

October 20, 2009

Chairman Judah: Good Morning.

We Have A Full House This Morning.

If You Could All Turn To Your Cell Phones Off, And A Fair Warning At This Point In Time.

Otherwise You Would Be Donating Money To Your Favorite Charity.

And Also, To Those Listening In, It's Great To Be Here This Morning For The Board Meeting Of October 20th, And We Will Start Off With The Invocation From Pastor Ryan Deans From Life Church.

And Pastor Dean Is Not Here, So We Have Pastor David Owen.

Please, Rise.

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman.

Good Morning, Everyone.

Just Recognize Our God This Morning Before Begin Our Meeting.

Please Guide Us Here To Do Your Business This Morning In These Chambers.

Help Us To Listen Carefully To Each Other, Respect And Humility.

Give Us Wisdom, Strength, Moral Courage To Address The Task That We Have Ahead Today.

We Ask You To Give Us These Blessings, Amen.

Chairman Judah: If You Could Please Remain Standing.

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.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, David.

We Have Quite A Few Ceremonial Resolutions To Move Forward With.

And They're All Extremely Meaningful And We Will Start With The First One, Actually A Presentation Of Grant Funds, But That Is Being Deferred Until We Actually Receive Those Grant Funds From The Department Of Energy.

That's Probably A Good Executive Decision Not To Have The Receipt Of The Ceremonial Check Until We Receive The Real Check.

We'll Defer That Until We Received The Monies From The Department Of Energy.

We Will Now Move On To The Ceremonial Presentation Recognizing Some Wonderful Students That I Had An Opportunity To Meet A Few Minutes Ago From The Dominican Republic.

And Leonardo Garcia, Who We All Know, Well Respected Member Of Our Community, And Now More Recently The President Of The Hispanic Business Alliance, Has Done So Much With Improving International Relations.

He Has Done So Much To Provide Opportunities For Children Not Only In This Area, But Also In The Dominican Republic.

I'm Going To Ask That You Step Forward With Your Students, And I Understand You Have Representatives From The Media Of The Dominican Republic.

Welcome To Have Free Access Here In The Commission Chambers.

I Know They Won't Take Advantage Of The Protocol That We Have Here In The Commission Chambers, But It's Nice To Have Everybody.

Bienvenidos.

Gracias.

Thank You So Much.

Nice To Meet You.

Thank You.

Hello.

Nice To See You.

Nice To See You.

Hi There.

Nice To Meet You.

Hi There.

Hello.

My Goodness.

Hi There.

They Can Stay Right There.

Please.

It's A Great Honor On Behalf Of The Board Of County Commissioners To Read The Resolution.

Whereas A Healthy Largely Dependent Upon The Energy An Vision Of Those Individuals Who Step Forward Into Positions Of Leadership, Whereas The 10 Students Here Today, I Think It Might Have Grown To 12, Have Proven Their Leadership To Both Youth And Adults In The Dominican Republic Through Outstanding Academic Achievements And Serving As Positive Role Models.

And Where As The Dominican Foundation Regulars Your Leadership Potential An Has Chosen To Invest This Time New To Encourage You To Reach Your Full Leadership Potential.

Where As The Lee County Board Of County Commissioners Is Proud To Welcome This New Leadership Group To Florida.

Now Therefore It Be Resolved By The Board Of County Commissioners That We Do Welcome The Group, I Want To Be An International Leader To Serve Others To Lee County, Florida And Encourage All Citizens To Congratulate These Youth For Their Desire To Serve The Larger Community.

Our Hope Is That Your Visit Will Strengthen In You A Sense Of Purpose, Self-Confidence, And Personal Responsibility As You Continue With Drive And Determination To Emerge As A Future World Leader As A You Have That Within You.

On This The 20th Day Of October 2009 And As Chairman Of The Board Of County Commissioners, I'm Pleased To Sign The Resolution.

I'm Going To Present These Resolutions To You.

At This Time Perhaps If You Could Once Again Come Back Here With The Students, Turn Around, Stand In Front Of Us And We'll Have Photo Ops And Then We'll Hear From You, Ok? .

We Need Two More.

Chairman Judah: Are You Going To Go Up There? Ok.

The Others Can Follow You, If You Like.

They Can Go To The Balcony, We Can Wait A Few Minutes.

Frank Mann Will Be Our Interpreter While The Students Are Here.

[Applause] [Laughter] Comm. Hall: He Only Knows Four Words.

Chairman Judah: Thank You All Very Much.

[Applause] Say A Few Words? And If They Could Please Stay With You.

Ok, Good Morning Everyone.

Buenos Dias.

Commissioners, We're Very Appreciative Of This Opportunity To Recognize The Official Leaders Of The Dominican Republic Who Came To This Area To Participate In This Leadership Program.

And Also To Serve The Community.

On Thursday, These Students Will Be Cleaning The Building -- One Second.

Ok.

On Thursday, The Students Will Be Cleaning The Building And Also Cook Dominican Dinner For The Residents.

As Part Of The Service That They Are Doing For Lee County.

And I Just Wanted To Have One Student To Say A Few Words To All Of You And To The Community.

Maleni? Hello, Good Morning.

My Name Is Maleni.

I'm From Santiago City.

I Would First Like To Thank Everyone For Being Here On This Beautiful Morning With Us.

And I Feel So Thankful Because The Help You Have Given Us, And I Hope God Bless You, And Along With My Partners, We Say Thank You To You.

Good Morning.

[Applause] As You Can See, They Also Learn English In The Dominican Republic.

Thank You To All Of You This Morning.

Chairman Judah: Thank You Very Much.

[Applause] .

Chairman Judah: Thank You Very Much.

Now Everybody Wash Their Hands Because Of Swine Flu.

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Chairman Judah: Enjoy Your Stay In Lee County.

Thank You.

Ok, The Next Ceremonial Resolution Is Recognizing The Great Festival.

I'm Going To Ask Betsy To Step Forward.

It's Always Good To See You.

What Year Is This Now? Fourth Year? Just A Phenomenal Festival.

And Thank You For All Your Efforts And Those That Volunteer Their Time Along With You.

The Resolution Reads As Follows.

Whereas The Caloosa Blueway Will Celebrate Three Counties Canoe And County Trail Which Distributes Nearly 17,000 Annually And Attracts 95,000 Visitors Yearly To Its Website.

Lee County Volunteers Donated More Than 2,900 Hours In 2008 Which Translates Into \$59,800 Of Service.

Saw A 70% Increase In Participation Between 2007 And Last Year With 112% Increase In Overnight Guests, Whereas The Festival Which Began Friday, October 23rd, And Runs 10 Days Through Sunday, November 1st Has Supported 17 Lodging Partners, Two Dozen Outfitters, A Half A Dozen Paddling Clubs And More Than 80 Area Businesses That Have Signed On For V.I.P.

Caloosa Blueway Wrist Band Program.

Whereas The Festival Coordinated By Lee County Parks And Recreation Offering Fishing, Speakers, Eco Friendly Activities, Cultural Events, Guided Tours, Waterway Cleanups And

Hospitality Events.

Whereas Said Festival Includes The 10 Communities, Fort Meyers Beach, Bonita Springs, North Fort Meyers And Others, We Do Here Continue To Support The Stewardship Of The Blueway Harbors To Future Support Of Caloosa Blueway Festival To The Residents Of This Great County.

This 20th Day Of October, The Chair Of The Board Is Proud To Sign The Resolution.

Would You Please Step Forward? [Applause] Along With Betsy, We Have Pat And Ben Desmond, Volunteers For The Blue Wave Festival.

I Think I May Have An Extra One.

Thank You.

Congratulations.

Just Don't Stand Sideways.

All Right, One, Two, Three.

