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Upon Roll Call, those present for the Fort Pierce City Commission (2:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.) were:

Mayor Robert J. Benton, III  
Commissioner Rufus J. Alexander, III  
Commissioner Edward W. Becht  
Commissioner Christine Coke  
Commissioner R. Duke Nelson  
City Manager Dennis Beach  
City Attorney Rob Schwerer  
City Clerk Cassandra Steele

(Commissioner Nelson left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

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Upon Roll Call, those present for the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners (2:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.) were:

Chairman Doug Coward  
Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson  
Commissioner Joe Smith  
Commissioner Chris Craft  
Commissioner Paula Lewis  
County Administrator Doug Anderson

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Upon Roll Call, those present for the Port St. Lucie City Council (3:15 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.) were:

Mayor Robert E. Minsky  
Vice Mayor Patricia Christensen  
Councilwoman Michelle Berger  
Councilman Christopher Cooper  
Councilman Jack Kelly  
City Manager Donald Cooper

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AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED BY CITY OF FORT PIERCE:

\* Proposed developments within the future boundaries of Fort Pierce and Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Service Area

\* Proposed project, The Preserve (997 units), to be located on Angle Road next to Westwood High School in unincorporated St. Lucie County

\* Road Impact Fees collected in Fort Pierce

\* Status of Clerk of Courts Building

- \* Status Report on Causeway Park improvements
- \* Parks & Recreation
- \* Avenue M Extension to Westwood High School

AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED BY ST. LUCIE COUNTY:

- \* Jenkins Road Study Area Plan
- \* Joint Urban Design Studio
- \* Joint Planning Agreement - Developer Contribution
- \* Downtown Parking
- \* Projects within CRA boundary - Old Courthouse Renovation, Parking Lot, Courthouse Main Entrance, Sidewalk Capital Projects, Downtown Parking Garage, Clerk of Court Building
- \* EDC Challenge Grant
- \* New Emergency Operations Center at the Fairgrounds
- \* Juvenile Assessment Center

AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED BY PORT ST. LUCIE:

- \* Update on planning for Yacht Club/Marina on Prima Vista

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 Chairman Coward said today they are having a three-part workshop between St. Lucie County and the City of Port St. Lucie and the City of Fort Pierce. The first part of this joint meeting will deal with the County Commission and the Fort Pierce City Commission on specific issues they would like to communicate with one another on. The second part, which is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m., will include all three entities. And then part three of this workshop will be the County Commission and the City of Port St. Lucie (4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Chairman Coward said as he sees the agenda, they have seven items that the City of Fort Pierce has requested that they discuss followed by five individual items that the County Commission wishes to discuss. So if they just go by the order of the agenda, he will go ahead and hand it over to him.

Mayor Benton said he was wondering if he wanted to bounce back and forth because they have a lot on here for an hour and this could take a whole day.

Chairman Coward said okay, they will do their best.

Mayor Benton said discussion on the proposed developments within the future boundaries of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce **Utilities Authority Service Area.**

City Manager Beach said the issue as he understands it is trying to come to some terms or to some agreement in regards to the type of developments that occur within the future boundaries of

Fort Pierce. As he understands it, there are a number of developments taking place in unincorporated County that are part of the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Service Area and those are going through an approval process through the St. Lucie County mechanisms. Once they are completed, approved, and apply for water service, it then comes into the City limits as part of their annexation agreements for water. The concern that has been expressed is the density that is being permitted in those developments as it compares to the density that the Fort Pierce City Commission has an interest in seeing there. Is that a fair description of that subject?

Mayor Benton said yes. And he would just add to it that he thinks one of the items on here just recently was **The Preserve**. He thinks the City's concerns, he knows his concerns are not only will The Preserve but various projects around South Jenkins Road and Edwards Road in the City and County, but no improvements to those roads financially in anyone's budget at this time. The City of Fort Pierce wants to raise the bar and he is sure the County does. But half of their schools now, which are way behind the curve basically are... He will go to the Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts, look on the north side of the school, and they are bringing in prefabricated classrooms. For many reasons this type of development, for concurrency issues from growth to schools, and this one - The Preserve - is almost 1,000 units. They have major concerns because that will be turned over to Fort Pierce as soon as the water is turned on and it becomes their problem. They just feel that it is time that they really got a grip on some of this development until the infrastructure is in place. He thinks he is speaking for the rest of his Commission.

Mr. David Recor, Deputy City Manager, said they may be familiar with the City's effort to rewrite its Comprehensive Plan. They are in the middle of a Comprehensive Plan rewrite. Part of their charge to Calvin Giordano and Associates has been to extend the future land use mapping effort into the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority retail service area. As they are obviously aware, that area includes areas of St. Lucie County. The idea is that the City will articulate its vision for areas that will eventually be annexed into the City. They have been meeting as a staff, their organizations, to develop an approach, a strategy, as to how they could work together to make sure that their visions collectively are implemented. They have discussed a variety of approaches through a joint planning agreement to actually amending the future land use designations in St. Lucie County or actually requiring developments be consistent with the future land use map that may be developed as part of the City's comprehensive planning process. There are a number and variety of ways in which they can work together to accomplish this shared vision. He thinks that if they can focus the discussion today as to how they can get that done, that would be productive.

Commissioner Becht said on this topic, he wanted to first start with thanking the County because he believes that at this time they are communicating better with one another than they have in at least the recent past. They are communicating on issues of

importance to both of them, including The Preserve. He knows he has had several conversations with most of the County Commissioners on that issue. Chairman Coward has talked with him, and he has talked with some of the rest of them about an **Urban Design Studio**. That may be one of the mechanisms that... He would like to hear from Mr. Coward on that issue and have him expand on what he has in mind with that and see if they can tailor it to meet the concerns that the City has and probably address some of the concerns that the County has.

Chairman Coward said he thinks the County Commission has been very interested in trying to work closely with the City on land use planning, transportation, and the issues that have been raised. He is also proud of the fact that they have established a joint planning agreement which was the first step in that process. So there is better communication going on between their staffs and also between their boards. The Urban Design Studio that Commissioner Becht mentioned, he knows that Ms. Outlaw and Mr. Recor have had some discussions. At their last joint meeting, there was some brief discussion about trying to work cooperatively in that regard. Through their budget process they did identify funding so that they could actually try to work with the City in that regard; although at this stage, he doesn't think that they have a formula as to how they are going to achieve that. Maybe they can ask staff to elaborate on some of the discussions they have had, that may be enlightening.

Mr. Recor said first of all he would like to thank him very much for recognizing the importance of working together as well as the identification of funds for that purpose. The County is a little bit further along than the City is in that it appears that their financial resources have been committed. The City has moved forward since their last joint planning session and created the Division of Urban Design and Historic Preservation in the City of Fort Pierce, just as he indicated that they were planning. As part of their budget process this year, they will be identifying major initiatives as well. He is probably not in a position today to elaborate specifically as to where those areas will be in the community that those funds will be used for, because he thinks that the Commission and the community in general are going to have a big say in where they go. Certainly, the areas that are coming into Fort Pierce that are covered under their joint planning agreement, those are priorities. He thinks between the resources that the County has identified and the resources that the City is including in their budget, they will be able to get things done in the next fiscal year.

Ms. Faye Outlaw, Assistant County Administrator, said she thinks from the County's perspective the meeting that the two staffs had was very productive in terms of laying out the City's approach to the Urban Design Studio and having input from the County. She thinks at this point what they need to move it further along is perhaps further discussion from the City on whether or not with the creation of the Division of Urban Design and Historic Preservation the intent is to also have a consultant to complement those staff efforts. The County would be looking at having an independent entity or agency such as the

consultant team to take a look at those areas within the FPUA service boundaries so that they will have an independent review and input of the development plans that come within those areas. She does not know if the intent is to have those particular areas looked at by the in-house staff - which would be the City of Fort Pierce - as opposed to having some input from the County. They need to just work out the details in terms of how they intend to proceed to make this happen.

Mr. Recor said he would generally agree with that approach. The distinction being the understanding of what a charrette traditionally is on the Treasure Coast in Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County as opposed to facilitating a community workshop or a community visioning session. They are talking about an Urban Design Studio. He thinks that they do share the approach of having a consultant to review projects. Whether it is one consultant or a group of consultants, it's a process that would be subject to competitive bid with input from their respective jurisdictions. He thinks generally they share that strategy and that approach and they concur.

Chairman Coward said he thinks the other benefit of the Urban Design Studio is that they would be keying in on those areas that are currently in the unincorporated County but the City has within their annexation boundary long term. To be able to work with the community to try and come up with a vision for what they would like the area to look like when it is built out decades into the future, have that vision established, and then have both governmental entities working off the same page. He thinks that is the beauty of it. If they work cooperatively, not only as governmental entities, but with the community to come up with that common vision, then there are not two different plans in terms of individual approval of projects within that area. He is very excited about trying to move forward with this Urban Design Studio. He is flexible as to how they should achieve it. He is trying to keep an open mind. If they can get staff to come back to them in a certain time frame with a specific recommendation about how to proceed.

Mayor Benton said he thinks it should be a priority because both boards have approved considerable development in the area already. To him, it should be a priority. The City is in the process right now of updating their Comprehensive Plan. He thinks the County is too. Is the County updating their Comp Plan at this point?

Ms. Outlaw said they have done a recent update to the Comp Plan, but they are in the process of making some changes to the subsection of their local development, the LDRs.

