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BOCC REGULAR MEETING
MORNING SESSION

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TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

>>PAT BEAN: WE HAVE A 10:15 TIME CERTAIN ITEM,
COMMISSIONER.

THAT'S ITEM F-4.

THAT'S COMMISSIONER HAGAN'S ITEM REGARDING THE FORMATION OF
A TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE.

>>KEN HAGAN: COMMISSIONERS, I THINK WE ALL RECOGNIZE WITH
THE GROWTH THAT OUR COUNTY HAS EXPERIENCED IN RECENT YEARS
AND THE GROWTH THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE IN THE
YEARS AHEAD, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IS A LEGITIMATE
CONCERN FOR EVERYONE HERE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AND IN THE
TAMPA BAY REGION.

THESE CONCERNS RANGE FROM EVERYDAY QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES
THAT WE ENCOUNTER BY THE INCREASED CONGESTION WE FACE ON A
DAILY BASIS TO A MUCH MORE BROAD MACROPERSPECTIVE OF

WHETHER OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

I REALIZE THERE ARE MANY GROUPS, AGENCIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EITHER PERFORMED OR ARE IN THE MIDST OF PERFORMING STUDIES OR SIMPLY ADVOCATING ONE COMPONENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

CLEARLY THERE ARE DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THE VARIOUS METHODS AND SOLUTIONS TO THIS ISSUE, AND UNLIKE MOST OF THE GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS, I AM NOT APPROACHING THIS ISSUE WITH ANY ONE PARTICULAR METHOD OR SOLUTION BECAUSE I'M OF THE BELIEF THAT ANY -- ANY SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE A MULTIMODAL SOLUTION, BUT I -- AT THE SAME TIME, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS BOARD NEEDS TO BE MORE PROACTIVE AND TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN DETERMINING OUR VISION FOR SOLVING OUR TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS.

THE QUESTION FOR ME IS, WITH ALL THESE DIFFERENT STUDIES AND REPORTS, WHAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DETERMINE OUR SHORT-, MEDIUM-, AND LONG-RANGE GOALS, AND HOW CAN WE COME UP WITH AN ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THESE GOALS.

I REALIZE, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, WE HAVE GONE DOWN THIS PATH BEFORE WITH THE COMMITTEE OF 99 AND WITH TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST.

HOWEVER, I THINK THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL ISSUES AND DIFFERENCES THAT ARE PRESENT TODAY THAT DID NOT EXIST DURING PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE, AND I'LL

JUST LIST A COUPLE OF THEM QUICKLY.

WE HAVE THE RISING COST OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

I'VE HEARD ESTIMATES OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS THAT INCREASES HAVE BEEN 50% OR HIGHER, AND THESE COST INCREASES CLEARLY DELAY MANY PROJECTS.

WE HAVE A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THAT, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WILL BE CREATED THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

THE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEIR EXISTENCE.

WE HAVE A BELTWAY PROPOSAL THAT'S OUT THERE, A BIOCOUNTY BUS SYSTEM PROPOSAL.

OUR MAYOR IS PUSHING FOR A REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THERE SEEMS TO BE AN INCREASED FOCUS ON TOLL ROADS, AND WE HAVE THE PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, SUCH AS THE 301 AGREEMENT THAT WE CAME TO WITH THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY IN SOUTH COUNTY.

WHEN YOU CONSIDER ALL THESE DIFFERENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS, MOST OF WHICH WERE NOT PRESENT DURING PREVIOUS EFFORTS, TO DEAL WITH TRANSPORTATION AND YOU CONSIDER THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INTEREST FROM LOCAL BUSINESS GROUPS, THE PUBLIC, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, IT MAKES IT ALL TOO APPARENT TO ME THAT -- THAT AS AN ELECTED BODY OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, WE NEED TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HOW WE WANT TO PROCEED. I FEEL THE BEST WAY FOR OUR BOARD TO GET A HANDLE ON ALL THE DIFFERENCE STUDIES AND PROPOSALS WOULD BE TO CREATE A

TASK FORCE THAT IS MADE UP OF A DIVERSE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WITH RESPECT TO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT, I DON'T WANT IT TO BE STACKED WITH ALL LIGHT RAIL PROPONENTS, ALL BELTWAY PROPONENTS.