Chairman Judah: Betsy, We Would Love To Hear From You.

Thank You For Your Time Today.

We All Know The Reason People Come To Lee County Is For The Beaches.

But I Would Argue That It's What's Behind The Beaches That Really Is Lee County's Natural Beauty An Magic.

Of Course That's Where Our Paddling Trail Is, And That's What This Festival Is About, Celebrating Our Backwaters And Estuaries And Places Where We Have Lots Of Nature.

But I Wanted To Point Out This Festival Is A Celebration Of Ecotourism For Our First Timers And Repeat Visitors, It's A Celebration Of Rediscovery For Those Of Us Who Live Here And Need The Extra Nudge To Get Out There.

And It's A Celebration Of Partnerships.

Lee County Park And Rec Has The Support Of The Convention Bureau, But Certainly It's The Businesses, Both Large And Small, Specific Groups, The Nonprofits, The Other Government Organizations, And Of Course Our Volunteers Who Help Make Not Only The Festival Happening But Make The Caloosa Blueway A Great Place.

I Appreciate Your Support Of It And For Those Of You In The Room And Watching On Tv, We Certainly Invite Everybody To Come.

There's Something For Everybody During The 10 Day.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Betsy.

[Applause] Betsy, You've Been Such A Wonderful Ambassador For Lee County.

Thank You So Much For Your Effort.

Particularly With Some Of The Volunteers Like Pat Lupino And Brad Desmond.

Comm. Bigelow: May I Put In A Public Service Announcement Here.

If You Want More Information Please, If Anybody Is Tuning In, Go To Caloosablueway.Com.

Chairman Judah: Thanks, Commissioner Bigelow.

We Now Move Forward To Hear From Ken And Receive A Presentation From Executive Director Of The Planning Council.

Good Morning? How Are You? Chairman Of The American Association Section Of Florida.

The State Of Florida, American Planning Association Presented Two Awards During Its Annual Conference In 2009.

These Two And Only Of Seven Awards Presented By The American Planning Association This Year.

The Two Awards Of Merit Were For The Lehigh Plan And The Ground Water Resource Area.

These Two Studies Are Significant Because Together They Comprise Nearly 145,000 Acres Of Lee County.

The 2009 Award Of Merit Best Practices Category, Lehigh Acre Community Plan.

Congratulations, Lee County.

[Applause] Ok.

Ready? Ready.

Go.

Thank You, Ken.

And Then Mary? The Second Award Presented By The American Planning Association Of Florida Is The 2009 Award Of Merit, Grassroots Category, Prospects For Southwest Lee County, Planning For The Density Reduction Water Resource Area.

Congratulations, Lee County.

All Right! [Applause] Chairman Judah: Mary, You Rarely Have Nothing To Say.

Why Don't You Just Step Forward For A Few Minutes? We're Receiving The Work, But The Work Is Done By You.

Muchas Gracias.

Oh, Just To Say One Thing, We Were Really Fortunate From A State There Was Only Seven Awards Giving Out In The Whole State, And We Got Two Of Those.

So I Think That Was A Very Good Demonstration Of The County's Commitment To Planning.

I'd Like To Thank Wayne Because Lehigh Was His Idea, Even Though We Cursed Him A Few Times For It.

Wayne? What A Pleasure To Get Awards For Work Other People Did.

[Laughter] [Applause] Chairman Judah: And Ken, Shouldn't Go Unnoticed.

The Great Work You And Your Staff Are Doing With The Regional Planning Council.

Thank You So Much, Ken.

On To Ceremonial Presentations Regarding Community Planning Month And Turn It Over To Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

Appreciate It.

Before I Do This, I Just Want To Say, Commissioner, Just I See You Over There With Your Face Of Curiosity About What This Is On My Lapel.

Yes, It Was On My Mind, Yeah.

[Laughter] Comm. Bigelow: I'm Glad You Asked.

It's A Gator.

The Tie Just Happen To Be Coincidental.

It's My Little Moment Of Shining.

All Right.

Excuse Me While I Gloat.

Go Gators.

Ken, Thank You For Being Here.

Could You Please Take The Podium And Wayne, And Mary Please Come Forward.

Anyone Else In The Audience? Come On I Think You Qualify As A Community Planner Of Sorts.

Anyone Else? They're All Working.

Anyone Else Who Fancies Themselves As A Community Planner? Ok, Ken Thank You For Being Here.

Appreciate It.

Whereas Changes Affect All Counties, Cities And Towns And Whereas Community Planning Can Help To Manage This Change In A Way That Provides Better Choices For How People Work And Live, And Whereas Community Planning Provides An Opportunity For All Residents To Be Meaningfully Involved, In Making Choices That Determine The Future Of Their Community, And Whereas The Full Benefits Of Planning Require Public Officials And Citizens Who Understand, Support And Demand Excellence And Planning, And Whereas The Month Of October Is Designated As National Community Planning Month Throughout The United States Of America.

And Where As The American Planning Association, The American Institute Of Certified Planners And The Local Chapter Endorse National Community Planning Months As An Opportunity To Highlight The Contributions, Sound Planning And Planned Implementation Make To Schedule Of Life.

Contributions, Sound Planning And Plan Implement Make To Quality Of Life.

And, Whereas We Recognize The Many Valuable Contributions Made By Professional Planners Of The State Of Florida, And Extend Our Heartfelt Thanks For The Continued Commitment To Public Service By These Professionals.

Now Therefore It Be It Resolved By The Board Of Lee County Commissioners Of Florida, We Do Hereby Proclaim October 2009 As Community Planning Month.

Duly Executed This 20th Day Of October 2009, Signed By The Honorable Chairman, Ray Judah.

[Applause] Thank You So Much.

Appreciate It.

Thank You.

There You Go.

He's Not Really A Planner.

I Qualify As A Planner.

Ok, One, Two, Three.

Thank You.

You're Welcome.

Thank You, All.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: There's Been Great Planning Efforts With This Rapidly Growing Region We Live In Called Lee County, But If Not For The Staff That Helps To Implement Our Policies And Objectives, We Wouldn't Be Able To Have The Quality Of Life That We All Enjoy In This Community, And We Do Value Our Employees And It's With A Great Honor To Provide The Employee Length Of Service Award At This Time.

So Fellow Board Members To Step Down, We Get A Chance To Thank Them.

Hi, Chris.

Good Morning, Christine Brady An I'm Here With Elaine Schultz.

We're Going To Do Things A Little Bit Differently, So If We Could Ask All The Five-Year Recipients To Gather In The Back Of The Chairman Bench, And Then When We Get To The 10-Year, We'll Ask The 10, The 15 And So On.

Right There, Ok.

We're Here This Morning To Present Length Of Service Awards To All Eligible Employees For The Third Quarter Of 2009.

These Awards Represent Collectively 970 Years Of Service To Lee County Government.

For Those Employees Present As I Call Out Your Name, Please Step Forward To Receive Your Pin And Greet The Commissioners And County Administration And Remain Off To The Side In Order To Take A Group Photo At The End Of The Presentation.

Starting With Five Years Of Service, Carol Bell, Library.

[Applause] Tommy Blakeman, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Anthony Bullock, Facilities Management.

Jennifer Byrd, C.D.C. Development Services.

[Applause] Jimmy Cail, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Katherine Case-Bradley, Library.

[Applause] Howard Coachman, Jr., D.O.T.

Engineering.

[Applause] Edward Edwards, Facility Management.

[Applause] Kim Gonzalez, Public Resources.

[Applause] Esther Gonzalez, Library.

Carolyn Macdonald, Library.

[Applause] Michael Mccannon, Utilities.

[Applause] Charles Moorefield, D.C.D., Development Services.