Mayor Benton said in their workshops, which mainly took place with County residents in those areas, there was considerable concern of what the future is going to look like there. He thinks it should be a priority from both boards because the pressure is on.

Chairman Coward said he thinks it is a priority. In fact, he

thinks they have already started this process. He thinks the example was the South Jenkins Road or the North Jenkins Road, that general area, where they actually held, he wouldn't call it a full blown charrette, but more of a neighborhood plan where they brought in local residents, land owners, invited the City, the School Board. Instead of dealing with it on a parcel by parcel basis, they ended up working with the local community trying to identify a future road grid system, identify public lands for recreation and open space, identify future schools sites, opportunities for a mix of land use so its not just rooftops. That plan is working its way through the process. The Mayor had made a comment that in the South Jenkins area there were no improvements planned and there was nothing in the County's budget for roads. He just wants to clarify that's not an accurate statement. The development that is occurring in and around that area is in fact making contributions and has already done so. The additional development that is being proposed in that area is also offering to set aside the lands for these public facilities and actually pay for the roads. The County Commission through their budget process just approved a new allocation of \$43,000,000 specifically for roads throughout the County with an intent to be looking at Kings Highway and Jenkins Road. So there is a combination of public and private dollars that are being looked at for the road network.

Commissioner Alexander said he would like to welcome this collaborative effort today. Chairman Coward pretty much answered a portion of his question because he was trying to find out the priorities on the roadways and sidewalks in these areas that will be impacted the most. He pretty much said that they are utilizing the impact fees that are coming from these projects, both north and south, to take care of the Jenkins Road corridor as well as The Preserve? There are quite a few units that are going in that area. He just wants to know or hear that funds are set aside. He thinks that Chairman Coward just answered that, that funds will be directly used for the most impacted areas there. Would he elaborate a little more on that for him?

County Commissioner Smith said to answer his question, as Chairman Coward mentioned earlier, this Board has taken great strides to provide for some funding for roads to the tune of about \$43,000,000. Additional sidewalks for not only communities that have no roads as it is, but for communities like Angle Road. That has been a serious issue that Commissioner Alexander has brought before the BOCC on numerous occasions. And they were actually able to move from the planning stage through the help of an actual dedicated millage during the next budget cycle if it is finally approved in September. They will be able to take that funding and actually go from plans to actual process of construction on the Angle Road corridor for sidewalks to go from Westwood High School towards Orange Avenue. They are also going to use that money with the bonding capacity that they will have to get additional funds from the state and hopefully from federal agencies to be able to assist with that. Through some creative financial mechanisms, they are attempting to find more ways to increase those dollars. Of course as they all know, he is always looking

for Fort Pierce to help him out with some additional funds in that area as they move toward annexation. They can work together to cement that relationship and to provide more opportunities for roads for access and for sidewalks.

City Commissioner Coke said she would like to thank everybody for the idea of working together with this Urban Design Studio. She will express that she has some concerns. She would hate to see them go out full force and establish another layer of bureaucracy for people who want to come and build in the City or the County to have to encounter. She envisioned this Urban Design Group as utilizing part of what they already have in place. They both have very competent planning boards in place, planning departments in place, and now they have gone ahead and established a JPA. So she thinks that the Urban Design group is just another extension of that JPA and she thinks it's great. However, because they all know how quickly government moves, while they are busy planning this Urban Design Group, they could be built out. She would like to see if they could address some issues on how they can more proactively work with their JPA (**Joint Planning Agreement**) that is in place now so that the City is not approving industrial things next to the research park and the County is not approving things with three times the density next to what the City considers should be a small residential area. She doesn't know exactly what the solution to that problem is; but rather than try and wait two, three, four, or six months until they get the urban design idea solidified, she would like to see if they could today address how they are going to be more reactive to each other's needs during this JPA process.

County Commissioner Smith said one of the things that the BOCC has done he thinks since he came on board and he knows it's been asked for, Commissioner Hutchinson and he fought for this a few times before, saying that whenever they saw different items that were coming that were close within that planning area or very close to the city limits of the City of Fort Pierce, that they would actually ask their staff to send information over to them for review and comment. He thinks they have begun to receive that information to a much larger degree than they have in the past. He is pleased to let them know that County staff is actually sending information out to City staff when it is in that area where it is close by to solicit their comments on that. So he thinks most times they are able to get that information back, but for a while they were not as well.

City Commissioner Coke said she agrees that they are now having a much better flow of information. However she is not sure they know their problem has always been that sometimes the flow of information goes to here and then stops. She thinks that the County Commissioners have experienced frustration the same as the City Commissioners have. If they feel very strongly about something that is going to be part of their city and they send the comments over, and then the next thing they know they turn around and read in the newspaper that the County did that; and the City Commission doesn't know if the County Commission didn't get their comments, or if they just decided that they got the City's comments and it wasn't going to suit the needs of the

County, and vice versa. What she would like to see is a more interactive approach to it. If the County has comments on something that is part of the JPA, she would like to see those presented to the City; and if they disagree, give formal feedback as to who, what, when, where, and why they disagree, or yes, they do agree. She would like to see that the other way around also, because they have to work together. If they are building something in the County that is going to be annexed in the City, ultimately they are going to be responsible for it. If the County is not going to take to heart their concerns over it, she would like to at least be privy to the information of why they didn't feel the City's concerns were relevant or should be listened to.

County Commissioner Hutchinson said to follow up on some of Commissioner Coke's comments, and she agrees with some of the concerns she is bringing up. But she assures her they have actually implemented a check-off list. Before any plan comes in front of them, that it did get through, the date it was sent over to Fort Pierce, did they or did they not receive comment, and it is included if there were comments given. Those comments are included, so they are given a lot of consideration. She thinks one of the dilemmas she is starting to see come out of this - and she doesn't want it to be a deterrent to where they have gotten to - is the fact that because the City is not yet through its Comp Plan and it has not yet been adopted, from a legal standpoint the County is in a bind with what is existing. So that is going to be an issue that they are all going to have to be working very closely. In her opinion, if they are included as the City is transmitting and coming up with the Comp Plan changes, that their staffs need to be just as aware of what not... Again, not to step on and tell them what to do, but so that they include as they are looking over, they know where the City is headed. Because until those Comp Plan changes that the City is making are adopted, from a legal standpoint - the way it has been explained to her - she cannot hold someone in the unincorporated area to something that does not yet exist.

City Commissioner Coke said she understands and agrees with that. Her only concern is if there is an option. Quite often people that come have an R-1 zoning which is x-number of units per acre and all of the sudden they want a Planned Unit Development because that will give them up to four times as many units per acre. More and more often the Commissioners are telling them no, because that's not what they want. They would rather have a quality of life here for their citizens rather than a quantity of life. She guesses that gets to be her concern, that is what she is saying. She understands that they are both giving each other feedback. However, if that is the case they cannot hold somebody's feet to the fire because of that, if the City could find out why; because then at least it makes them feel more like their participation is appreciated and acknowledged.

County Commissioner Craft said he would also like to make sure that he extends this again, that if there are ever any concerns with any projects that are in the service area or beyond that the City has concerns with, all of them have his telephone

number, his cell phone number, his home number. Please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call him and have that one on one conversation with him. Sometimes the print doesn't translate to the actual concerns that they have. Sometimes when they are sending papers back and forth, they are trying to keep it nice and friendly. Well, they could pick up the phone and ask what the heck is he thinking? Then he can explain to them his position, they can explain to him their position. It is a little more candid as opposed to trying to be nicey-nice through a letter.

Chairman Coward said Commissioner Coke has raised a very valid point. They took the first step in establishing the Joint Planning Agreement so that they agreed to work with each other. As they are going through that process, they have learned that it was a good idea but they need to refine it. He has been somewhat, he wouldn't say frustrated, but the comments coming from the City have ranged from very, very specific comments about it should have a gabled roof and a porch, to much broader comments in terms of they don't want to see that land use change. He doesn't think the County is looking for the minutia on the architecture of the building, but they could certainly look at trying to adopt architectural standards in a broader sense. He thinks that the key point is that they need to refine the process and really better direct their staff to give them the specific type of information that is most useful to them. The second issue though is just a broader land use planning. Make sure that the City and the County's land use plans are compatible. Most of the density that they are seeing approved in the unincorporated County is significantly less than what is being approved in the City of Fort Pierce, particularly in the downtown area. The densities that are being approved are fully consistent with their Comprehensive Plans with only a few exceptions where they have actually tried to target projects that will help with affordable housing. Obviously, with the market doing what it has done over the last couple of years, many working people have been priced out of that market. They have set up public-private partnerships. They have tried to work with the development community to try to achieve workforce housing. In his opinion, that is also a quality of life issue. They may have beautiful parks and beautiful areas; but if someone cannot afford to live here, then they are not doing their jobs. So they are not just raising densities across the board. They have property rights that are in place based on their Comprehensive Plan that is dictating most of the approval, probably 95% of the approval, that is taking place in the unincorporated county.

Mayor Benton asked Mr. Anderson said there was \$43,000,000 committed to roads in the County?  
County Administrator Anderson said yes.

Mayor Benton asked can he define which roads in the City he is talking about and how much in the City?

Chairman Coward said he didn't think Mr. Anderson said in the City. That's \$43,000,000 countywide.