IT NEEDS TO HAVE A MIX.

THE MISSION, AS I SEE IT, WOULD BE TO BRING TOGETHER ALL OF THE DIFFERENT GROUPS AND STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN PERFORMED OR ARE ONGOING AND ASSIMILATE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION.

THE INFORMATION SHOULD THEN BE PRIORITIZED AND USED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SHORT-, MEDIUM-, AND LONG-TERM GOALS, AS WELL AS AN ACTION PLAN ON HOW THESE GOALS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND FUNDED, AND FUNDING IS CLEARLY A CONCERN.

IT SHOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE DIFFERENT CITIES, THE DIFFERENT BUSINESS GROUPS, COMMITTEE OF 100, TAMPA BAY PARTNERSHIP, WESTSHORE ALLIANCE.

I THINK CUTR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS.

AS ONE OF OUR SPEAKERS, DR. DAVISON, REFERENCED THIS MORNING, WE SHOULD TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT SO WE CAN AVOID SOME OF THE PITFALLS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE COMMITTEE OF 99.

IN MY OPINION, THE TASK FORCE DOES NOT NEED TO BE TOO LARGE.

PERSONALLY, I WAS ENVISIONING A GROUP IN THE 15 TO 20 RANGE.

I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD DRAG ON UNNECESSARILY LONG.
CERTAINLY, THE GROUP NEEDS TIME TO -- TO WORK, BUT I DON'T
SEE IT LASTING LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS.
I WOULD LIKE, IF THIS GOES FORWARD, THE TASK FORCE TO COME
BACK PRIOR TO WHEN WE GET INTO THE -- OUR REAL BUDGET
DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE WE NEED TO, DEPENDING ON WHAT COMES OUT
OF IT, CONSIDER THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUR BIENNIAL
BUDGET THAT WE'LL BE DISCUSSING THIS YEAR.
AND UNLIKE THE COMMITTEE OF 99 AND AS DR. DAVISON
REFERENCED, WE SHOULDN'T PUT RESTRICTIONS ON THE TASK
FORCE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE TASK FORCE SHOULD NOT
ASSUME THAT THIS BOARD IS GOING TO APPROVE ANY -- ANY TAX
INCREASES.
PROPOSED FUNDING OPTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE FUNDING FROM
EXISTING REVENUES.
THESE ARE JUST SOME OF MY THOUGHTS.
ALL THIS IS OPEN FOR BOARD DISCUSSION.
WE CAN MODIFY OR TWEAK THE MEMBERSHIP OR MISSION AS THE
BOARD FEELS IS NECESSARY, BUT FOR THE PURPOSES OF TODAY, MY
MOTION WOULD BE TO DIRECT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR --
>>MARK SHARPE: SECOND.
>>KEN HAGAN: -- TO BRING BACK IN JANUARY A LIST OF
POTENTIAL MEMBERS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION WHO HAVE SHOWN AN
INTEREST IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE.

CLEARLY, I WOULD ASK THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTACT THESE REPRESENTATIVES AND -- AND CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN -- IN SERVING.

I'VE SPOKEN TO A NUMBER OF THEM, AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY ARE, BUT PLEASE CONFIRM THAT.

I'D ALSO LIKE YOU TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT STAFF MEMBER CAN SERVE AS THE FACILITATOR.

I KNOW LUCIA GARSYS SERVED IN THIS CAPACITY WITH THE AFFORDABLE TASK FORCE.

A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HAVE GIVEN ME POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON HER WORK.

I'VE SPOKE TO HER.

I KNOW SHE'S INTERESTED.