[Applause] Christopher Nafziger, Library.

[Applause] Joanne Patnode, Library.

[Applause] Omar Perez-Acevedo, Utilities.

[Applause] Raul Quintanilla, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Daniel Schulte, Public Safety [Applause] Daniel Schultz, Fleet Management.

Jason Snyder, Facilities Management.

Jo Anne Starr, Library.

[Applause] Richard Weigel, D.O.T. Traffic.

[Applause] Kevin Wells, Library.

[Applause] If I Can Ask The 10-Year Recipients To Gather In The Back.

We'll Start 10 Years With Janet Calkins From Library.

[Applause] Cheryl Carbone, Utilities.

[Applause] Christopher Frueh, Utilities Management.

[Applause] Patricia Howell, Human Services.

[Applause] Roland Lapage, Transit.

[Applause] Maelee Madrigal, Library.

[Applause] Thomas Mamott, Utilities.

[Applause] Rafiu Oyebanjo.

[Applause] Congratulations.

Clifford Parker, Jr., D.O.T.

Engineering.

[Applause] David Pinheiro, Construction And Design.

[Applause] Joanne Sumner, Facilities Management.

[Applause] Margaret Tolbert.

Public Resources.

[Applause] Curt Vokoun, Public Safety.

[Applause] Linda White, Utilities.

[Applause] If I Can Ask The 15-Year Recipients To Gather In The Back.

15 Years Of Service With Lewis Brell, D.O.T. Operations.

[Applause] Mark Denegri, Utilities.

[Applause] Barbara Goins, Human Services.

[Applause] Randy Layman, Fleet Management.

Jose Lopez, Fleet Management.

If We Can Have Our 20 Year Recipients Gather In The Back.

Starting With 20 Years Of Service, Charles King, D.C.D.

Development Services.

Kimberly Sanders, Public Safety.

Christopher Wicburg, Public Safety.

Starting With 25 Years Of Service, Thomas Brewsaugh, Security Management.

[Applause] Michael Carstensen, Facilities Management.

Mary Gibbs, D.C.D.

Administration.

And Finally With 25 Years Of Service, Karen Shilling From Fleet Management.

[Applause] Congratulations To All These Employees, And Thank You To You As Much As To Lee County.

[Applause] If We Can Get Everybody As Close Together As We Can.

We'll Let Stacey Get A Picture.

Congratulations.

Well Deserved.

You Need To Pull In A Little Bit Closer.

A Little Bit More.

Thank You.

[Applause] Chairman Judah: On Behalf Of The Board, Thank You Very Much, Karen.

That's The Presentation.

Ok.

Chairman Judah: We Do Have A Recap, And The Carry-On Item Number One.

The One Issue That Concerns Me Is It Indicates It As Being Deferred Indefinitely And This Is An Extremely Critical Project For The Water Resource Conservation Standpoint And Public Safety Standpoint.

Can We Defer This One Week As Opposed To Indefinitely? To Entertain A Motion.

Motion To Defer One Week And Second Under Discussion.

Commissioner Mann? Comm. Mann: We'll Defer It To Take Action Next Week, Is What You're Saying? Chairman Judah: Correct.

If We Can't Do It At That Time, We Can Defer It Again.

I Just Didn't Want It To Go On Indefinitely.

Comm. Mann: Well I Did, I Just Want To Make Certain It Be Done.

One Of The Property Owners Most Directly Affected Had To Sit Through This All Morning Here And Now We're Going To Ask Him To Come Back Again? Chairman Judah: Right.

Comm. Mann: Next Week? Chairman Judah: Right.

Comm. Mann: Make Certain This Is A Top Priority We Can Get To It Quickly.

Chairman Judah: We Can Do That, Absolutely Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Hall: Next Week So We Can Get Him Out.

Chairman Judah: We'll Do That.

Some Definitive Direction To Our Staff, To Bring This Item Regarding The Creek Restoration Back To The Board For Action Next Week, As Opposed To Just Deferring It Indefinitely And You Will Have No Knowledge In The Interim As To When It Would Come Back To Board.

So Certain It Will Be Heard Next Week.

And Out Of Courtesy And Respect For You, Sir, For Having To Stay Here This Morning For This Length Of Time.

This Item Will Come Up At The Beginning Of The Agenda.

Yes, Next Week.

Comm. Mann: Sorry.

Chairman Judah: Any Further Discussion? Yes, Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: Just To Point Out Something.

E-Mail To John Renner That He Forwarded To Us.

He's Saying That There Are Numerous Benefits In This Project But He's Also Saying There Are No Current Mandates Or Directives In Doing This Work At This Time.

And I Don't Know, I Guess I Need Help Here, Karen.

Chairman Judah: We Can Discuss That Next Week, If You Like.

Comm. Bigelow: I Think I Would Like To Know In Advance And Get Some Information On This.

Seems To Me This Is Something We Need To Be Looking At In Our Strategic Planning With Respect To Natural Resources.

And, Maybe It's Untimely To Be Putting It On An Agenda Item Next Week In Light Of The Fact That As All Directors Are Going To Be Embarking On A Strategic Planning Process,

Maybe This Is Something That Would Be Reviewed In That Process.

Just A Suggestion, But In Advance Of Next Week's Decision, Which Looks To Be Imminent I Guess, I Would Like Some More Information.

This Is Just The Beginning Of A Decision Process, But I Will Like To Know What's Your Game Plan With Respect To This Property.

If You Provide More Descriptive And Informative Positions On Paper For Each Of The Board Members For Next Tuesday, And That Will Be Made Available To The Public.

Comm. Bigelow: And Maps.

Chairman Judah: Any Objection? Motion Passes Then.

This Will Be Deferred One Week.

In Regards To Consent Item 7-B That Will Be Moved To The Administrative Agenda.

And We Have Two Walk-On Items.

So It's Just Two Walk-On Items After Consent And Administrative Agenda.

We'll Take Public Comment On The Administrative Agenda.

First One Is Charlie Green.

Good Morning.

Good Morning I Would Like To Wait Until The Acquisition Discussion.

Comm. Janes: No, You Will Have Your Opportunity Right Now, Charlie.

I'm Filing A Bid Protest With Regard To The Technology Committee.

And Doris Is Passing Out The Folders.

If You Stop And Look At The Methodology That Was Used, There's Three Problems.

First Of All The Qualifications Of The People That Made This Selection, There's Not Enough Technology People On There.

Secondly There Was No Consideration For Cost.

Can You Give Me Some Time Ray, Or Are You Going To Give Me The Three Minute Boot.

Chairman Judah: I'll Try To Be Lenient, Charlie.

It Won't Take But About 10 Minutes.

Let Me Get My Presentation Going.

In Front Of You On Your Screen, You Have The First Slide With Technology Information.

And Then On The Second Page, If You Look On The Background -- Let Me Collect That For You.

Up On There, You Will See That The Current Outsources Contract Of \$8.5 Million Is Annually For \$51.3 Million Over Seven-Year Period.

And Does Not Include Hardware And Software.

Let Me First Say That This Is A Lot Of Money And We Need To Be Very Cognizant Of Cost.

And I Will Get Into That A Little Deeper.

The Second Up There Is On May 5th, At Your M.M.P. Meeting You Requested Your I.T. Director To Go Out And Seek Bids.

Your I.T. Director At That Meeting Requested A Two-Year Contract Extension.

You Rejected That.

And Then Third, Once Again, You Rejected That Request For An Extension.

Ok, The Three Points I Want To Go Over, Selection Committee Performance.

Eliminate Of Technology Services.

Bid Process Limitations.

First, Let Me Read, If I Might, The Comment That Was Made.

I Don't Have Any Formal Way Of Doing It Other Than I Think We Should Just Open It Up.