Mayor Benton said right, countywide. He wants to know, because they have had a lot of concerns over specifically Jenkins Road, Edwards Road, Angle Road. Can he explain if those are in the picture?

County Administrator Anderson said Jenkins Road is one of the critical roads. Kings Highway is another critical road. Midway Road from 25th Street going west to the Turnpike overpass is another critical road which they hope to have under construction in 2008. They also have \$6,000,000 for sidewalks - \$2,000,000 in Port St. Lucie and \$2,000,000 for sidewalks within the Fort Pierce area and then \$2,000,000 for the County itself. He is trying to do this from memory.

Mayor Benton said maybe he could give them a written report on that. Because specifically the City's concerns he thinks are in the Edwards Road and South Jenkins Road. The ones that have the pressure of development now. So if Mr. Anderson could just give this Commission a report on that in the future, it may be good.

County Commissioner Hutchinson said if she could follow up on Mayor Benton's request, he has to understand that this was a decision that was just made through the County's budget process. So the \$43,000,000 is a number they are assuming that they are going to go out and bond. That number is a fluid number at this point until after October. It's not like there is \$43,000,000 sitting in the bank that they took out of their budget.

Mayor Benton said that's what he was hoping to get, maybe a date. Because both boards are still looking at a lot of development in that area; and until the infrastructure is in place, they need to start saying no. There is no law out there that says developers have the right to develop their land to the maximum until the infrastructure is in place. He thinks that is the City's biggest concern. They are behind the eight ball here and they continue to play catch-up. He doesn't think that is going to work in the City.

County Administrator Anderson said as Commissioner Smith stated, this \$43,000,000 they know they can already leverage that money towards over \$8,000,000 in State TRIP (Transportation Regional Incentive Program) funding, so this \$43,000,000 is going to turn out to be a lot more than that. As was said, this is a fluid number - projects change, dollars change. What they are working with is a fluid type program. What the plan is and what the Commissioners have discussed is that they are going to do a line of credit. So as projects come on line or as they enter into contracts, then they draw down the money.

Mayor Benton said he thinks at least he would feel comfortable knowing that there are plans and money in the future before he votes to approve any more plans for development in those three areas that they talked about. He just can't do it now.

City Commissioner Becht said perhaps what the City can do, since it is a fluid number and if he understands correctly the projects have not been identified in concrete, maybe they can

lobby the County for some of the City's more important projects, including some County roads that are now in the City area that need to be fixed up so that they can formally annex the roads. As they have repeatedly said, the City does not want to annex the County's substandard roads until they are brought up to a standard. The County complains that the City hasn't annexed their roads. Maybe they could breach that and solve that problem. So they will lobby the County. And that's what he would ask the City Commission to do, come up with their wish list and put it in print and give it to the County. This fluid \$43,000,000, maybe they can get some of it earmarked for some of the troubled areas.

County Commissioner Hutchinson asked could she follow up on this discussion before it gets out there? She understands exactly what Commissioner Becht is saying; but please understand that the decision by this Board was done based on the roads of priority that would bring economic development benefit to the entire County, whether they are in the City or not, along with where the most pressure of already constrained circumstances, i.e. Midway Road. That was also a road that was out there on the MPO list. She would be hesitant to accept lobbying for other roads outside of the curriculum that this Board has already moved forward that these are priorities. One of the other criteria was that these roads would be roads that they could find matching money to better extend the amount of money. Basically Kings Highway she believes is one that qualifies for TRIP funding, which then doubles and sometimes may even triple their money to give them more road capacity in spending that \$43,000,000 on other roads. So she asks the City to be very open to working with the County before they come in asking for specific money towards roads.

City Commissioner Becht said he wants to be very open. Perhaps the City failed in not, as the County set the priority list, giving them a priority list of County roads that are located within the City. There are County roads that are located within the City that are substandard today. Oleander Avenue would be one, just picking one out of the hat. Perhaps they failed in not giving the County this list before they set their priorities. Perhaps this information is stale, but the City had written to them and asked them for a five year plan on roads located within the City of Fort Pierce. What they got back in print was, the County had committed \$1,000,000 to County roads within the City of Fort Pierce over a five year period, and half of that was for signaling Weatherbee Road and U.S. #1. So they were left with about \$500,000 for County roads within the City of Fort Pierce. And to hear today they have got \$43,000,000... It is all of them, because it is County dollars and he pays taxes. All of them pay taxes, County taxes. To hear that \$43,000,000 is being allocated for roads - and he thanks them for paying attention to the roads that they are paying attention to - but to hear that only \$1,000,000 is allocated over five years to the County roads within the City of Fort Pierce, that does not seem equitable.

County Commissioner Smith said he knows that - as one of their commissioners in the City of Fort Pierce - they have discussed

this issue before occasionally about how the roads are substandard and heading toward annexation how they would like to take a look at having those roads brought up to standard before they are actually annexed. His feeling is that they would love to have a partner with the City in that and he remains fast to that statement. One of the things the Board did do as they kind of moved towards that concept is that the Board, if approved in September, allocated \$50,000 to do some paving projects within the Paradise Park area. He knows it is one of the areas of consideration that the City is looking at for annexation. They wanted to do it as a pet project, because for many years they have looked at drainage. They are going through the drainage process right now. So they are actually making those roads that are substandard up to standard, at least for drainage. They will go back through and begin this paving process as well. Commissioner Becht is right, he is a County taxpayer. He himself is a City taxpayer. They work together in that symbiotic relationship. But as they continue forward everyone is looking for a little more money and they only have a small pot to deal with. So \$43,000,000 is a lot, but really it's not that much. He thinks if they look at the list that this Board had talked about, on that list which they didn't really go into the A, B, C, D of all the projects, they just knew that what they had not done was to create a funding mechanism to catch up to where they should be. That was the first step, they wanted to go ahead and create that funding mechanism and say that they believe there is a priority of this Board and of the citizens of this County to allocate money for road improvements. That's where they are. And as your Commissioner in that sense, he absolutely will be speaking with them to know what are some of their concerns within that district and how can they look at some of those County roads that are traversing the City to see how they can do more to help bring those up to standard as well.

City Commissioner Becht said to respond to that, he is going to thank Commissioner Smith, because he was not aware of the Paradise Park. So he thanks him, and he is sure that everybody else up here thanks him for that. It is more than they have seen in the five year plan. The failure, he thinks, might be the City's if they have not clearly articulated the County roads that are within the City that need to be looked at. He would ask staff, and he thinks everybody up here is going to ask staff, to identify those roads so that the County has a clear list of which roads are failing and which ones would be important to the City. Jenkins Road, Midway Road, and Kings Highway are also important to the City, but the County is the ones that have to balance what they are doing. He just felt like if they had \$43,000,000 and only \$1,000,000 is allocated to the City over five years, that just didn't sit well. But thank you for the \$50,000 for Paradise Park.

County Commissioner Lewis said she just wanted to comment that it is a timing issue. She thinks they probably got that notification of the Five-Year Plan some time ago. They just this week decided on a funding source and the additional funds won't be available...

City Commissioner Becht said last year, that's when they got the

information.

County Commissioner Lewis said they just this week finalized the plans; and as far as what roadways will be affected, that's not finalized at all. She personally, and she is sure all of the rest of them, would be glad to get the City's priority list as well so they can work that into things. She did want to address what Mayor Benton had said about developments coming on line. She thinks that if they followed the County's activities at all, they have been very active in pursuing developer assistance. They are bound by concurrency the same as everybody else is. They cannot tell them up front exactly where the money is going to come from and exactly what they will be able to do, because as the County Administrator just said, part of these funds will be leveraged and added to developer funds and grant funds and whatever else they can come up with. But she would really like to see their list so that they can possibly work them together and do a more comprehensive job.

Chairman Coward said he just wanted to add to the topic she just raised because the Mayor had made some comments that they are maxing out on densities and they weren't getting money for roads. He is disappointed that is the perception of what is going on in the County; because he thinks that if they were to look at what is actually being approved, they would see that most of the developments are actually coming in well below the maximum prescribed by the Comp Plan. He thinks they may actually have a higher standard than any other local government in the region as it relates to new development. They have not only increased the impact fees, they actually have had a voluntary component above that to take into consideration the escalating land values. Beyond that, they have also required that those impact fees be paid up front. Typically the fees are paid when the building permit is achieved and so that money dwindles in over time which could be many years. They are mandating that be put forward at the beginning of the project so that they can actually have the improvements in ground started before the development is occurring. Beyond all that, they have also been getting millions of dollars of contributions just as a part of the negotiations of the project. He is very proud of what this Board has done. They have really raised the bar in terms of making development pay their fair share. He just doesn't want there to be a misperception that they are just maxing out development and not taking enough funds to come in. He thinks they are doing a great job to raise the quality of the development, contributions from development, and to plan for their future. The concurrency is another key issue that Commissioner Lewis mentioned. They are following all state and local laws. In fact, he thinks they are exceeding them. He doesn't want this perception to be there that they are not meeting concurrency. Lastly, the Weatherbee Road/U.S. #1 traffic light, this is where they have to think about this as a two way street. The \$1,000,000 that was identified, a good portion of that went toward Weatherbee Road signalization. The City has also approved projects that are affecting that intersection. He believes it was the Gator Trace or in that area that the City approved a project and he thinks that there was a \$10,000 contribution. The signalization cost is probably

going to be \$350,000.