I'M JUST ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER HER APPOINTMENT, BUT CERTAINLY COME BACK WITH WHOEVER YOU THINK WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE PERSON.

I'LL ALSO MENTION THAT SINCE I BROUGHT THIS ISSUE FORWARD, YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT NEEDS TO BE DETERMINED TODAY OR WHEN WE COME BACK, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY. SO IN CLOSING, THE INTENT IS NOT TO -- TO AUTHORIZE ANOTHER STUDY BUT TO COME BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS AN ACTION PLAN THAT CONTAINS OPTIONS FOR -- FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING, AND IN ESSENCE, THAT'S THE MOTION.

>>JIM NORMAN: COMMISSIONER SHARPE.

>>MARK SHARPE: GLAD TO SECOND THAT MOTION, AND I WANT TO THANK THE VICE CHAIR FOR TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN TRANSPORTATION SO SOON.

I THINK THIS IS -- AS THE SPEAKERS HAVE SAID AND OTHERS HAVE SAID, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND I'D LIKE TO GO AHEAD -- I HAD AN ITEM, I THINK IT WAS F-8, AND JUST TAKE MY -- THE LAST PORTION OF THE ITEM, WHICH WOULD BE THE TASK FORCE, AND ROLL IT INTO THE COMMISSIONER'S MOTION.

I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

PERHAPS WE COULD USE -- AND WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS -- THE MODEL THAT WE USED FOR THE SELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE THAT DEALT WITH HEALTH CARE.

THAT COMMITTEE MET FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS, WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE AN AWFUL LOT IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.

WE -- WE REVIEWED ALL THE PRIOR -- THE EXISTING PLAN, LOOKED AT OTHER STUDIES, AND YOU WERE ABLE TO BRING TO THE BOARD A LIST OF RECOMMEND -- OF RECOMMENDED NAMES THAT WE WERE THEN ABLE TO WORK WITH, AND I THINK THAT MODEL THAT COMMISSIONER HAGAN SUGGESTED IS AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION AND WOULD WORK WELL IN THIS ONE, SO I WANT TO, AGAIN, THANK THE -- THANK COMMISSIONER HAGAN.

I HAD -- AND IF WE COULD -- I KNOW THERE'S A BROAD CONVERSATION ON TRANSPORTATION, BUT I WOULDN'T MIND GO AHEAD AND TAKING PORTIONS OF MY F-8 AND DISCUSSING IT

ALONG -- IF THAT WOULD WORK.

>>JIM NORMAN: THERE'S A MOTION ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW.
I'M GOING HAVE THE MEMBERS SPEAK ON THAT, AND THEN I'LL
COME BACK TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER FERLITA.

>>ROSE FERLITA: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

I WANT TO MAKE SOME BRIEF COMMENTS ABOUT THE SAME ISSUE.
WE'RE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, AND I THINK WE'RE
ALL AGGRESSIVE IN TERMS OF HOW WE WANT TO APPROACH IT AT
THIS POINT IN TIME, AND I CERTAINLY WILL SUPPORT MR.
HAGAN'S MOTION.

THE ONLY THING I WANT TO CAUTION YOU ABOUT, GENTLEMEN, IS
THIS: THAT IF -- AND I THINK DR. DAVISON -- JIM, NICE TO
SEE YOU, BY THE WAY -- IS TALKING ABOUT LET'S NOT MAKE THE
SAME MISTAKES, AND I THINK WE'RE ALL AWARE OF THAT.

TOO MANY TASK FORCES DOING THE SAME THING ARE LIKE TOO MANY
STUDIES LOOKING AT THE SAME ROAD WIDENING, IF YOU WOULD, OR
SOMETHING.

