services.

Chairman Judah: Motion Passes.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: I Have Four.

The Street Lining District, The Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee And Special Improvement District.

Chairman Judah: Motion Passes.

Someone Take Up The Notion For Service Council.

Motion By Commissioner Janes, Discussion, Observation.

Motion Passes.

Move On To Karen.

County Manager.

I Have A Question.

The Head Hunter, I Think, Will Be Calling Down The List, Correct? Based Upon That Published Parameters, Right Had.

That's Correct, Commissioner.

Comm. Mann: Will We Be Provided The Reasons For His Pulling, Give Us The Reasons As To Why -- And We'll See That List? Scheduled To Meet With All Of You, It Will Be Scheduled To Meet With All Of You.

You Will Receive All The Applications Then Prioritized.

He Will Be Meeting With You Individually To Go Through The Applications.

At That Time He'll Be Identifying Why Based On -- Because He Met With You Individually At The Beginning Of This Process, Listened To What The Qualities You Were Looking For In This Individual.

He Will Be Meeting With You.

Comm. Bigelow: And Are We In That Period Of Time Where The Public Can Submit Questions Or Concerns? Not Yet.

That Will Be At The End Of The Month That The Website Will Be Open For Questions.

Comm. Bigelow: And That's A Very Short Period Of Time, Isn't It In.

About A Week.

About A Week.

Go Six Days And Over A Weekend, Which Is Good.

Comm. Bigelow: Over One Weekend.

All Right.

Thank You.

Comm. Janes: On That, I'd Be A Little Uncomfortable Asking For The Reasons That He Cut Somebody.

I Think That Might Get Him In Problems, Too, And I Don't Think He's Going To Want To Do This.

I Refer To Do This A Watch The Cream Float To The Top And The Ones Left Are The Ones Best To Review.

Comm. Mann: We'll See The Ones He Cut.

Comm. Janes: The Ones That Make It To The Top But Not Just Because They Are Bad People Or Negatives.

And Why Would He Want To Go Publicly.

Comm. Mann: We'll Have The Opportunity To Discuss That Privately.

Comm. Janes: We Can Do It Privately.

If You Have A Favorite That Fell Out.

He's Got To Reduce The List.

From 78 To The Top 10.

I'm Not Sure What Number He Is Going To Come Up With Whether It's 10 Or 12.

He's Basing His Evaluation On The Profile That We Provided To Him Which You Have All Seen.

The Individual Meetings You Had With Him And The Qualities You Identified For.

And Also Doing A Background Screening On The Applicants He's Going To Be Proposing To You All.

And Based On That, A Short List, But Identify Though That Meet The Qualities You Were Looking For.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Karen.

David? All Right.

We're Adjourned.