City Commissioner Becht said Chairman Coward's information is incorrect, so he will just stop him there. The City got \$10,000 for Parks and Recreation and they got fair share for the light for the signalization.

Chairman Coward asked how much went to that intersection from the City? He was told it was \$10,000 as of a few days ago.

City Commissioner Becht said no, the \$10,000 was separate and it was for parks and recreation. The developer is obligated to pay a fair share contribution and that number was not known at permitting time, so that calculation is yet to be made. But they cannot start selling units until they pay their fair share for that signalization.

Chairman Coward said okay, that's encouraging, because he had heard it was a \$10,000 contribution. It's encouraging to hear that it is more than that. But obviously, they need to both be collecting money. Even if it is not the City's road, but they expect the County to improve it, they need to make sure that the development that the City is improving that is impacting those roads that the County gets a funding revenue source coming in.

County Commissioner Hutchinson said Chairman Coward took the words right out of her mouth. That number was given by the developer when she asked him specifically about that. That was the number he gave to her. So whether it's right or wrong, she is just telling him where the source was. She had no reason to doubt it since she was not the one to approve what he said they had approved. That being said, she would like to suggest - and this is going back to one of the things that Commissioner Coke had brought up - she thinks it is imperative that both sides as they move forward with approving development, that they make each other aware of what it is they have asked, and there seems to be a lack of that going back and forth. As Commissioner Coward said, they have got one step of the JPA, they need to move on to the next. As the City approves developments, they need to let the County be aware, especially as those affect stormwater issues in the roads, what it is they have requested from the developer so that they make sure it ties in with what the County is doing and vice versa. The City needs to be aware of what it is that the County is approving and let the City know so that they know what is coming down the pipeline also.

Chairman Coward said since they are rapidly moving through this hour and they have other issues, he thinks if they could focus just for a moment on how they would like to proceed from there. Should they identify one City Commissioner and one County Commissioner who can sit down and try to discuss the JPA and some of the other related issues and see if they can come back with some specific recommendations about how to refine and improve this process? He is just throwing out ideas. They are not going to resolve it today, but if they can identify how to move forward...

City Commissioner Coke said she thinks that if they were to get a County Commissioner and a City Commissioner, they should also include a member of each staff who have already been working on the process. She thinks that would be a great first step.

Chairman Coward said absolutely.

Mayor Benton said he would agree.

Chairman Coward said he would suggest then that they proceed through the agenda as he knows that they have at least four or five additional items that they wanted to discuss, with limited time and the City of Port St. Lucie about to join them in fifteen minutes or so. Is that okay?

Mayor Benton said that's fine. Did he want to go to one of the County's items?

Chairman Coward said they have covered some back and forth. Since they have limited time, did Mr. Anderson want to highlight any of the items that are listed under the County Commission agenda?

County Administrator Anderson said yes. First of all, downtown parking. The County is involved in two projects. One is the **Downtown Parking Garage**, which they are out to bid on. \$2.8 million has been budgeted by the FPRA (Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency). He sent a letter to Mr. Beach saying that their architect estimates the cost could come in 40% higher based upon the increase in concrete, which could drive this project up to \$4 million. They are out to bid; and whatever the numbers come in at, they would ask that the FPRA consider funding that additional money for the project. In conjunction with that, the BOCC has budgeted over \$500,000 to improve what they refer to as the St. Andrew's Church **Parking Lot** across from the new Clerk of the Courts Building. They will be proceeding with that next year. They can't do it now because school is going to be opening. They have to do it while school is closed.

Chairman Coward asked during their budget deliberations Commissioner Craft had some interesting ideas about the use of that waterfront property for parking. He doesn't know if he wants to expand on that now that they have the City Commission here, but it seems like an appropriate time.

County Commissioner Craft said he would be happy to. What he was just wanting to explore is the value of that property versus the net gain of parking spots that they have there. There may be a greater opportunity if they could find either the church or someone else who has a private need for the property, sell it, and the funds generated from the sale of that property could then be put into either the courthouse parking garage or the parking garage that the City is working on, which may give them a higher net gain of parking spots available in downtown Fort Pierce. It is a beautiful piece of property. The problem is, he is not sure what kind of public value it has because of the

difficulty it is to get there and it being next to the church. He just wanted to throw that idea out there to the City and see if that is an avenue they would like to pursue as opposed to the County moving forward and going ahead and dropping another \$500,000 into it, and then deciding later that the proper thing that they should do... What was the net gain that they would have? They would only gain sixteen additional spots in that parking lot at a \$530,000 investment. And they may potentially be able to get \$3 million to \$4 million out of it to put into a parking garage.

Mayor Benton said in the time frame, it won't be up and ready until the fall of next year.

County Commissioner Craft said next summer, yes. That is up to the Commissioners. The County had made an agreement with the City along with the funds that they were contributing to the Clerk of Courts building that the County would improve that parking lot. But if they could get their permission to seek an alternative use of that land, he would really like to explore and see if they have that opportunity, at least before next summer gets here. Maybe they will find out that it is not economically feasible.

County Commissioner Smith said to go along with what Commissioner Craft is saying, one of the other issues that they discussed in their budget workshop was the actual walkability of downtown as it is presently. One of the things he thinks they may want to look at, in addition to the idea of creating more parking spaces as they are right now, is making that a pedestrian friendly center. He thinks that in some point in its past, it really was. But they have really loaded up the cars down there. They are going to load up even more. He knows the trolley system that the City is trying to implement down there is going to work really well. He is wondering if they should take a look at increasing and improving upon that process so that there may be hubs throughout that downtown area further out toward Orange Avenue and U.S. #1 that could then allow people to take buses in, do the business they have, and then bus themselves right back out. He thinks that as more cars - and they are building more buildings down there - they are going to have more people walking on the street. So it may actually become worse to have all of those cars in a pedestrian center as it were. He would really like for them to take a look at considering some of those ideas and concepts as well.

Mayor Benton said they do know that the FPRA has decided to build the first parking garage in the City Hall parking lot. They have taken it back from the JC Penney's parking lot and decided to start there first. Maybe rethink that development there in that parking area. He thinks that they won't know until September whether Catalfumo is going to move forward with their project (Marina Square) or not. Then they can take that part from there.

County Commissioner Smith said maybe they could open up a scooter shop and just be like Rome or London.

Chairman Coward asked is there was any further discussion on the parking issue? There are multiple parking projects going on under both jurisdictions and they need to make sure they are coordinating closely. And then with Commissioner Craft's new idea, he thinks it would be good to have someone identified from the respective boards to kind of tackle those issues. He is certainly going to identify Commissioner Craft as the County's representative. Do they have any further comments?

Mayor Benton said he knows Commissioner Coke and Commissioner Nelson have some items on the agenda. He doesn't know how much time is left.

County Commissioner Craft said if he may, if he could just get clarification from the City Commission whether or not they are comfortable with the County looking at other alternatives. He doesn't want to hear later down the road they aren't comfortable with it. He didn't get the feedback.

Mayor Benton said he does not have a problem with it and he is glad that Commissioner Craft asked.

Commissioner Coke said she thinks it's a great idea.

Commissioner Alexander said he thinks it's a great idea.

City Commissioner Becht said he doesn't. He needs to maintain consistency. He has been against selling publicly-owned waterfront property. He maintains that and obviously he is in the minority.

Mayor Benton said he usually agrees with Commissioner Becht. But because this is surrounded by privately-owned property and difficult to get to in the future, he would like to hear what the options are.

Chairman Coward said he thinks Mr. Anderson did have a couple more items if they wouldn't mind letting him continue. County Administrator Anderson said the County is investing over \$20 million in downtown Fort Pierce in court facilities. Part of that is that they requested the FPRA to fund \$1 million toward the **Clerk of the Courts** new building which is under construction. After discussing this with the City of Fort Pierce, the City of Fort Pierce came back and Jon Ward requested that the County donate to the FPRA lots that were available for workforce housing. The County has agreed to that. Mr. Ward came back and said that he wanted clear title to those lots, which is impossible for the County to get. They will give the City, the FPRA, whatever title they have to that site. He thinks, if that is acceptable to the FPRA, that issue is worked out. The one other tie-in with the \$1 million is that the FPRA, the City, has requested that the County fund a portion of the rebuilding of **Atlantic Avenue** once their construction is complete. He talked to Hector Arias prior to today's meeting and he said that he thinks that the City, the FPRA, would be requesting \$100,000 from the County for the rebuilding of Atlantic Avenue. What they need to know is, if these terms are suitable to the FPRA and the City, they go ahead and craft the

agreement and finalize that so that the County could receive the \$1 million toward the Clerk of the Courts building which is under construction.

Commissioner Coke said she believes that their intent when they had discussed Atlantic Avenue was... As the County is using it for a staging area for all of that equipment, it is going to get beat up and they just don't want to get something back worse than it was when they used it. She thinks that if they can work out that agreement and do the land swap, they ought to be good to go and they ought to be moving forward on something.

Mayor Benton said they can't speak as the FPRA today. That request would have to come through them.

County Administrator Anderson said what they are looking at is \$100,000 toward Atlantic Avenue and then transferring those lots to the FPRA with whatever title they have at this point.

Mayor Benton said the County has already discussed their budget, unfortunately the City has not got that far yet. The City's budget discussions will be coming up within the next few weeks. They will put that request in.

Commissioner Coke said this is \$1 million they committed with last year's budget.