I THINK -- MR. SHARPE, MR. HIGGINBOTHAM, YOU KNOW THIS AS
WELL AS I DO FROM HAVING ATTENDED HARTLINE YESTERDAY OR
WHENEVER IT WAS, A COUPLE DAYS AGO, AND, YOU KNOW, I'VE
HEARD RAY CHIARAMONTE VOLUNTARILY -- I ATTENDED HIS
PRESENTATION ON TRANSPORTATION.

I HEARD IT ON HARTLINE, I HAVE THE SENSE I'M GOING TO HEAR
IT AT MPO AND PERHAPS MAYBE AT THE REGIONAL PLANNING

COUNCIL, SO ALL I CAUTION YOU ABOUT IS IN THE MEANTIME, AS STAFF IS COMING BACK TO US, TO LOOK AT HOW WE WANT TO CRAFT THIS TASK FORCE.

WE WERE TALKING ABOUT -- WE MADE A MOTION, I THINK, MARK, ABOUT ONE OF US ON HARTLINE BEING REPRESENTATIVE ON MPO FOR THE SAME THING.

REMEMBER THAT, MR. HIGGINBOTHAM?

SO WE'RE ALL TRYING TO BLEND EVERYBODY'S EFFORTS SO THAT WE HAVE MORE OF A MASTER PLAN WHILE EACH OF US HAVE REGIONAL IDEAS ABOUT WHERE WE WANT TO GO AND HOW WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH CITY OF TAMPA AND PINELLAS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, SO IN THE MEANTIME -- AND PERHAPS THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN TALK ABOUT AGAIN TOMORROW, GENTLEMEN, HOW WE WANT TO CRAFT THIS SO THAT IT'S JUST NOT REPETITIVE, ANOTHER TASK FORCE DOING THE SAME THING, AND EVERYBODY'S OFF ON A DIFFERENT TANGENT.

AND I THINK IF COMMISSIONER HAGAN'S MOTION IS FOR JANUARY, WE'LL HAVE AMPLE TIME AS WE ATTEND THESE DIFFERENT BOARDS TO LOOK AT WHAT WE NEED BECAUSE IF IT'S YET JUST ANOTHER BOARD THAT'S GOING TO DO THE SAME THING AS SIX OTHER ONES THAT ARE GOING TO BE CREATED, I'M GOING HAVE A HARD TIME SUPPORTING IT, NOT BECAUSE I'M AGAINST TRANSPORTATION.

PLEASE LET ME PUT THAT STRONGLY ON THE RECORD.

BUT WE DON'T NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER TASK FORCE JUST TO HAVE ANOTHER TASK FORCE TO HAVE ANOTHER TASK FORCE.

THANK YOU.

>>JIM NORMAN: COMMISSIONER BLAIR.

>>BRIAN BLAIR: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE MAKER OF THE MOTION IF HE WOULD ALLOW EACH COMMISSIONER TO APPOINT ONE PERSON, AND I THINK THE REASON THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT IS SO WE CAN STAY CLOSE TO THE ISSUE AS IT'S GOING ALONG RATHER THAN WAITING AT THE LAST MINUTE FOR EVERYTHING -- TO TRY TO ABSORB EVERYTHING.

THIS WAY WE CAN KIND OF FOLLOW ALONG.

AND ALSO, I KNOW THAT NED BAIER IS OUR TRANSPORTATION MANAGER, SO I WOULD CERTAINLY -- I GUESS THAT'S PART OF HIS TITLE -- HOPE THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN SOME WAY, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AT LEAST TO ME ANYWAY, TO HAVE SOMEBODY THAT I CAN SPEAK WITH AS IT'S ROLLING ALONG.

WOULD YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

>>KEN HAGAN: WELL, I WASN'T CONSIDERING GOING THAT ROUTE. I'M NOT WILLING TODAY TO MAKE THAT A PART OF THE MOTION. I WILL -- I WILL INCLUDE AS FAR AS ASKING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSIDER GOING THAT ROUTE, BUT THAT'S -- THAT'S NOT THE -- MY INTENTION, BUT IF SHE COMES BACK AND THAT'S HER RECOMMENDATION TO GO IN THAT DIRECTION, THEN I WOULD -- I WOULD SUPPORT IT.