Maybe Just Go All Around And Discuss Our Process Of Reviewing Them And What We Think The Candidates.

How Does That Sound? That's Your Committee Chair.

There's No Methodology In Place? No Plan.

I'm Not Getting The Second Selection Up Here.

Ok.

The Second Part Of That Is I Think When You're Going To Have An Expenditure Of \$40 Million Bucks You Need To Be Prepared To Discuss It At Your Meeting.

Ok, Lack Of Structure Favored Opinions And Priorities Of Committee Members, And The I.T. Director's Current Agenda.

And Without Having Costs Involved Or Without Having A Plan, Then You Already Have A Predisposition To Go To The Favourite Which Is Your I.T.

Director Want Odd Two-Year Extension.

You Asked For Competitive Bids You, Didn't Get That.

Second Next Slide, Doris.

The Committee Did Not Adhere To Published Process.

The Committee Was Unaware That They Were Supposed To Check References Before The First Meeting.

This Is Published On Your Contract Website.

There Were No One Checked Any References Before The Meeting.

Most Committee Members Lacked Qualifications And I Think That's Apparent If You Read The Transcript.

Part Number Two, Eliminate Of Technology Services.

Selection Committee Biased Against Non-Commercial Solution And Here Again, I'll Get Into More Detail On That.

Second One Elimination Not Based Often Submitted Material.

And Erroneous Assumptions And Statements Were Used To Eliminate Technology Services.

Next Slide.

Customer Base Is Very Weak.

I Think I Almost Fell Out Of My Chair At My Defect When I Read That Comment In The Minutes Of That Meeting.

Weak? We Touch Every Single Department In Lee County.

We Process All Your Bills.

We Pay All Of Your Invoices.

We've Plugged In, We're Also At The Airport.

We Touch State Agencies.

We Are As Integrated In This County As You Can Get.

Very Weak.

That's Kind Of An Interesting Statement.

Next Slide.

No Outsourcing Experience.

The Very Nature That We Crossed All These Lines Is Outsourcing.

Enough On That.

Ok Next One.

This Is Still An Elimination Of Services.

I Don't Question The Fact That They Could Do A Lot Of It.

But, Were They Qualified? Of Course We're Qualified.

That's Why We Submitted.

Next One.

I Question Whether Or Not We Will Be A Priority To Them.

The County Of Lee Is Always Been A Priority To The Clerk's Office.

Has Anyone Here Missed A Paycheck Or Had A Bill Not Paid In A Contractual Agreement In The County We Would Treat You Like Any Other Contract Vendor.

If You Don't Perform, You Don't Pay Us.

Of Course You're A Priority To Us.

Every Single Function That Goes On In These Surroundings Are A Priority To Us.

We're Part Of This.

I Found That Statement Kind Of Irritating.

Could You Summarize.

I'm Getting There, Ray.

Chairman Judah: Thank You.

They're Not Going To Hire An Additional People Just Distribute The Work Load.

We Currently Have 40 Something Employees, I Think The Vendor Has About 50.

We Would Hire As Many People As It Would Take, But The Question Is How Many People Does It Take.

It's Not A Question Of Numbers Of People, It's Getting The Service Done.

You Will Have A Separate Entity That Would Be Servicing Your Departments.

I Do Have Concern About Accountability Because They Are In-House As Well As Taxpayer Funded.

Well Who Else Would Pay For Our Services? And Who Is Paying The Third Party Vendor? Is It The Taxpayer? Why, Yes! Yes, It Is.

Next.

Still Elimination.

What That Tells Me Too Is They Are Very Cost Conscious.

Trying To Do The Cheapest.

That's Not Always The Best Way To Go.

Yeah, We're Cost Conscious, Particularly Now.

We Have Made It Clear That We Can Save The County Money.

Cost Is Very, Very Important In This Kind Of An Agreement.

Next.

Doesn't Make Sense To Switch Vendors Unless Other Vendors Have Something Above And Beyond What We've Already Seen.

In Other Words I'm Looking For A Wow Factor.

I'll Give You A Wow Factor.

How About A Million And A Half To Two Million Dollars In Savings? That's A Wow Factor.

That's Annually.

Three Process Limitation.

The Selected Bid Process Ignores Cost.

Sometimes This Is A Fairly Decent Way To Go Forward.

But In A Current Economic Condition That We Have, I Think The Best Way In Particular For This Item Cost Is Very Important.

You Can't Do An R.F.Q.

You Need To Get The Best Possible Prize To Find That It Was You Want As A County An See What The Price Is.

This Is A Commodity, Not Some Kind Of A Dream That You're Drawing.

This Is A Service.

Eliminates Competitive Pricing.

Right Away Because You Have One Vendor Selected And Then Once You Go An Make Your Vendor Selections, You Go To That Vendor.

If You Don't Get The Price Up Or Can't Come To Agreement You Go To The Second Vendor.

If You Condition Do It You Go To The Third.

You've Got To Include Price In There.

There's Opportunities Here And I'll Give You An Example, The Telephone.

If I Move From My Office Over There Across The Street In The Justice Center Over Here To Some Other Billion, I Can't Take My Phone With Me.

Because Nortel, We've Sunk Millions Of Dollars Into It, It's Been An Ineffective Phone Company.

There Are Plenty Of Phone Services Out There That We Should Be Looking At To Try To Bid On Our Thing.

Currently We Pay \$1,100 Per Phone.

We've Eliminated About 50 Phones In Our Office.

To Wrap Up -- I Know You're Happy About That, Ray.

High Quality Technology Services Do Not Have To Cost A High Premium.

But You Have To Know What You Want.

Qualify Weights And Costs Need To Be A Part Of The Selection.

And The Selection Committee Needs To Be Comprised To Individuals That Have A Strong Background In Technology.

There Are Services Out There That Can Help You Put Together That Group.

When You Selected Your County Manager, Thank Goodness She Was Internally But Before You Went And Selected Karen, You Hired Someone That You Were Going To Pay \$25,000 To Help Select Someone Who Is Going To Make Up To \$250,000 A Year.

We're Talking About Spending \$40 To \$50 Million Over Four, Five, Seven Year.

You Could Have Called, You Can Get Other Services, People Can Help You Do That.

You Don't Have To Work, You Need To Bring In Professionals.

And Finally On My Last Sheet.

I Will Like To Say How Disappointed I Am That We Were Not Given The Consideration To Go To The Next Step.

We Were Deemed Unqualified.

That Kind Of Stung Me A Little Bit.

I Only Want What Is Best For Lee County.

And In This Economy Reducing Cost Is Definitely To The County's Best Interest.

We Have An Opportunity To Save A Tremendous Amount Of Money Per Year.

I Will Like For You To Consider Rejecting The Recommendation Of The Selection Committee, And Restart The Selection Process Using The Methodology That Includes Cost Along With Qualifications.

And Thank You For Your Time.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Charlie.

Mr. Schmidt, Good Morning.

Paul Schmidt.

I Will Like To Have Mr. Green Speak For Me, I Think.

Anyway I'm Going To Try, Counsel Told Me Speak When You're Angry, You Will Make The Best Speech You Will Ever Regret.

I Want To Apologized For The Board By Wasting My Time With My Correspondence.

Chairman Judah: You Didn't Waste My Time.

The County Owns 6,000 Acres Next To The Half Acre My Land They Feel They Need.

And We're Looking Ahead To The Condemnation Process Should It Go That Far.

Juries And Judges Are Real People.

They Do Apply Good Judgment.

It's Not A Need.

They Can Build This Structure On Their Own Property.

The Sad Thing About This Is That For 18 Months My Wife And I Have Worked With These People All Along.

Frank Will Tell You, I Understand How Some Of These Things Work.