County Administrator Anderson said this has already been committed. He just wants to finalize the agreement, that's all.

City Commissioner Coke said when they see the FPRA people, they will ask them.

County Administrator Anderson said once again, when the bids are received on the downtown parking garage, whatever the amount is over and above the \$2.8 million, they would be coming back to the FPRA. He also wants to point out that the Board of County Commissioners approved \$4.5 million between FEMA, insurance money, and budgeted money toward the renovation of the **Old Courthouse**, the first two floors, which is significant. They have committed to that. They are going to do it in phases. They are going to do the first two floors and then the upper two floors. That is underway. They also have a new entrance to the courthouse that they have budgeted money for.

Mayor Benton said while they are talking about downtown, one thing the Commission has asked is that they have a voting member on the St. Lucie County Public Safety Council. They are hoping to have the County's support on this.

County Commissioner Hutchinson said that board is set up by state statutes. One of the suggestions he will probably be hearing coming out of the next Public Safety Council, in discussions she knows she's had, and Commissioner Smith chairs that board, is that there be a task force put together made up of a combination of members that board along with... Whether they be the City of Port St. Lucie, the City of Fort Pierce, even possibly private being put together as kind of like a

consulting group to that Public Safety Council. That might be the better way. She would ask that they let that Public Safety Council meet first and put out some of the details. Because if they go in and try to change state laws, as they well know it takes quite some time to do that.

City Commissioner Becht said they were advised that state law sets it up, but it does not prohibit them adding additional voting members. Is she saying the state law prohibits them adding additional voting members? Because that's all they are asking.

County Commissioner Hutchinson said her understanding of it is that it has to be filed through the state and approved first. They have to petition...

City Commissioner Becht asked can they make a commitment that if it does not require that, they would endorse having a Fort Pierce voting person on that committee?

County Commissioner Hutchinson said by all means.

Chairman Coward said let them make it really clear. The County Commissioners are supportive of having both Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie as active participants. They are dealing with some legalities that they have to work their way through. But they very much want them to be part of it.

County Commissioner Craft said he would like for them to have a little bit broader discussion of that when all three boards are sitting there because of the recommendation that come out of their workshop. He wants to make sure that everyone is included.

County Commissioner Hutchinson said that would be great.

(City Commissioner Nelson left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

Chairman Coward said they have two final issues before they conclude. First, one of the things that the County Commission has been very supportive of over the last few years has been the **Research and Education Park**. Not only the activities that are going on in Port St. Lucie, but also the park that is located off of Kings Highway. One of the key partners in that overall effort is the **Economic Development Council**. With the hiring of Mr. Larry Pelton (as Executive Director), they felt that it would be a critical time for the County Commission to put additional dollars into this effort. They have actually put a challenge grant out to the EDC and the private sector to say that they will actually double their contribution. For every private dollar raised, they are going to match that up to an additional \$100,000. They wanted to just note that for the record and hope that both cities and the public entities that are involved in the EDC will consider following in line with that. And lastly, he thinks Commissioner Smith had a specific project that was achieved through the budget process that he would like to discuss.

County Commissioner Smith said earlier the Mayor made a comment regarding the City had not yet gone through their budget process, so he thinks he caught them at a good time. The Board of County Commissioners is pleased to report that during their budget workshop they decided to make a signature investment within the Lincoln Park area, particularly at the **Open Space Park**. They have now provided \$500,000 to go toward land acquisition in that area. He knows that the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency, those fine good people, have chosen about \$1 million for that project. But they would really respectfully request that the City also be able to match the \$500,000 that the County has now offered for that to help provide land acquisition in that area and then go toward the building of a new actual building. They realize that they have done some signature investments in Lakewood Park with that regional recreation facility. They have also done the same at Lawnwood. They think that the hole in the donut is right there in the Lincoln Park area, so they would like to be able to fill that hole. They know that with the City's support, they can do that. If they would take that back to the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency as well as the City Commission and discuss that during their budget workshop they would greatly appreciate it.

Chairman Coward said let them have the City respond to that if they wish. It really is just an item for their information, they don't expect an answer today. They just want them to know that they are interested in partnering with the City on that project. So he doesn't know if there are any specific comments.

City Commissioner Alexander said along with the thoughts and the efforts they have put forth in the last year, they are asking that the County - he knows that they don't want to flip-flop - they are asking to match and then the City asks to match. They want to do a little more in that area. They just wanted to leave it open for discussion that they could carry that a little further than what the County just mentioned. He just wants to get from the County that they would be willing to work with the City with the deprived area in much need.

City Commissioner Becht said he has conceptually no problem with matching dollars that they can get the County to spend in this County area, which happens to be within the City. He doesn't know if they know the exact dollar figures on what the City has done in the Moore's Creek area or what they have spent and will be spending on the Human Development & Resources Centre. He doesn't mean this in a sarcastic way, but they have committed between those two things in excess of \$6,500,000 already. He is very happy and proud that they have done that. But he doesn't want to rule out matching something with the County. He is not real clear on where that money is going, what it is earmarked for, or who is going to control where it goes. But he would be happy to review matching funds with the County on any project within the City limits.

Chairman Coward said he does not mean to be rude, but he really thinks they should try to finalize the meeting as close to 3:00 o'clock as possible. They have got the entire City Council and Mayor from Port St. Lucie scheduled for 3:00 o'clock for a full

session. He would very much like to bring them aboard there.

Mayor Benton asked could he respond one more time? The FPRA has committed in the last month, they have committed for over a year and a half... The Police Athletic League (PAL) has just been thrown out of their facility. They have committed \$2,000,000 for a facility at 10th Street Park. So they are making commitments. They might be in that location. Just so they know, the FPRA has made substantial commitments in that area.

County Commissioner Smith said he knows they are.

Mayor Benton said that's very important, that is a priority because PAL does not have a home. If anybody can find a temporary home for the Police Athletic League, please give them a call. He wanted to be specific on the number because they have been spending a lot of money.

Chairman Coward said he did not know if they needed a formal motion or not, but if they could just go ahead and adjourn and invite the Port St. Lucie City Council to come up and join them for continuing discussions here.

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THE JOINT MEETING CONTINUED WITH THE PORT ST. LUCIE CITY COUNCIL JOINING THE FORT PIERCE CITY COMMISSION AND THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT 3:15 P.M.  
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Mayor Minsky said they are running a little behind schedule and will get started right away. The first item on the agenda is an item requested by St. Lucie County, so he will turn it back over to the County Commission.

Chairman Coward said it is his understanding that there has been an amendment to the agenda and that Port St. Lucie has asked for an update from the County on the Yacht Club Marina on Prima Vista.

Mayor Minsky said being they are starting a little bit late on this meeting, why don't they just go ahead and take that off of this meeting and add on to the next meeting (at 4:00 p.m.). That way it will help make up for a little bit of the time that they lost.

Chairman Coward said the issue the County will be presenting some information on is the new **Emergency Operations Center**.

County Administrator Anderson said the new Emergency Operations Center which is going to be located at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds is going to be in the range of 20,000 to 27,000 square feet. They have an architect under continuing contract with the County which will expedite this project. \$6 million of the project is going to come from the State of Florida, it was approved in this year's budget. They have been trying for this money since 1999 and finally got it approved. The County has been setting aside funds from the telephone surcharge that they received over the years to wire the facility and buy equipment in the amount of \$1.7 million. They are going to receive \$400,000 from FPL. The Board of County Commissioners in their

tentative budget have approved setting aside \$900,000. He believes yesterday, in the tentative Fire District budget, they have agreed to set aside \$500,000, bringing it up to \$9.5 million available. The next step in the process is they are going to go to the 911 Board of Governors - which the City of Port St. Lucie Police Departments sits on that and also the City of Fort Pierce Police Department - and they are going to begin discussing the layout of the building. They do have a preliminary design. He has been in discussions with the State Emergency Management Department in Tallahassee and they are finalizing the agreement with them. He told them that their goal, although aggressive, is to have the building completed sometime in 2008. Also he has discussed with the County Commissioners and will be discussing this with the 911 Board of Governors, is that the project managers will consist of at this time: Jack Southard, their Emergency Management Director for the County, together with Fire Chief Jay Sizemore. They would be the project managers.

County Administrator Anderson said the next item is the **Juvenile Assessment Center**. Well over a year ago, the County worked with both Police Departments and the Sheriff's Office regarding the booking of juveniles at the Juvenile Assessment Center. The problem that they had all been incurring is that when a juvenile was picked up, they were taken out to the booking area at the jail. At that time anyone else, any adults in the booking area, would have to be removed and they would have to be separated from the juveniles. That entire process would take up to six hours to book a juvenile. That means that a police officer or a sheriff's deputy would sit there. During that time period, they were not out on the streets. The Board of County Commissioners budgeted for an 18 month pilot program to have the booking done at the Juvenile Assessment Center. The Board of County Commissioners funded that with the ideas that the cities - if this did work, which it is doing - would then contribute one-third each toward the funding and the County the remaining one-third towards the continuation of this program.