>>BRIAN BLAIR: WOULD YOU REITERATE YOUR INTENTION, THEN, AS TO THE CHOICES ON THE BOARD, WHO'S GOING TO MAKE THE CHOICES?

>>KEN HAGAN: WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE CHOICES, BUT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS GOING TO COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON WHO SHE FEELS SHOULD SERVE.

IF SHE FEELS THAT WE SHOULD GO IN THAT DIRECTION AS FAR AS BOARD APPOINTMENTS, THEN I'LL SUPPORT THAT, BUT I ALSO DO NOT WANT TO -- I MEAN, I SHARE MANY OF THE SAME CONCERNS COMMISSIONER FERLITA DOES, AND AT THE SAME TIME, I DON'T WANT THIS THING TO GROW AND BE A HUGE BOARD.

I MEAN, I THINK THAT WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD, SO IF WE CAN GET ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE PLAYERS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE -- IN THE TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY INVOLVED AND IT WOULD NOT GROW THIS UNNECESSARILY LARGE, THEN I WOULD CONSIDER IT, BUT I DON'T WANT TO ASSUME, FOR THE PURPOSES OF TODAY, THAT WE'RE EACH GOING TO HAVE ONE BOARD APPOINTMENT.

>>BRIAN BLAIR: OKAY.

SO WE'LL VOTE ON IT.

>>KEN HAGAN: YES.

>>JIM NORMAN: COMMISSIONER SHARPE.

>>MARK SHARPE: I WANTED TO COMMENT AS WELL THAT PART OF THE SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT IS THAT, YOU KNOW, OFTENTIMES YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FAILURES -- YOU BUILD ON THE FAILURES TO MAKE YOUR SUCCESS, SO WE'VE HAD EFFORTS IN THE PAST WHERE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ULTIMATELY SUCCESSFUL, BUT WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE THAT AND THEN BUILD ON IT TOWARDS THE SUCCESS, AND

I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SERVE AS THE VICE CHAIR'S VICE CHAIR ON THIS COMMITTEE, IF HE WANTS TO ADD THAT TO HIS RECOMMENDATION.

>>JIM NORMAN: COMMISSIONER HAGAN.

>>KEN HAGAN: NO, I JUST WANT TO SAY IN CLOSING THAT I -- I AGREE WITH MANY OF THE COMMENTS COMMISSIONER FERLITA MENTIONED.

WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES, WE WANT TO AVOID THAT.

WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE JUST ANOTHER TASK FORCE.

MY GOAL, AGAIN, WOULD BE TO ASSIMILATE ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT'S COMING OUT OF HARTLINE, COMING OUT OF MPO, THAT'S COMING OUT OF THE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, THE TAMPA BAY PARTNERSHIP, AND THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM ALL THOSE DIFFERENT GROUPS ON THE TASK FORCE, AND AS FAR AS A VICE CHAIR ON THE COMMITTEE, I WOULD JUST INCLUDE THAT IN THE -- IN THE MOTION FOR PAT TO COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION IF WE SHOULD HAVE A VICE CHAIR, AND IF SO, I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM AT ALL WITH YOU BEING INVOLVED.

>>JIM NORMAN: THE -- THE FAILURES THAT I SAW ON THE COMMITTEE OF 99, IT WAS, IN MY -- MY OPINION, TOO LARGE. HOWEVER, LET ME SAY, THE MISSION THAT I BELIEVE THAT THIS BOARD'S GOING FOR IS A BUY-IN BY THE COMMUNITY.

AS AN EXAMPLE, I THINK REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH CORNER OF

THE COMMUNITY THAT HAVE BEEN VERY -- LIKE MR. DAVISON AS AN EXAMPLE FROM NEW TAMPA.