All Along I Kept Asking, Is This Going To Eventually Come Into Going Through Creek And Taking People -- No, Won't Ever Happen.

We Got All The Land We Need Over Here.

And For 18 Months We Were Deceived, Basically.

And Here We Are Today As A Result Of That.

And I Can't Tell You How Many Hours I've Spent On This, Just Dealing With The Commissioners And Sending Correspondence.

And I Apologize I Didn't Make Myself More Clear.

I Thought We Would Have Moved This On Into If Not -- What Do You Call It, Frank? Deferred Indefinitely? I Would Have It Deferred Indefinitely.

They Don't Need To Take My Land.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Anyone Else That Would Like To Speak On The Consent Administrative Agenda? Ok, Matt, Good Morning.

Some Hard Acts To Follow Here.

For The Record, Matt Uley. I'm Here Representing The Mccartal Trust On Consent Item 2-B.

The Extension On Their Impact Fee Credits.

We Support The Staff Recommendation On That Item.

And Then We're Here To Answer Any Questions If You Have Any.

I Just Wanted To Point Out Some Information That We Put Up In The Backup, Which Is The Circumstances In This Case.

They Consistent Of The Fact That Mr. Mccardell In 1986 Paid A Donation Of \$300,000 When The County Adopted A School Impact Fee.

They'll Get Credit For That Donation.

Instead, Due To A Variety Of Circumstances, They Did Not Get The Just Compensation Says At That Time.

If The Picture In The Backup Shows You, Mr. Mccartal Got For It Was A T-Shirt.

And So, We Think Under The Circumstances, That The Extension Of This Particular Credit Is Very Appropriate.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: Thank You, Matt, Again, Anyone Else Wish To Speak? Seeing None, We'll Go Back To The Board.

Items To Be Pulled On The Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Bigelow? Comm. Bigelow: One, 16-D.

16-D As In Dog.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Hall.

Comm. Hall: None.

Commissioner Mann? 3-A.

Chairman Judah: Ok.

The Consent Agenda.

Comm. Hall: So Moved.

Chairman Judah: Second By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objection? Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

Commissioner Bigelow, 16-D.

Comm. Bigelow: Yes.

This Is A Resolution To Record Authority For Disposal Of An E.M.S. Helicopter In Fiscal Year 2009.

That He The Fiscal Year Behind Us.

Wow, This Is A Clerk Of Court Issue.

I Expected John Wilson, Our Public Safety -- John, Thanks.

As You're Approaching John, I'll Ask A Question.

Is This The Helicopter That We've Been Reading About, In The Media And Interested In Knowing More About? You've Got Me At A Disadvantage.

If It's An Insurance Payment, I Would Say So.

Maybe Miss Fraser Is The One, She Signed For The County Attorney's Office.

Is This That Helicopter? Yes, Sir, It Is The Crashed Helicopter.

Comm. Bigelow: That Went Down? Yes.

Comm. Bigelow: Is This I Guess There's No Scrap Value To This? This Is The Scrap Value.

We Need A Resolution In Order To Dispose Of It Based On The Value, Which Is I Believe \$118,000.

Comm. Bigelow: Ok.

Ok, Well, I Guess I'll Sound Like Commissioner Mann Might Have Had Some Questions.

I Was Hoping We Would Get A Little Bit More About This Than Just A Mention Of A Helicopter An Not Which One, And What's To Become Of It.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner, Mann? Comm. Mann: I Had Inquired And Found Out It Was The Helicopter That Crashed Out There.

I Was Curious, I Haven't Heard Any Comment From The Nstb As To I Never Heard What Caused The Crash.

Was It Weather? Was There Mechanical Problems? Was There Finger Pointing At The Pilot For Pilot Error? When You Have A Crash Like This, And This Is The First Opportunity We've Had To Talk About It Through This Item, You Want To Learn About Something.

Thank God Nobody Was Injured Seriously In This Crash.

But, You Want To Learn Something About It.

Do You Know Anything About The Nstb Concluded Its Review Of This? Or Are They Even Involved? For The Record, John Wilson, Public Safety.

The Report On The Accident Has Not Been Released Yet.

Sometimes That Can Take Several Months Or Depend On The Complexity.

We're Not Expecting To Take This Long Many This Case, But It Certainly Has In Other Cases Taken Quite Some Time.

Comm. Mann: Will This Lead For The Request To Buy Another Helicopter? What We're Looking At Is A Number Of Options In Replacement Of The Ship That Crashed Last August 17th, And What We're Going To Do Is Bring Those To County Management, And Then Based On Their Recommendations, Either Bring It You As An M.M.P. Or The Recommendations And Come In With A Blue Sheet Depending Upon How I Receive Direction From Our Assistant County Manager An Our County Manager.

I Will Let You All Know I Will Be Interested To Follow This Process Because We Have At Least One Other Helicopter.

We Have The Older Helicopter In Operation.

We Had Planned On Selling That One As Part Of Our Reduction In Our Budget.

We Hadn't Planned To Go Down To One Ship The Way It Turned Out.

So We're Using The Older One Now Until A Decision Is Made On Replacing The Ship That When Down.

Comm. Mann: Just For The Record, I Am A Licensed Pilot.

I Haven't Flown Recently, But I Have Some Knowledge About This And A Little Bit About Aircraft Maintenance.

They Are Maintained According To Law And Requirements Very Carefully Every Year.

You Can Fly A Plane For Many, Many Years.

The County Plane That We Own I Think Is A 25 Or 30 Year Plane An It Flies Beautifully, So, I Just Don't Want Us To Rush Into A Very Expensive Helicopter Replacement Here If We've Got Another One That My Guess Is, Is In Probably Fairly Good Shape.

And That Was My Purpose In Pulling This.

I Wanted To Just Get This Process Open And So I Could Be A Part Of It, Or The Commissioner Could Be A Part Of It.

So We're Going To Have To Dispose Of The Other One? Is It Not Fixable? So I Have No Problem With This Resolution But I Wanted To Know About The Nstb And What We're Going To Do In The Future.

Thank You.

Chairman Judah: I Would Hope It's Important To Have A Backup.

We'll Get To That Discussion In A Future Date.

Comm. Bigelow: One More Comment.

I Suppose I Can Support This.

I See No Reason Not To, But Can I Ask This For The Record.

We're Disposing Of Something In Fiscal 2009, We're In Fiscal Year 2010 Right Now.

That's Not Problematic? No, Sir, Because The Accident Occurred In 2009.

Comm. Bigelow: So This Is Retro.

Ok, And Secondly, As A Matter Of Fact, The Nstb Has Not Completed Their Investigation.

No, Otherwise We Would Not Be Able To On The Information.

Comm. Bigelow: Thank You So Much.

That's All.

Chairman Judah: A Motion To Move Item 16-D.

Comm. Hall: So Moved.

Chairman Judah: Second By Commissioner Hall.

Objection? Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

Commissioner Mann? 3-A.

Comm. Mann: That's Moving Forward With The Emergency.

Comm. Hall: Second.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: I Made A Motion To Move It.

Didn't You Say At The Beginning Of Your Comment Let's Move The Emergency Operation Center? Comm. Mann: I May Have Said "This Is Referring To." Chairman Judah: I Apologize.

Let Me Make Another Motion To Move The Item.

Do We Have A Second? Chairman Judah: Mr. Mann, All Yours.

Comm. Mann: You Know In A Way, If You're Really Thin Skinned, I'm Not, To Take A Motion When Somebody Has Called An Item Is To Say In Essence We Don't Care What That Person Says About The Item, We're Going To Move It Anyway.

Chairman Judah: That's Not The Case.

Comm. Mann: I Know It's Not The Case.

But It's Possible That It Might Be Perceived That Way.

So, Sometimes I Think It Would Be A Good Matter Of Policy When When Items Are Pulled Is To See What The Issue Might Be And Might Not Want To Offer A Motion Right Away.

But Anyhow.

I Guess We Have A Motion On The Floor And Thank You For Recognizing.

I Was Simply Going To Say This Is The Issue Where We're Moving Forward With The Construction Of A New Emergency Operation Center Building.

I'm Glad That We Have Moved The Location It Look Like We've Agreed On Right Beside Where The Existing One Is.

That's Going To Save Us Time And Money And I'm Glad About That.

My Problem Is That The Other Facility, As I Pointed Now A Previous Meeting, Passed With Flying Colours When We Had Four Hurricanes Many One Year.

And, In This Budget Time, When We Are So Tight, It's Just Wrong Time To Be Moving On A Huge Expenditure In A Project Where We're Getting Along Very Well With A Project We've Got So I Just Want To Be Once More On The Record Saying I Don't Support This At This Time.

And Want To Show Me As Voting No When We Get Through Here.

Chairman Judah: Any Further Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes 4-1 Commissioner Mann Dissenting.

We Move On To 7-B I Believe Was Transfer To The Administrative Agenda.

And That Had To Do With The Information Technology And Telecommunication.

We'll Hear From The Administration? And You Will Need To Respond To The Comments Provided By Mr. Green On The Record Earlier This Morning.

Comm. Mann: Mr. Chairman.

Some Clarification On This.

When Mr. Green Began, He Said This Is A Bid Objection? I Mean Technically Where Can We Stand? Doesn't That Come Later Technically Usually? Comm. Hall: It's Not A Bid, It's A Request For Qualification So The Methodology Is Incorrect.

Because You're Right On A Bid Protester There's A Process We Go Through.

But It's A Request For Qualification Protesters I Guess Is What You're Saying.

Maybe The County Attorney Could Clarify.

There's No Bid Protester Because It's Not A Bid, It's A Qualification.

Comm. Mann: So When Would It Have Been Appropriate For Mr. Green To Make His Comments? Right Now.

Chairman Judah: That's What I Did When I Offered The Opportunity.

Comm. Mann: He Did.

Yes, Sir.

Comm. Mann: Ok.

For The Record, Pete Wendt.

Be Happy To Answer Questions.

I Was The Chairman Of The Committee, Request For Qualifications.

I Believe We Had Six Proposers, And The Initial Meeting Was Really Was A Pass-Fail.

Either Move On To The Next Process Where We Actually Had Venders Come In And Give Presentations, Or You Didn't Move On.

And So, That Was The Decision That Was Made At That Meeting.

Subsequent, We Had Two Vendors, We Were Asked To Come In And Give Presentations.

And They Did Give Presentations And Based On That We Ranked Those Two, Which Is The Item You Have Today.

Chairman Judah: Commissioner Hall.

Comm. Hall: I Have A Blue Sheet That Says Based On The Information Submitted, Two Firms Met The Minimum Qualifications To Proceed To Step Two.

If You Didn't Have Minimums Written Out, How Do You Know They Met The Minimum Requirements? Well There Is Certainly A Subjectivity In All This.

I Can Say It Was A Unanimous Decision.

I Think A Lot Of The Decision Had To Do With The Scope Of This Company.

All These Companies Do Some Information Technology Or Computer Type Services, But Some Are Very Small, Didn't Necessarily Have The Scope And Breadth That The Community Was Looking For As Far As Size, Ability To Draw On Expertise.

Applied Expertise In Other Areas That We May Not Be Involved In But Could Quickly Get Somebody Here Who Had Expertise In That Area.

So, I Think It Was Whether They Met The Qualifications For What The County Was Looking For, Basically.

And That Was What The Committee Was Discussing.

Comm. Hall: But Did You Have What Was The County Was Looking For As Your Basis To Have? This Is One Of Our Larger Selection Committees.

Usually They're Not This Large.

So, There Were Quite A Few People In Here.

So You've Got People From Different Areas Who Obviously Rely On The Services Such As A Supervisor, Not To Say That Sharon Personally Is An I.T.

Person.

Maybe It Would Be Better To Have Wayne There Who Actually Does The I.T.

So I Guess That Is A Little Bit Concerning To Me Because While I Work On My Computer And Rely On All That Technology Every Day, Because I Personally Go In That Computer.

I Don't Think I Would Be The One Qualified To Sit On The Selection Committee.

I Would Probably Defer It To Jim.

And So When You Look At These Departments Of Who You Have There, Not Everyone Is The Actually I.T. Person In That Department.

And This Was An I.T., I Mean This Was A Very Technical Request For Qualification An I

Guess If I Had To Have A Criticism, Karen, It Would Be That The Reason That I Wouldn't Agree To Move And Continue, Was Because Of What Is In The Technical World And This Is A Very Large Contract.

And We Didn't Feel That We Should Just Automatically Renew It Without Going Back Out There.

So I Hesitate In The Sense That I Would Like To Have More I.T.

People That Do The I.T. On This Committee, Because Each Of These People Have I.T. People Within Their Departments.

That's Why I Said, Wayne Would Have Been A Better Person Than Sharon Would Have Been.

Let Me Try To Address That.

We Had Sharon Harrington From Elections And She Actually Requested To Be On This Election.

And Because Of The I.T. Issues, At The Election Office And The Telephones, That Have To Be Set Up At Each Election Area, When We Do Have An Election In The Community.

The Director Of Fleet Management, She's An Extremely Heavy User Of The Computer, Has In Depth Knowledge.

Joan Brown Is A Systems Administrator For Human Services And Has A Very In-Depth Knowledge Of Computer Technology.

Jim And She Also Very Heavy User, And Also Manager In H.R.

Of The H.R. In The System That We Use In H.R.

Mindy Simon Is Also The Systems Administrator For The Library.

So They're Not Novices.

Do They Have A Degree In Computer Technology? No.

But They Are Knowledgeable Of The Systems That They Have Within Their Deposits.

Libraries And H.R. Are Larger.

Library May Be Largest Technology User That We Have.

So.

That Had Certainly Had Oversight Over Technology Operations In Some Form Or Fashion.

Chairman Judah: With Regards To The Cost Issue That Charlie Green Brought Forward There Was The Recommendation From Our Director, I.T. Director To Renew The Contract, I Believe It Was Predicated On A \$2 Million Dollar Savings.

So, I Would Suspect That With The Negotiations That Would Take Place In This Goes Forward, With A Hope That We Would Be Seeing A Further Reduction Of Even The \$2 Million That Was Initially Proposed At The Outset For The Extension Of The Contract.

I Believe We Will Be Looking For Reduction.

Goes Right To The Heart Of What I Think Charlie Was Talking About With Regard To Cost.

Have To Be A Key Issue In This But At This Point In Time It's A Request For Qualifications.

Process Needed To Step Forward.

Ok.

Any Questions, Comments? Yes, Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: I Recall When This First Came Before Us, That We Were A Little Uncomfortable With The Recommendation To Just Continue With The Present Vendor, Because Of Costs Possibilities And Reductions.

Secondly, This Is Computer Technology In A World That Changes Daily.

And Gets Less Expensive And More Efficient.

So, I Think There Was A Reluctance On The Part Of The Board Just To Move Forward, Saying People Have Always Had.

Let's Get Down The Street And See What Else Is Out There.

So, I'm Glad We Did.

I'm A Little Surprised Perhaps Disappointed That We Seem To Have Gone Full Circle Through This.

I'm Not Going To Call It A Charade, But It's A Rehearsal That Got Us Right Back To Where We Were With An We're Still Recommending The Same People.

An We Isn't Really Deal With Costs, Because We're Just Qualifying The Venders.

And Then We Negotiate The Cost.

Then Gets Brought Back To Us For A Final Recommendation, And Maybe Or Maybe Not We've Got The Cost, But We've Selected A Vendor And 99% Of The Time We Go With That Vendor.

So, I'm Still Trying To Find A Broader Approach To Dealing With A Technical Issue That I Don't Understand Except To Know That There Is A Lot Of Technology And These Times Are Changing, And There Ought To Be Opportunities To Save Big Bucks Here.

Even If We Stay With The Same People.

So I'm Going To Be Looking Carefully At That.

Question About The Specifics Of How Mr. Green's Office Got Eliminated Here.

Were They Present And Did They Have An Opportunity To Respond To The Inadequacies Found In Their Presentation At The Time? Or Are They Just Notified By Mail That You Failed To Qualify Because Of So And So And So And So? How Did That Work? They Weren't Present.

But With The R.F.X.S, Can Show Up In The Submitting Also.

They Typically Don't.

So It's Not Unusual To Not Be There, Because For Form I Guess.

More Than Anything Else.

So, So We Did Not Have Anybody There, Even Though It's An Open Meeting And Vendors Can Show Up.

None Of The Vendors Were There.

Does The Process Allow For Any Follow-Up When They Read That You Were Eliminated? Even If They Were There, There Would Not Be Any Input That Day If They Were Asked.

It's A Two-Step Process.

You Have The First Step Where You Decide Who You're Going To Invite Back For Presentations Basically.

Those That Qualify And Come Back To Give Formal Presentations.

And Then There's A Back And Forth The At That Meeting They're Asking Questions.

Comm. Mann: Well, Mr. Wendt And Commissioners, My Frustration Here Is That I Realize You Have To Have Established Rules On All Of These Procedures.

And You Condition Just Ignore Them.

But In Particular On These Big Ticket Items, I Wish It Were Possible For The Committee In The So-Called Process To Be As Liberal As Possible In Their Translation Of The Technical Requirements These People Have To Qualify By, To Avoid The Possibility Of Eliminating.

I Don't Know How To Get There From Here And I Don't Know How To Unscramble The Egg We Find At This Point.

What Happens When You All Come Back? We'll Still Have A Chance To Vote This Up Or Down.

Right? We Know Cost When This Is Brought Back For Final Acceptance? Yes.

You Will Know Cost Of, You Will Know.

Last Year.

And Will It Be A Truly An Apples And Apples Comparison Or Are There So Many Components That Go In To This Procedure, The Contract Itself That Dependent On How Many Items That I Process, It Could Be Millions Different Or Hundred Of Thousands.

Is It Truly A \$40 Million Dollar Issue We're Talking About Here? Over Time, It Is One Of The Considerations And Why It's An R.F.Q. Is That Cost Is A Consideration.

I Agree, You Want The Lowest Cost Possible.

But The Lowest Cost Based On The Level Of Service That You're Requiring, Just Like With The County And All Our Services, We Can Always Cut Costs If We Reduce Or Very The Level Of Service.

So, Those Are The Two, That's How You Have To Strike The Balance.

Mr. Chairman? I'm Sorry.

I Don't Have Anymore Questions, But I Am Going To Want Some Specificity When This Gets Back Before Us.

Is To How We Arrived At This, And This Times This, Kind Of Like A Millage Rate Times The Values, Equals That, I Don't Know How You Calculate That \$40 Million Dollars.

And I, I'm Going To Need.

It's Based On A Number Of Service Level Agreements That We Have.

And Jim Could Come Up And Explain That In More Detail.

Let's Be Prepared For A Full Hearing On This One When It Gets Back For Final Recommendation.

Comm. Hall: I Was Just Going To Ask Pete To Just Do The Old To The New.

So That We Could See Comparisons.

Because Our Sum, There Will Be Some If You Will, Pods, That Will Be Identical And Then

There Will Be Some Reductions And Enhancements, So That We Can See That, So If You Can Break That To Old Contract To, The New Contract, That May Give Us All A Better Handle On Evaluating Where We Saved Or Whether There's A Savings Or Where There's An Increase Or Where There's Not.

Thank You.

Could You Entertain A Motion On The Item? Comm. Hall: So Moved.

Chairman Judah: Do We Have A Second? Do We Have A Second? I'll Second For Purpose Of Discussion.

Pete Let Me Just Say, First Of All, This Is Hardly A Charade.

This Is A Well Thought Out Process.

I Well Remember When Cost Is A Driving Factor In A Former Board.

And Privatizing Utilities And It's The Worst Mistake We Ever Made In The History Of Lee County.

They Poorly Manage The System, We End Up Brings It In House.

Going To Be A Key Integral Factor If We Move Forward Today.

And As I Indicated Early On.

Had Been Willing Voluntarily If That Contract Had Been Extended To Reduce Its Cost By \$2 Million And We're Clearly Going To See Further Reduction Beyond That And We'll All Have An Opportunity When That Issue Comes Back.

The Other Thing, Is That From A Survey And Department Director Most Of The Contusion Officers Were Extremely Pleased With The Effectiveness And Efficiency Within Which He Performed.

So, I Think Direction Today Is To Go Forward And See If It's Worth It For The Commission To Support The Contract When It Comes Back.

Any Further Discussion? Any Objection? Comm. Bigelow: Yes.

Chairman Judah: Motion Passes 4-1, Commissioner Bigelow Dissenting.

Commissioner Hall, Safe Travels.

Ok, We'll Go On To The Administrative Agenda Item.

We Go To Walk-On Item Number One.

And That's The Lee County Department 27 Emergency Food And Shelter Program.

Comm. Mann: I'll Move That.

Second By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

Walk-On Item Number Two.

Relocation.

I'll Move That One Second By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objection? Hearing Mo Objection, Motion Passes.

Clear Those Two Votes.

According To The Record, Minutes Took Place With Commissioner Hall Being Absent.

Ok.

We Go On To Commissioner Items And Committee Appointments.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: Mr. Chairman, I Feel Compelled To Say A Couple Of Words About The Victor Creek Issue That Mr. Schmidt Spoke To A Minute Ago.

Chairman Judah: Sure.

Comm. Mann: And The One That We Have Continued.

It Happens The Location Is Just A Few Hundred Yards From My House.

It's On A Private Road That It Joins County Land.

Some I've Made A Personal Visit, In Fact Several To The Area.

It Was A Flooding Issue Last Year, That's What First Got My Attention.

What We Have Here Is About Seven People On A Private Road.

They Maintain It Themselves.

And The Related Improvements To The Drainage System By Our Natural Resource Department Would Have Required The Removal Of A Private Bridge, And We're Constructed Right Beside It, Which Would Have Backed Up Some Water And Natural Flow, Forced It To An Alternate Canal, Relieving Some Of The Pressure, But Then When The Water Came Through, They Come On Through The Coverts, But The Coverts Themselves Are In Bad

Shape, Or Questionable Shape.

And What Was Suggested By Our Staff Would Have Been A New Box Culvert, Or A Series Of Them On The Private Bridge.

That's Where The Rub Come In The.

The Owners And Mr. Schmidt Is Major Owner Right Where Most Of The Work Is Going To Be Done, They Just Simply Have Not Asked For The New Bridge.

They're Happy To Take Care Of The Old One Themselves.

No One In Fact Of The Seven Property Owners Has Asked For This Improvement.

And What I Don't Mean To Make Too Much Light Of This, But It's Kind Of Like The Worst, The Most Scary 10 Words That You Can Hear From Your Government Is, A Knock On Your Door And I'm From The Government And I'm Here To Help You.

They Have Not Asked For Our Help.

They Don't Want Our Help.

They Don't Care What We Do With The Water Flow On Our Property, Or What They Do To Ease The Flood.

They Probably Have No Problem With That, Particularly Mr. Schmidt, Who Was Flooded Last Year.

But They Don't Want Us Fixing Their Road.

They Don't Want Us To Take His Property.

Some Of Which Is On A Temporary Taking, But A Good Bit Of It Is On A Permanent Taking.

And There's A Great Fear By Mr. Schmidt, And I Suspect From Some Of The Other Members North Of Him, That This Is A Foot In The Door To Control That Private Road, And To Use It As A Back Door Access To The 6,000 Acres That The County Owns And Controls Around The Side Of That.

So, The Question Here Is Simply, We're Offering To Help Some Folks That Are Saying Please Don't Help Me And Don't Take My Property.

The Most Awesome Authority Of Government Next To Taking Your Life Is To Take Your Property.

It Requires A 12-Man Jury.

Mr. Schmidt Doesn't Want His Property Taken.

He Doesn't Want To Loan It To Us To Work On The Other Side Which Is Our Property.

And He Contends We Can Reach That Property From Our Side.

Mabolini With Whom I've Met Has Said It Can Be Repaired That Way, But It Would Be More Expensive To Do It.

So, If You Feel Like We Really Need To Move Forward On This, I Would Ask That We Explore Really In Detail What That Additional Cost Might Be Before We Go Into Condemnation Over This Private Road.

We May Be Able To Accomplish What You're Hoping To Accomplish, Mr. Chairman, Without Having This Terrible Altercation With The Private Land Owners.

Sorry For Taking Additional Time, But I Looked Into It.

That's Why I Asked For It To Be Continued So I Could Work With Our Staff And Owner Or Property Owners There.

And This Is My General Summary Of What We're Dealing With When It Comes Back.

So An If You're Asking Question Or Dealing With Staff In The Meantime, If We Can I Would Encourage Us.

I Would Beg Us To Leave Folks Alone That Aren't Asking For The Help And See If We Can Take Care Of Our Issue Without Treading On Their Rights.

That's All For Now.

I Have An Appointment.

Let Me Get Back To That.

Chairman Judah: Assigning All Options Would Have To Be Seriously Considered By Our Board.

And It May Be That When The Issue Comes Back Next Week, A Decision May Or May Not Be Made Based On The Information Before Us.

Thank You Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Janes.

Commissioner Items.

Comm. Janes: None.

Comm. Bigelow: Commissioner Hall Was In A Rush To Get Out Of Here So I Lost The I.T.

Issue.

Kind Of Go Where I Expected Them To Go.

But, You Know, I Remain Very, Very Troubled And Concerned With The Way We Form Our Selection Committees.

The Problem I'm Seeing Here Is They're Very Much Unlike The Makeup Of, For Instance, This Body We're Sitting On.

No One Of Us Has Any Particular Undue Influence On Another.

I Mean We Are All Equals.

And Also The Law Prohibits Us In Advance Of Meeting Items That Will Be Coming Before Us For Decision.

I Would Suggest That The County Manager Be Applauded For Being Open-Minded, Considering How The Selection Committee Might Be Made Up So That We Don't Have This Undue Influence.

The Chairman Of This I.T. Selection Committee, For Instance Pulled Rank On Almost Everyone On The Committee, And He's Chaired The Meeting.

That's, You Know, Just Overt Undue Influence.

And It Didn't, I'm Afraid.

What Happens Is That The Public Those Who Are Here To Serve.

We're All Paid Very Handsomely To Serve The Public, And It's Their Disadvantage When Our Selection Committees Are Not Fair.

Not Made Up In I Think A Better Manner.

Better Manner Being Much Like We Are Here.

Ok, That Aside And I Have Another Comment I've Kept From That Discussion And I Just Am Troubled By The Fact That We Lost An Opportunity To Save A Lot Of Money.

On To Another Issue.

Mr. Chairman, When Will We Consider A New Chair Or When Do We Look At The Changing Of The Guard, If You Will.

Chairman Judah: Next Month.

It Will Be Next Month Right After, I Don't Know, The Second Or Third Week.

The Board Meeting Of The November 17th.

Comm. Bigelow: Scheduled For The Tuesday Board Meeting Of The 17th.

Chairman Judah: About Annual Process, I Know We Had Done It One Year Earlier At The End Of Commissioner Jane's Term.

I Can't Remember Why We Did That.

Comm. Janes: They Wanted To Get Rid Of Me.

Comm. Bigelow: No, We Did It Earlier.

I Thought It Was Somehow Our Decision To Decide When.

And Just As A Point Of Clarification, Is The Vice Chair Selected By The Chair Who Is Selected.

Comm. Janes: Elected, Everybody.

Comm. Bigelow: I'm Sorry? Comm. Janes: By The Five Of Us.

Comm. Bigelow: That's Interesting.

I Don't Know If It's Just Been Like A Historical Thing, But, If I'm Mistaken, Mr. Chairman, Didn't You Select The Vice Chair Then, I Guess? Comm. Janes: We Did, But We Decided To Change It Last Year To Have It Elected.

We Went Through A Great Long Discussion On That Point And Came To The Conclusion That We Would Rather Elect A Vice Chair, Rather Than Have The Chair Appoint The Vice Chair, Which Is What We Used To Do.

Comm. Bigelow: Ok, Yeah, Because Last Year We Chained With Some Tradition.

Ok.

So If I Understand Correctly, The Chair Is Selected By A Majority Vote And Handle As Is The Vice Chair And That's How We'll Do It This Year.

Ok, Thank You.

I Appreciate That Clarification.

That's All I Have.

Chairman Judah: Sure.

I Just Wanted To Recognize One Of The Unsung Heroes Of The Many Of The County Employees.

Steve Pattel, Division Resources Department Received An Award In September From The Association State-Wide Organization And That This Is Really A Coveted Award.

Received A Member Of The Year Award In Recognition About Contribution Commitment To State-Wide Program Florida Beaches And The Success Of The Association, And I Just Wanted To Compliment -- I'm Sorry I Didn't Get To This Earlier, But Speak Well Of Steven.

And Who Is Recognizing? No The Association.

Yeah.

Ok, That's It For County Items Or Commissioner Items? Committee Appointments? Comm. Mann: I Have One.

A Reappointment Of Tanya Fraser To The Extension Service Advisory Committee.

Chairman Judah: Do We Have A Second? Second By Commissioner Janes.

Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

Commissioner Janes? Comm. Janes: None.

Comm. Bigelow: Commissioner Hall Asked Me To Do Two Reappointments For Her.

Margaret Von Banyan.

Chairman Judah: Second By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

And Did You Have Some Items? Comm. Bigelow: And I Have A Committee Appointment.

I Don't Have My Paperwork With Me, But Madam Clerk Will Get It For You.

I Can Do That, Right? Gary Mueller To The Land Development Code Advisory Board.

Chairman Judah: Motion By Commissioner Bigelow.

Do We Have A Second? Second By Commissioner Janes.

Hearing No Objection, Motion Passes.

Any Others? A Motion To Reappoint Ellen Winlap.

The Motion By Commissioner Jane.

Second By Commissioner Mann.

Discussion? Objection? Motion Passes.

We'll Go On To County Manager Items.

Commissioner, This Afternoon Will Start Our Strategic Planning Process, So That Will Help You.

Hope You All Can Make It.

Comm. Bigelow: 1:00.

Chairman Judah: 1:00 Or 1:30? It's At 1:30.

Comm. Janes: You Can Be Here Early If You Like.

County Attorney? Ok, Thanks For Getting Us Off To A Good Start.

Appreciate It.

We Are Adjourned At This Time.

Thank You.