**Mr. Mark J. Godwin**, Criminal Justice Coordinator, said he just wanted to basically reinform everyone that the Juvenile Assessment Center is a pilot program that is working very well. It is saving law enforcement hours and hours for each of their cities, indicating that an officer not only has to deal with children... These are children that have come into contact with law enforcement for one reason or another. Whether or not they are in trouble, or whether or not they are runaways, remember that these are status offenses. Those status offenses are very time-consuming, trying to locate family members, trying to deal with these issues. Law enforcement used to have to take these children out to the booking section of our County Jail. The situation with the County Jail the way it is, currently it is taking an average of three hours for these cases. Law enforcement officers can now report directly to the Juvenile Assessment Center, which is co-located right next to the Detention Center. The Juvenile Assessment Center does a full complement assessment on these children. So what they are getting first of all is that law enforcement officers can within fifteen minutes drop these children off and exchange paperwork.

Those officers can be back in their zones quicker, providing more public safety to their communities. In addition to that, these children are thoroughly assessed - medical, psychological, drug screens - the whole nine yards that has never been done before. They can also look at the fact, where do they turn off the tap? Is it at the front end with these juveniles? Or do they just allow them to be processed? Here is a way that these children can be assessed, recommendations can be made, and resources can be pointed to for the families, especially for those who have status offenses. For those that qualify, of course they are taken directly into the Juvenile Detention Facility, for those who meet certain criteria because they have had charges that qualify because of the serious nature of that. But for those that don't, and most of them don't, they return back to their community. But when they return back to their community, their parents and their family and the juvenile themselves are being returned with resources, so hopefully they don't see those children back again. This Juvenile Assessment Center is working very well. The County has contracted with Human Service Associates, Inc. Their Regional Vice President Laurie Thomlin is here today along with the Director of the Juvenile Assessment Center, Candice Coghill. Also, from the Fort Pierce Police Department, Assistant Chief Sean Baldwin is here. He saw Chief Skinner here earlier today and the Sheriff's Department. Law enforcement and the community endorses this. What he is recommending to all of them, that a split occur. Because as indicated in the paperwork he has given them - and the contract is in there and what the costs are - they have a three way split so they can look at this in a logical manner so that this program can be funded. It is only currently funded through March 2007. They are asking their assistance to fund this program on a continual basis. The benefits certainly outweigh the cost factors that they are looking at, especially returning their juveniles back to their community. If they have any questions, he will certainly be more than happy to receive those.

City Commissioner Alexander said his concern is, he is looking at the numbers and he sees every year those numbers go up. His question is, why are they not on a proactive deterrence on these juveniles so they won't get part of the system? Because once they get into the system, they go before the judge, they are released to their parents, and they are right back into this community. They have a problem with their teenage children. It might not be as prevalent in Port St. Lucie, but he can guarantee them that Fort Pierce has had enough. They should be proactive in some kind of way or another to help with what is going on with what they have down at Juvenile Justice. When they ask the kids what their concerns were, they have nothing to do. He has to address his Assistant Chief, when he brings him reports that the crime was prevented in Fort Pierce area, 80% of the crimes were created by individuals outside of their community. It is telling him one thing, that all his children are not that bad. They should address that and give some of these kids some things to do. They are crying out, but nothing to do. When he keeps hearing them saying they have nothing to do, then he looks at this beautiful facility here, they need to have some breaking water. They have to get these kids out of

the elements. If they expect for them to play out there in the hot sun all day and just go home and sit down and rest, they have another thought coming, because they don't come out until the evening. Again, he doesn't know what the medicine is going to be today. He is here in support of whatever the efforts are, but they need to be proactive about what they are going to do with those kids.

Mr. Godwin said yes, they recognize the fact that this Juvenile Assessment Center works hand in hand with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the efforts that are there. Also they work with the County as far as the juvenile judges in St. Lucie County, so they are very familiar with the problems and the dynamics. The numbers that he provided in that handout paperwork are recent numbers that were given to him which he thought were interesting. Not only the number of arrests on juveniles, it is on the number of complaints that are filed by the State Attorney's Office. They have to remember, a lot of people that get arrested actually don't get charged with the offenses. So they are not looking at actual numbers of arrests. He thought this was a good indicator of how many juveniles are actually being prosecuted by the courts. It has gone up 11% in St. Lucie County over the time frame that he put there. That information was provided by the Court Administrator's Office. He just wanted to indicate that yes, it looks like juvenile crime is continuing to grow as far as the number of filings. It is a concern. But if they do not have it on the front end as far as assessing and recommending resources, that is going to be detrimental and those numbers are going to continue to increase. It is going to make an impact in each one of the cities throughout the county.

County Commissioner Craft said through their budgeting process this year, he thinks they nearly doubled the amount of money, the contributions, that they are making toward summer programs for the youth. To address Commissioner Alexander's comments specifically, they recognize those issues and there's an old saying about idle hands. They are trying to at least fund the staff and the space so that they can keep the youth busy. Right now their summer programs are extremely stressed, they are maxed out. They may be were a little behind the bar as far as expanding those programs, but they are trying to back with it.

Mayor Minsky said he can understand Commissioner Alexander's frustration. But this is a two-fold problem. The Juvenile Assessment Center is set up to handle the kids that, no matter what they do, they are still going to have problem kids in their society. Our society is changing. It is in a state of flux. The kids today are not like the kids years ago. The family control over children isn't the same as it was years ago. As a result, they are dealing with a different kind of problem. He does not know if that is the right way to put it. He thinks that it has to be tackled. He believes that he hit the nail right on the head. They have got to do something to stop the kids from having to get into this Juvenile Assessment Center, but the Juvenile Assessment Center is going to have to handle the kids that do get into it. He thinks Commissioner Alexander is right. They need more emphasis on how do they stop kids from

getting into trouble.

Chairman Coward said he also agrees strongly with Commissioner Alexander. In fact, they have talked for several years about the need to expand summer programs. Commissioner Craft noted through their budget process that they did in fact double their money earmarked specifically for summer programs. He thinks the other interesting issue is the bricks and mortar that Commissioner Alexander mentioned. To go back in time, the voters of St. Lucie County, including those in the City, approved the Recreation Bond. He thinks the amount of money that has come from that bond projected over time is probably in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000. He know the City has taken their portion, and they have done various projects with it. The County is working in conjunction with the City on its portion. He thinks they have two regional parks that are coming out of the ground right now that are probably in the neighborhood of about \$29,000,000 worth of regional parks. That is on top of the additional parks that were noted earlier by Commissioner Smith that they are doing specifically in northwest Fort Pierce. The last item that he wanted to make everyone aware of - and put a pitch in for - is the Youth Leadership Committee. He is not aware if everyone is familiar with that, but Catherine Hensley from the School Board worked closely with the County Commission and also with the Children's Services Council to resurrect the Youth Leadership Committee that has been active now for several years. One of the specific things that they are doing is surveying the youth in St. Lucie County. That includes some of the troubled youth as well. The survey is intended to actually identify specific things that they collectively can do to try and provide them with programs, facilities, activities, and so forth. He wanted to let them know that survey is forthcoming. In anticipation of that, the County actually earmarked \$50,000 in their budget which they hope to use as a local match that they can get additional grant dollars and then begin to implement some of the specific ideas that are actually brought out of the survey. He hopes that the Youth Leadership Committee will present that to all of the collective boards. He thinks it is the spring of 2007 when they anticipate finishing up.

Mayor Minsky said the City Council has heard from people all the time, kids ain't got nothing to do. The big question is, what do the kids want to do and is what they want to do something that they can permit? The fact is that there are only so many recreational facilities that government can provide for children. But if the kids don't want to do the things that they are setting up for them to do, then what is the next step?

Commissioner Alexander said maybe they can emphasize with the judges that are turning these kids loose back into these areas, that they turn them back into a controlled area. Maybe they can start utilizing some of these schools that they have. Some of them are closed the entire summer. He knows that is a liability with the County and so forth, but they are going to pay it now or they are going to pay it later. They have to look at it one way or the other. He says that turning them back into a controlled area. Asking them what they want to do? They are not going to do what is illegal, but in general these kids have

some good ideas.

County Commissioner Smith said he thinks they are all hitting the nail on the head here. But two of the other things that the County made future investments in. One is right there in the City of Port St. Lucie. At Windmill Point they are actually spending \$4,000,000 for a new library that is going to be going down in that area. He believes that is the fastest growing area in the City of Port St. Lucie at this point. The other is, that after they retire he looks forward to maybe they can don their head gear and their knee pads and go to the new Skateboard Park that they are going to be building in the City of Fort Pierce as well. He doesn't know anything about it either, but he hears that kids like it. What they are trying to do is find things that the young men and women and boys and girls do want to do. He thinks they are expanding what they like. They all know the organizations they have for soccer here. The County just expended \$750,000 in Lawnwood Regional Park for a soccer field as well. That is not just for a certain ethnic group, it is for many different ethnic groups. As the color of our community begins to change and the diversity of the community changes, they are trying to change with it. There are some stumbling blocks and there are some learning curves that are quite steep as figuring out what does their community want and how can they best provide those services.