I MEAN, YOU'RE GOING TO -- YOU'RE GOING TO NEED COMMUNITY BUY-IN FROM ANY PROPOSAL THAT WE TAKE FORWARD, AND IT'S GOT TO BE ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT YOU GET TO THAT COMMUNITY BUY-IN BUT IT'S NOT TOO LARGE TO ACTUALLY TURN AROUND.

I MEAN, YOU REALLY DO NEED -- AS THE ADMINISTRATOR BRINGS THIS BACK -- 12 OR 13 MAY NOT BE ENOUGH.

I MEAN, YOU MAY NEED -- IT MAY NEED TO BE 25 BECAUSE THERE IS -- THIS IS NOT -- PEOPLE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BILLIONS, WITH A "B," PROJECTS HERE, AND THIS IS GOING TO TAKE COMMUNITY BUY-IN 100% ACROSS THE BOARD HERE, SO I GUESS I -- MY ONLY MISSION IS GET IT OUT TO ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT YOU GET ENOUGH DIFFERENT THOUGHT ON THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION, AND IT ALL -- AND -- AND COMMISSIONER HAGAN'S RIGHT.

YOU NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL AS FAR AS THE LEGISLATION THAT'S GOT TO BE ROLLED IN AND HOW WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT, SO JUST DON'T MAKE IT TOO SMALL THAT IT'S -- IT LOOKS LIKE A -- A VERY LIMITED SCOPE AND THE COMMUNITY WON'T BUY INTO IT.

>>PAT BEAN: I HEAR YOU.

>>JIM NORMAN: COMMISSIONER.

>>AL HIGGINBOTHAM: YEAH, I HIT THE WRONG BUTTON.

I WAS TRYING TO GET ON THE AGENDA HERE, AND MY AIDE CAME UP

AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT I NEEDED.

>>JIM NORMAN: TALK TO US INSTEAD OF HER.

[LAUGHTER]

>>AL HIGGINBOTHAM: I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THIS GROUP OR BODY TO MAKE SURE WE MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S PROPER INTERFACE WITH THE OTHER BOARDS THAT WE HAVE, AND MARK KIND OF JUMPED THE GUN -- OR COMMISSIONER SHARPE DID.

I WAS GOING TO ASK THAT HE BE INCLUDED WITH YOU, COMMISSIONER HAGAN, EITHER AS A VICE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR. I'VE WATCHED WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH YOUR TASK FORCE BEFORE, AND I LIKED THE WAY YOU KIND OF HONED IN ON IT AND WOULD JUST LIKE TO INCLUDE -- JUST ASK THAT HE BE INCLUDED IN THIS FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE.

>>JIM NORMAN: THAT'S PART OF THE MOTION BEING GIVEN OVER TO THE ADMINISTRATOR.

COMMISSIONER.

>>KEN HAGAN: I'D JUST SAY IN CONCLUSION THAT I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER NORMAN, THAT IT'S ESSENTIAL TO GET COMMUNITY BUY-IN.

AGAIN, I WAS THINKING 15 TO 20 RANGE, BUT I WAS LEAVING THAT SUBJECT TO WHAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FEELS FOR HER RECOMMENDATION.

SHE'S BEEN INVOLVED WITH PROBABLY TOO MANY THAN SHE CAN COUNT OF THESE TASK FORCE.

I THINK YOU WERE THE FACILITATOR WITH THE COMMITTEE OF 99,
AS I REMEMBER.

>>PAT BEAN: YES, I WAS.

>>KEN HAGAN: SO I'LL GO TO HER FOR THE NUMBER, BUT WE
CERTAINLY NEED TO HAVE A COMMUNITY BUY-IN.

>>JIM NORMAN: WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

PLEASE RECORD YOUR VOTE.

I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO COMMISSIONER SHARPE AFTER THE VOTE.

>>PAT BEAN: F-8.

>>JIM NORMAN: JUST A SECOND.

>>RECORDING SECRETARY: MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

(remainder of meeting omitted)