Councilwoman Berger said she wanted to share with everybody she is lucky enough to sit on two boards - the Police Athletic League here in Port St. Lucie and also the YMCA. As many of them know, the YMCA has been trying very desperately to get into St. Lucie County in a way that really impacts the children in the area and the families in general. One new thing that they will be doing soon is... She has facilitated a partnership between the two nonprofits right now. Port St. Lucie needs more after school programs, as she is sure Fort Pierce does. They were both competing for the same grant from CSC (Childrens Services Council). When she would go to one board meeting, they had the facility but they did not have the manpower to make the grant feasible. Then when she would go to the other board meeting, they didn't have the place and they had the manpower. So they were able to marry the two and now they are looking forward to that partnership where the YMCA will bring the manpower to the Police Athletic League and be able to create some more after school programs with the grant that is coming forward. More details to come. That is what they are doing right now and what they are working on. So partnerships among the nonprofits is probably a first step. Anything that they can do as governments to try to give some incentives to make that happen, she thinks would be a positive thing. Obviously the bricks and mortar are an issue because their PAL activities are leaving Fort Pierce because there is no place to go. She thinks Port St. Lucie is helping create some place for them two days out of the week, but that is not enough. Their kids need some place to go.

Mayor Benton said they have committed \$2,000,000. Unfortunately that facility probably won't be built for about a year.

Mayor Minsky asked to the best of their knowledge, has anybody ever done an actual assessment of exactly how much facilities they have and what the capacity for those facilities are insofar as for younger recreation? It would be something if they did have a countywide assessment including the cities so at least they would know what they would be dealing with and they know what the capacity for those facilities are. They are growing in leaps and bounds; and what was an acceptable standard ten years ago, is just completely out of the picture today. Maybe what they really need to do is have an assessment and see how many facilities do they have, what is the capacity for those facilities, and do they have enough for the people who are in their community?

County Commissioner Hutchinson said the County had done that, if she is not mistaken, before that referendum ever went out to the voters. She agrees with him, that it might need to be updated; because what is coming out of conversations today is, there are a lot of new things coming on board that were not included since that assessment was done, along with some of the needs such as the youth leadership coming out. It might be time to update some of it with the school input into that. She doesn't disagree with him, in fact she actually has enjoyed hearing and listening to the conversation that they all recognize the issue needs to be addressed up front. But the issue that is being passed on to them today, as unfortunate as it is, is the fact that sometimes there are children that no matter what they provide or what they can help, will still need the facilities of the Juvenile Assessment. She thinks what Mr. Godwin is asking, is there a way for the two cities to partner with the County on a proven - the past year and a half or two years - a proven program that allows both cities law enforcement along with the County Sheriff's Department to get back out on the street where they need to be versus being tied up into going through the system and sitting at the jail, basically babysitting, which is not what they are there for. So if there is a way before that funding runs out that the two cities at least consider funding a third of the program.

Mayor Minsky said the only thing that he could say right now is he doesn't think anybody here is going to say no to considering it or looking at it. But it is something that they just have to...

County Commissioner Hutchinson said that is understood. She knows both cities are going into their budgets; and that was one of the reasons why they asked for this discussion, so that they are not blindsided by it.

Mayor Minsky said whatever additional data Mr. Godwin could provide it would help as they go forward and take a look at this.

Mr. Godwin said certainly. And if they have any questions, he could certainly follow up in writing with questions they do have.

Mayor Benton said Fort Pierce will be committed to this. He will see that it is put on their budget agenda. To him, it is

something they have to fund.

County Commissioner Hutchinson said if they could follow up just a little bit more. If there could be a way that they could possibly look at that assessment that they had done the needs on recreation?

County Commissioner Craft said he doesn't see that there is anything else on the three board agenda.

Mayor Minsky said let them go to the next meeting then.

County Commissioner Craft said what he would like to do while he still had all three boards here is to discuss the Space Needs Committee that his board so graciously appointed him to. What they need to do is, as they move forward in Fort Pierce maxing out their court system, they have to begin to look at in the future how do they expand those. They have just had a **Space Needs Study** done by the Institute for Law and Policy, which has made recommendations as far as what space they are going to need in the future. What the Space Needs Committee has recommended is that they set up a task force to address this in the future. Obviously there is more of the court system that needs to be expanded to Port St. Lucie. They still need to find ways of expanding in Fort Pierce. So they want to set up a task force and he wants a representative from each of the cities to join him on this task force along with a chief judge and the other constitutionals who are going to play a part in this.

Mayor Minsky said he spoke with Judge Roby a while back and he was describing all of the plans they had to expand the facility out at St. Lucie West. Where is that at right now or is it anywhere? The last time he spoke with him was a couple of months ago, and he hasn't heard anything about that since.

County Administrator Anderson said at St. Lucie West they are in the process of moving the different agencies out of St. Lucie West to convert it to a full courthouse. Over at Walton Road in City Center, their building there is now being finished off to move Veteran's Services into that building, which will free up space. The Children's Services Council - Commissioner Lewis sits on that - is going to be moving out by this fall and they are looking for space. They are also planning on moving out Guardian Ad Litem. They were going to move Guardian Ad Litem to Walton Road, but Guardian Ad Litem is faced with doubling in employees, so there is just not enough room over at Walton Road. They are looking for a place for them. One of the ideas that they have had is that, when the original building was built in St. Lucie West, there were also drawings, plans made for another 20,000 square foot building adjacent to the existing building. They have those plans. They continue to look at them. 10,000 square feet of the 20,000 square feet could be rented out to Guardian Ad Litem which they all fund. It's all the counties in the circuit that fund it. They continue to analyze that. But right now immediately what they are doing is trying to empty out as many agencies as possible out of St. Lucie West.

Mayor Minsky asked are they going to have to shut that whole

building down when they convert it over or is it going to be partly open?

County Administrator Anderson said no, they don't have to shut it down. They already set it up, they already have the security there, and it is set up to be expanded into a court facility. They will just renovate the areas. The Veteran's Services will be the first one moving out, which is a large area. As soon as they are out, then they are going in and renovate that area.

County Commissioner Craft said the reason why he is asking for each of their boards to appoint someone to a Task Force is because they obviously are going to be able to move forward in St. Lucie West with the plans that Mr. Anderson was speaking of. But more important is, where are they going to be in the future. Once they get done with the renovations they spoke of today with the City of Fort Pierce, they are maxed out in downtown Fort Pierce.

Mayor Benton said they had that discussion yesterday. Mr. Beach and he sat down with Judge Connor and Judge Roby a couple of months ago, and he was the one who suggested to them to put a Task Force together. Because the City of Fort Pierce has several City blocks that can be used. They have vacant property on the west side of U.S. #1 where they already have a courthouse now. The Federal Courthouse will be located there. So they have the ability through the FPRA to make a lot of expansion there. They do know there are needs in Port St. Lucie. But to move something out near the jail is absurd.

County Commissioner Craft said he agrees with him and that is why he is asking, so they don't get into this broad discussion with all three Boards, is that they allow the Task Force... Fort Pierce designate a person from the Commission and Port St. Lucie designates a person from their Council, and they will sit and discuss that. Because he told Judge Roby and Judge Connor the same things. The judicial system is an economic engine to both cities. It has more of a potential when it is expanded in Port St. Lucie to add to that economic engine. So they want to make sure they are looking in the positive manner in the future and planning this together instead of the County just saying okay, they are going to put the judicial complex here. He doesn't want to do that. He doesn't think any of the Board members wants to make that decision without the input from each of their respective Boards.

Mayor Minsky said he will put it on a future Agenda for discussion about getting an appointment on that and take it from there.

County Commissioner Craft said great. As soon as they find out who that is, they will give them a copy of the Space Needs Study so they can start reading through the 5,000 page article.

Mayor Minsky said he just killed off all his volunteers.

Mayor Benton said he would suggest this be a permanent Task Force, because the court system is going to continue over the

years. And that is the problem, there hasn't been planning for where they are today. They have a lot of catching up to do.

County Commissioner Craft said he completely agrees with him. Space Needs is something that all three of their Boards are faced with on a daily basis. The City Commissioners are responsible for their City needs. The County Commission is also responsible for their County needs as well as their constitutional officers. They want to make sure they are having the proper input from the cities to work with whatever redevelopment plans they may have, so that when they are siting buildings, let's do it in the place where they will get the biggest bang for their bucks.

Mayor Minsky said he thinks the other caveat is, they have to look to the future at buildout and see what they are going to need at buildout, and start making provisions now to put that land aside so it will be there when they need it. Because 10 or 15 years from now, go out and try to buy land, it is going to be impossible.

Councilman Kelly said one item that can probably be done briefly and probably should have been done under the EOC (Emergency Operations Center), but with hurricane season upon them. He is predicting no hurricanes this year anyway, but there is going to be a first time that he will be wrong in his predictions and he hopes it is not this year. He understands the County has an abundance - the newspaper said this and he believes everything he reads in the newspapers - the County has an abundance of **Hurricane Supplies** - MRE's, and the like. He doesn't know if it is true or not. Even if they said they would give them half of those right now, he doesn't think Mr. Cooper has any place to put them. But do they have a plan for allocation of these? County Commissioner Lewis is making a face so it could be they do not have them. He doesn't know. But the newspaper said the County had like 70,000 MRE's, he thinks is a direct quote. If they do, it would be nice to know they can get them before the hurricane or if they are going to share.

County Administrator Anderson said yes, the County does have an abundance of hurricane supplies. He wouldn't call it an abundance. They will take everything they can get. Following Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne - this is how they got into the program - as other communities wound down from Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, they asked if St. Lucie County would accept their supplies and would need their supplies. They said absolutely. They stored those supplies in what was left of the Civic Center. Following Hurricane Wilma, where they lost the roof on the Civic Center, they also had communities hard hit by Hurricane Wilma, harder hit than St. Lucie County. Now they did use supplies in this County. He remembers they sent supplies to the K-Mart facility in Port St. Lucie. Also Hendry County needed supplies, they shipped supplies over there. Palm Beach County needed supplies and Broward County needed supplies, so they shipped supplies out. Since then they have replenished their supplies once again. Without the Civic Center, the Wal-Mart Distribution Center was nice enough to allow them to store supplies in their facility in a certain area, but they didn't

have enough room for everything. The rest of the supplies are in the school bus warehouse down in St. Lucie West. They are in safe-keeping. If the City has a place where they can put supplies now, they could talk about it. But he doesn't know. They are in safe-keeping. They are ready to roll them out. The County has purchased trailers, they have purchased forklifts, they have purchased front-end loaders. They are ready to load supplies and take them to wherever they are needed. As in the past, they have worked with the City of Fort Pierce and the City of Port St. Lucie in getting the supplies out. The problem they are going to be facing, and this needs to be discussed during the Space Needs Study, is that they are building storage under the concrete bleachers at the Lawnwood complex. The Board of County Commissioners have approved that. They are going to be able to get a lot of supplies in there. But as time goes on, they are going to need additional storage facilities within the County for supplies; because as they know, they can't rely on outside agencies immediately following a storm, because a lot of times they are just overstretched or they can't get in here for whatever reason. But to answer the question, they are ready to roll out whatever supplies the communities in St. Lucie County need.

Mayor Minsky said he doesn't know if they have any place to put them. Mr. Cooper will have to see to that. But the reason he brought it up, he knows it is on the Agenda to meet with them. He knows they have to share with Fort Pierce too. That is why he brought it up now so the three Boards would be here to find out what they are going to get.

County Administrator Anderson said just a quick rundown of supplies they have, just so they are aware of it as needs arise. They have insect repellent, which is very important to their workers obviously. Following a storm the mosquitos are usually pretty bad. They do have insect repellent, they have the MRE's, they have bottled water. Believe it or not, if they want windshield wash, he doesn't know how many hundreds of gallons of windshield wash which he has acquired. They accept anything they can get. Plus tarps. They have a lot of supplies that are stockpiled ready to go.

County Commissioner Craft said he would also like to point out that they are monitoring that inventory as well as far as the expiration dates on the water and the MRE's. When it gets close, they are giving it to the Treasure Coast Food Bank, so nothing is going to waste. They are making sure everything is going to be healthy when they do distribute it.

Mayor Minsky said just for his curiosity, what is the expiration date on water?

County Administrator Anderson said two years. Whatever it is, it is right on the bottles. As they get near an expiration date, they do transfer those supplies to the Food Bank.

Mayor Minsky asked on the distribution, do they have a process set up to whereby the two cities would come to the County storage area and get those supplies, or is it a case where the

County is going to be distributing them out?

County Administrator Anderson said whatever the cities want. They are prepared to do either. If they want to come pick up the supplies, they may. If they are unable to, the County is ready to deliver bring them to the cities.

Mayor Minsky said what he is thinking is, it is a lot easier to go and handle them once by having people come to where it is already stored and pick it up, than it is for the County to take it to a secondary point and then have to redistribute it.

County Administrator Anderson said absolutely. That would work out great. That would be wonderful.

Councilman Kelly said that was his concern was the logistics. And when they started this, he heard Mr. Anderson say they are ready to deliver it to them. He likes that part of it.

County Administrator Anderson said if they wish to come get it, that is wonderful. It saves the County work.

Councilman Kelly said Lawnwood is pretty easy for Fort Pierce and North County, but that could be a logistical problem for Port St. Lucie right after a hurricane, just to get through the roads. He would like to have it down there. He doesn't know if Mr. Cooper has any place to put it. They have no place to put it?

City Manager Cooper said quite frankly from the City's perspective, it is being stored out at St. Lucie West. That is probably as good a place as any right now.

Councilman Kelly said they will have to go out and get it before anything happens.

Mayor Benton said he has a question while they are talking about hurricane related issues. Have they enacted impact fees for hurricane shelters countywide yet? He knows they were talking about it.

County Administrator Anderson said they have not. The Board of County Commissioners have authorized the County to revisit the Impact Fee Study that they had prepared a year ago. During that, they are going to look at that also, impact fees for shelters.

Mayor Benton said because Fort Pierce is going through an Impact Fee Study right now. They hope to have it implemented by the end of the year. Hurricane issues will be added to that list.

County Administrator Anderson said along with shelters, the County is under design now and will be going out to bid in August for the 51,000 square foot special needs shelter/auditorium that will be located at the Lawnwood Complex. That is a \$12 million project which is fully funded at this time through FEMA insurance and County funds. They will have that special needs shelter open in May of 2008. The City of Port St.

Lucie, he knows they have their special needs shelter. In the interim they are going to be using the Dan McCarty Middle School once again as a special needs shelter. When the one at Lawnwood is completed, it will house 500 people plus their caretakers, which is a lot of people. They are going to have sleeping facilities for the help. They are going to have actually a small emergency room there; so that when there is a storm and someone does need special emergency care, they will be treated in the emergency room. A fire rescue vehicle will be located within the facility; so as soon as the storm is passed, that person or persons will be loaded into emergency vehicles and transported where they need to be transported. So it is going to be quite a facility they are going to be building. It should really help the community.

Chairman Coward asked could they go back to the specific question the Mayor had about impact fees? They don't have impact fees per se, but they do have mandatory contributions for different thresholds of development. If there are 50 units or if it is a full blown DRI (Development of Regional Impact), there are actual financial contributions required. They don't have an impact fee, but they are getting developer contributions as development occurs.

Mayor Minsky said he would like to make a point that he brought up once before under the discussion. Schools are being built. They have 15 or 20 more schools that are probably going to be built in the future. Would it be feasible to have one of these schools or some of these schools designed right from the beginning as dual purpose, so they could use them for emergency shelters and have them already set up to where they can be immediately transformed into something useful? There is a lot of money going into these schools anyway. The structures are going to be fairly sound. They are not going to be utilized during the hurricane or immediately right afterwards. He thinks if they could increase the capacity for emergency services by utilizing some of these schools as they are being built, then have them designed for that purpose.

County Administrator Anderson said that is exactly what they are doing. They are using schools as shelters during a storm. Then they have a plan. They learned this during Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. Following Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, they lost a lot of houses in the community and the people in the shelters had nowhere to go, so they had to stay in the shelters a long time which prolonged the reopening of schools. Their plan now is that once the storm has passed, those people who need a place to stay will be transferred out to the Fairgrounds. They have air-conditioned the buildings out there, they have purchased generators. It is ready to go. The buildings are not hurricane rated, so they can't use them as shelters because something could go through the wall or whatever, a 2-by-4 or whatever. As soon as the storm has passed, in order to get the schools reopened, they will be transferring those people out to the Fairgrounds. As the schools are being constructed, they are constructing more shelters, they are being built for shelters.

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County Commissioner Coward said he knows this is not on the agenda and he apologizes. But he just wants to state that he thinks everyone in this room and probably most people in the community realize the importance of the research and education opportunities that are on the horizon right now, specifically in Port St. Lucie but also in the entire county and region for that matter. And they have been discussing with their **Education & Research Park** Authority the need to try to bring all the different entities together to try to see how they can be complimenting each other and trying to look out to the future to make sure they have adequate land, adequate infrastructure, and adequate local matches provided. He sees the County, both Cities, the Economic Development Council, the Research Authority, and then if this new referendum passes he believes there is yet another authority that would be created. That is a half a dozen different entities all with some interest in this incredible important economic development opportunity. He is throwing it out there for consideration that they somehow figure out how they are going to bring those groups together and have ongoing dialogues so they are working in a complementary fashion with each other. He doesn't know whether that should be the EDC that spearheads that. He is open to ideas. But he just feels it is real important for them to try to bring themselves together so they are well prepared.

Commissioner Coke said she believes their County Administrator has already done that and has been meeting with representation from each one of those groups for a month or so, and they are meeting again tomorrow.

County Commissioner Coward said that deals specifically with the referendum.

City Commissioner Coke said it was her understanding that they were looking at the entire...

County Administrator Anderson said yes, they have a meeting tomorrow where they are bringing in all of the agencies who are involved in the upcoming referendum. That referendum by the way, if approved, is estimated to generate \$5 million per year, of which then either City could apply or any other entity who is involved in research could apply for a portion of that funding. Does that answer the question?

County Commissioner Coward said yes. He thinks that was what that cooperative effort was primarily geared towards is the upcoming referendum. He is trying to look past that. And maybe that is the structure that they build on from there. But he thinks it was the conversation he had with Mr. Adams, the ECO of Enterprise, Florida, when he was down recently and he was talking about all the opportunities and the calls that he is fielding globally for the Research Coast. It really made him think of how much opportunity they have and how much more communication they need to have between the entities. He just wanted to throw it out for discussion. He doesn't know if they want to set up yet another type of working group. There just seems to be so many different entities and he thinks they need to pull it all together.

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Mayor Minsky asked is there anything else anybody wants to bring up?

County Commissioner Craft said before they go any further he just wants to point out that as far as he can tell they don't have another joint meeting on the schedule before November. This will be the last joint meeting that they have with Mayor Minsky since he is retiring in November. He just wanted to say it has been fun, entertaining, and educational.

Mayor Minsky said he noticed he didn't say it was a pleasure.

County Commissioner Craft said it is always a pleasure.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Adjournment.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER

