

1 ST. AUGUSTINE - ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

2 Regular Meeting

3 held at 4796 U.S. 1 North

4 St. Augustine, Florida

5 on Monday, May 18, 2009

6 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

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8 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- 9 WAYNE GEORGE
- 10 KELLY BARRERA, Chairman
- 11 CARL YOUMAN, Secretary-Treasurer
- 12 JAMES WERTER

11 BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

12 JOHN "JACK" GORMAN

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14 ALSO PRESENT:

15 DOUGLAS N. BURNETT, Esquire, Rogers, Towers, Bailey,  
16 Jones & Gay, P.A., 170 Malaga Street, St. Augustine,  
17 FL, 32084, Attorney for Airport Authority.

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## 1 PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All right. Call the  
3 meeting of the St. Johns County-St. Augustine  
4 Airport to order. It's May 18th, and it's 4  
5 o'clock. With that, if I could have everybody  
6 stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

## 8 3. - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Our first item on  
10 the agenda is the approval of the minutes. Do we  
11 have any additions or deletions to the minutes?

12 MR. YOUMAN: No.

13 MR. GEORGE: I move that we accept them.

14 MR. YOUMAN: Second it.

15 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: With no additions,  
16 deletions to the minutes, then the minutes will  
17 stand as approved. The financial report  
18 acceptance?

## 19 4. - FINANCIAL REPORT ACCEPTANCE

20 MR. YOUMAN: I have reviewed the April  
21 financials and also this last month in order to  
22 have -- have a greater comfort level with what I'm  
23 doing as treasurer. I met with the auditors, Jeff  
24 Zeichner and Harold Monk, and also our accountant,

25 Richard Waler, Jr., just to go over the financials

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1 and to see if I'm understanding what I'm  
2 understanding. And I seem to be doing fairly well  
3 with it. And the financials are correct, and  
4 we're still moving along in a positive manner.

5 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: That's very good to hear.

6 MR. YOUMAN: And I would like the board to  
7 accept the financials as presented.

8 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Do we have any  
9 additions, deletions, or corrections to the  
10 financial?

11 (No additions or corrections.)

12 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Then the financials will  
13 stand approved. Agenda approval.

14 5. - AGENDA APPROVAL

15 MR. WUELLNER: No additions from Staff.

16 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have any board  
17 members' additions to the agenda?

18 (No additions.)

19 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Hearing none, the agenda  
20 will stand as approved. Committee reports, TPO.  
21 Carl.

22 6. - COMMITTEE REPORTS

23 MR. YOUMAN: I attended the TPO training  
24 session in Tampa, and that was very insightful.

25 It -- the main thing was understanding the flow of

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1 how things work to a certain degree and the public  
2 involvement in all the stages of activities and  
3 the understanding of somewhat of how things are  
4 funded. And then I attended the TPO meeting  
5 Thursday. Denise was supposed to be here this  
6 afternoon, but maybe the weather, I think, is  
7 slowing her up. Almost forgot about the  
8 microphone.

9 Some of the items on the TPO -- well, here's  
10 the executive director's report, which I gave  
11 everybody a copy to read. One of the main things  
12 that came out of the meeting, 9B was considered to  
13 be funded with the second round of stimulus money,  
14 which is the turnaround of money that's not being  
15 used by the states that come back to the federal  
16 government. However, with Florida's position of  
17 funding other projects from the stimulus money,  
18 we're not at this point in time going to get  
19 any -- a second round of stimulus money, so  
20 there's no money for 9B and there's no money,  
21 really, for any other project at this time.

22 The 9B and the 312/313 are on the priority  
23 list, but they're not on the five-year plan  
24 because there's no funding for them at this time.

25 Federal funds are almost -- they're nonexistent

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1 and Florida Department of Transportation are  
2 almost nonexistent at this time.

3 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay.

4 MR. YOUMAN: So everything is in the mode of  
5 keeping it in the plan so we don't lose it.

6 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: This is a critical time,  
7 I'm certain, for the TPO.

8 MR. YOUMAN: They had a 2035 type, they call  
9 it key decision point, and there was four  
10 different scenarios that came out of it. It was  
11 done by 40 people. And they had a vote on it, and  
12 the board as a whole in effect voted to keep the  
13 progress of planning as it is now instead of  
14 including the scenarios of specific corridors with  
15 transportation.

16 And what was unique was the next day, JTA  
17 came back -- came out with a commuter plan, I'm  
18 sure you all saw in the paper, which in effect  
19 comes down the same corridors that they voted not  
20 to pursue in the 25 -- 2035 plan. And the other  
21 plan I'll leave to Jim, because it came through  
22 the EDC, as well as through the TPO.

23 And that's it for my report on the TPO.

24 Anybody have any questions at this time?

1 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Let's move on then to the  
2 EDC, Jim.

3 MR. WERTER: Yes. As Carl mentioned, we both  
4 attended the EDC morning roundtable on May 14th.  
5 We had a speaker from Prosperity Bank talk --  
6 talking about, you know, the bank situation, which  
7 again, I -- I listened to someone from  
8 St. Augustine Bank at the Rotary this morn -- for  
9 lunch today, same subject, you know, bank crises.

10 However, the more important subject that was  
11 brought up was the Reality Check First Coast,  
12 which is going on on Thursday, May 21st. It's  
13 an -- almost an all-day affair at 8 o'clock.  
14 Carl -- Carl will be going to it. It seems that  
15 that was duplicated in -- under his representation  
16 with the TPO as mine.

17 And what it has to do was taking the whole  
18 northeastern Florida region and trying to get a --  
19 a total plan and cooperation between private and  
20 public sectors on how to develop the area, instead  
21 of being a patchwork of different projects  
22 coordinating, which would regard infrastructure as  
23 well.

24 So it's a conference on -- on how to

25 coordinate and -- and proceed to have an organized

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1 development over the next how many years? Sixty  
2 years?

3 MR. YOUMAN: To 2060.

4 MR. WERTER: Yeah, 60 years of what this  
5 place will look like, you know, St. Johns, Duval,  
6 Putnam, that whole area. And from my  
7 understanding from Carl, there are 20 -- 25 spots  
8 left --

9 MR. YOUMAN: Yes.

10 MR. WERTER: -- if anybody wants to go on  
11 Thursday morning. There is a web site, Reality  
12 Check First Coast, if you Google that, you'll find  
13 it. And I would go on Thursday myself, but Carl's  
14 going. I'm booked up on that day. So it should  
15 be interesting. And it will also give us better  
16 demographics for how to better utilize this  
17 airport. I think that would be important for and  
18 more specific to this airport.

19 MR. YOUMAN: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Look forward to hearing  
21 about that. Intergovernmental?

22 MR. WERTER: Oh, just one last thing. Did I  
23 leave anything out on that, Carl?

24 MR. YOUMAN: No. No, you did not.



1 meeting this month. They go every other month.

2 And I guess there were five or six organizations  
3 represented.

4 And think it's very appropriate that the  
5 thing that was on everybody's mind was budget and  
6 how much pulling back, you know, is being done and  
7 must be done for us to operate within budget. And  
8 it's very appropriate since on our agenda we've  
9 got, you know, the preliminary shot at starting of  
10 our budget cycle we have to go through.

11 Everybody had some projects, and I'll -- I'll  
12 take the minutes when they get published and --  
13 and get them to everybody so you can see what was  
14 going on. But predominantly throughout all of  
15 the -- the different agencies, it was budget  
16 crisis, budget crisis, budget crisis.

17 And if you start looking at just the  
18 government having a budget crisis, then you'll  
19 look at the businesses that are going out of  
20 business or cutting back and the unemployment,  
21 it's -- we're going to have to take a hard look at  
22 our budget and what we're doing.

23 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Thank you, Buzz.

24 The Aerospace Academy.

25 MR. WERTER: I attended the meeting on --

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1 when did we go to that meeting? Oh, April 22nd.

2 Ed was with me. I don't remember if you were

3 there this time. Okay. Fun Day is quickly

4 approaching here at the airport. It's on May

5 30th, Saturday, starts at 8 a.m. I guess, Ed, if

6 there's any kind of volunteer positions, we should

7 come see you?

8 MR. WUELLNER: You can start with me or get

9 in contact directly with Reba if you're trying to

10 provide an airplane or rides. She's coordinating

11 the flying.

12 MR. YOUMAN: How about -- how about just --

13 MR. WUELLNER: Just warm bodies?

14 MR. YOUMAN: Yeah.

15 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah. Then you can probably

16 talk to me.

17 MR. WERTER: The Business Partners Awards

18 night has been changed to June 14th.

19 MR. WUELLNER: 4th. 4th, 4th.

20 MR. WERTER: June 4th. I'm sorry. I have it

21 there as the 4th, too. Bozard Ford is hosting.

22 So we have that coming up.

23 It was interesting; they were discussing how

24 students are focusing in on alternative energy

25 sources for aviation, everything from solar to

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1 algae, you know, so that was pretty interesting.

2 June 2nd, awards night for senior students,

3 starts 6 p.m., and that's at the St. Augustine

4 High School. And I'm going to leave the

5 introduction of Jodi Mickler to Ed.

6 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Mickler (pronunciation.)

7 MR. WERTER: Mickler.

8 MR. WUELLNER: Jodi is behind me. Jodi's an

9 intern in our office, and she'll be spending the

10 next several weeks -- I'm not exactly sure how

11 long it will go, but she's one of the Aerospace

12 Academy students who is graduating this year.

13 MR. MICKLER: Yes.

14 MR. WUELLNER: Doesn't seem possible. But

15 Jodi, I would -- I've known her family for a lot

16 of years and was a little surprised to see her

17 walk in the door as our intern. So it was a very

18 pleasant surprise. And Jodi's -- Jodi's just a

19 sweetheart, and so we're looking forward to

20 working with her over the next few weeks. And she

21 gets some exposure to what the Airport Authority

22 does.

23 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Welcome, Jodi. We're glad

24 to have you here.

25 MR. GEORGE: If you could give us a report at

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1 the end and tell us what we should be doing.

2 Welcome aboard.

3 MR. WERTER: Now, my question for Jodi,  
4 you're part of the regular -- the St. Johns County  
5 Micklers; is that it?

6 MR. MICKLER: Yes, sir.

7 MR. WERTER: So you can give us the official  
8 saying of your last name, because half the -- I've  
9 been here for 30 years. Half the people tell me  
10 Mickler; the other half tell me Mickler  
11 (pronunciation).

12 MR. MICHAELS: It's actually Mickler.

13 MR. WERTER: Okay. I'm going to go with that  
14 from here on in.

15 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: You've got to trust me.

16 MR. WERTER: Nothing further from this  
17 report.

18 MR. YOUMAN: Are you -- are you going to  
19 pursue aero -- aero -- aero -- airplanes in the  
20 future?

21 MR. GEORGE: Foster Brooks did that very  
22 well.

23 MR. MICKLER: I'll actually be attending the  
24 University of Florida this summer and I'll be

25 majoring in industrial and systems engineering.

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1 MR. YOUMAN: Cool. Great.

2 MR. WUELLNER: Industrial and systems  
3 engineering.

4 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. We'll move on to  
5 reports. Mr. Sanchez.

6 7. - REPORTS

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: She called me Mister,  
8 and I don't even owe her any money that I know of.

9 The highway money they're having some  
10 problems with in Tallahassee is because  
11 Tallahassee transferred money out of their  
12 transportation fund.

13 Instead of having the stimulus money be extra  
14 money, they're trying to use it to supplement  
15 everything for them over there. And that is what  
16 caused the problem. And it's pretty bad right  
17 now, you know? They should have known that. It's  
18 right in the regulations. Anyway, I'm not over  
19 the state, but... Might not be raining over there  
20 today.

21 The other thing is this past Thursday, I  
22 think it was the 14th, yeah, we did a agricultural  
23 tour, which was quite interesting. We went to one  
24 of the potato farmers and watched them. He has a

25 bagging machine there, and they ship out about 15

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1 different varieties of potatoes out of St. Johns  
2 County.

3 So, in the course of the next few weeks, I  
4 know if you're out that way, you're going to see  
5 lots of semi trucks. Don't fuss about them,  
6 because they're carrying potatoes from the  
7 farmers. There'll be 11- to 12,000 of those  
8 trucks will leave here over the course of the next  
9 weeks like up till July. A lot of them have  
10 already left.

11 It's -- it's a pretty big operation. A lot  
12 of potatoes go out. They're having a -- well, up  
13 until today, they were having a pretty good  
14 season, a pretty good digging time. I'm sure this  
15 is going to cause them some problems as far as  
16 digging goes. Hopefully it won't delay them too  
17 much.

18 But we then went to another farm that raises  
19 squash, cucumbers, watermelons, and cantaloupes.  
20 And that was quite interesting, too.

21 We then went to Putnam County to see a -- a  
22 grape producer over there that has grapevines all  
23 over the place. He actually makes the -- produces  
24 the grapes that San Sebastian Winery uses to make

25 their wine.

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1 So it was a pretty good day. We learned  
2 quite a bit. And then we came back and went to  
3 the -- an educational session with the University  
4 of Florida. And it's a really big operation. And  
5 I'd love to see it turned into a tourist  
6 attraction, because believe you me, a lot of  
7 people would be fascinated to see some of that.  
8 It's really interesting.

9 Budgetwise in the county, we've made it  
10 through this year, not with flying colors. We had  
11 to come up with some extra money, and our staff  
12 did that.

13 Next year, the -- the 2010-2011 budget will  
14 be the real problem because of devaluation in real  
15 estate. We could be looking at a 30 percent cut  
16 across the board at the county. So we are doing  
17 everything to prepare for something like that.

18 We have -- we have retirement incentives that  
19 have been offered. We estimated 25 people -- and  
20 this is the administration. Thank God for our new  
21 administrator. He's -- he's very, very smart.  
22 And we were figuring 25 people would take that.  
23 We've had 35 already, and it's climbing. So that  
24 saves the government a lot of money.

25 I understand our -- our fleet, the new fleet

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1 package that our administrator has also come up  
2 with is going to save us another million dollars a  
3 year. So we're trying real hard. And we're going  
4 to do everything we can. And we'll just get  
5 through this thing.

6 And, you know, Tallahassee, along with the  
7 bad economy and the devaluation of real estate, is  
8 what's caused all the problems actually. So I  
9 know my plans got kicked right out of the door as  
10 far as dealing with what I wanted to do with the  
11 budget.

12 But if anyone's got any questions about  
13 anything, I -- I'm not qualified to answer any  
14 Snoop Dog questions so, you know, I don't need  
15 them. I guess call The Record or something if you  
16 want to know the facts there. I don't know,  
17 but...

18 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Does anybody have any  
19 questions for Mr. Sanchez?

20 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: There seemed to be a  
21 few complaints about that. Amphitheatre's still  
22 doing really well. Anyone got any questions, I'll  
23 be glad to --

24 MR. WERTER: You said complaints about the



25 Snoop Dog concert?

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1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah. Did you go?

2 MR. WERTER: Yeah.

3 MR. GEORGE: That's good.

4 MR. WERTER: Actually, we dropped them off

5 and we sat on the third level of the parking

6 garage and watched the concert.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I heard it was nice up

8 there.

9 MR. WERTER: It wasn't crowded.

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I didn't go. I've

11 been to the very -- I went to the very first show

12 the amphitheatre had and that was it. Because

13 I've spent most of my life in the entertainment

14 business. So sometimes that is not the total

15 entertainment package, for me to go see

16 entertainment; I've been around it so much. So --

17 but anyway...

18 MR. YOUMAN: Do you -- do you see it getting

19 as critical, as I read in the paper today, with

20 some police departments consolidating in some

21 towns, even getting rid of their police

22 departments and going with the county Sheriff's

23 Office, et cetera, et cetera? Do you think --

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I tell you, I'm not

25 going to underestimate anything today. There are

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1 some counties that have already gotten rid of  
2 their fire departments. Some counties have  
3 completely diminished their law enforcement. And  
4 I know that David Shoar is operating with under 27  
5 positions that aren't filled.

6 So we have always been a little bit ahead of  
7 the game, and I think that was mainly because  
8 when -- when we set things up, we put extra money  
9 aside to cover the bad times, and we made it  
10 through last year, this year. We had about \$7  
11 million left over to go on this coming year's  
12 budget. That extra money's gone now. But that's  
13 what's really helped us to get as far as we have.

14 But there's all kind of different packages  
15 and things. Everyone is looking. Everyone's  
16 working. All the employees are -- are pitching  
17 in, too, trying to come up with new ideas that  
18 would help us out.

19 I've heard lots of different things. I don't  
20 know where it's going to end up. I've heard a  
21 two-week furlough, unpaid, for everybody in the  
22 county might get us through, you know, another bad  
23 year. But we'll just have to -- we'll deal with  
24 whatever comes, there's no doubt about that.

1 firefighters before the year ago January  
2 referendum. And they -- they said they would  
3 probably get rid of a lot more if that passed.  
4 Well, it passed, and I haven't heard the totals on  
5 it, but I understand they did get rid of a lot  
6 more.

7 Some of the counties are bonded to capacity  
8 almost. They had no choice but to cut some of  
9 those positions when it comes to the money. And I  
10 do know Jefferson County, although it's a small  
11 county, has -- the School Board there voted to  
12 close its school district and sent a notice to the  
13 state that the state had to run it. And they did  
14 that.

15 Now, I don't think there's any laws on the  
16 books that allow the state to run it, so I think  
17 they have a legal problem going on. But anyway,  
18 there's all kind of things like that happening and  
19 all kind of problems. There's counties that's  
20 closed 40 or 50 schools.

21 So it isn't good. When you try to do  
22 something like Tallahassee tried to do and you  
23 ignore the bad economy, this is what you end up  
24 with. Action without looking at your reaction.

25 Anything else?

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1 MR. YOUMAN: Thank you.

2 MR. WUELLNER: If I understood you correctly,  
3 your -- the concern year for the county is  
4 2010-11; is that correct?

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah.

6 MR. WUELLNER: Or the coming -- the year  
7 after?

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The year 2010 budget  
9 is -- is done.

10 MR. WUELLNER: Got it.

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: And we're okay with  
12 that. We'll -- we will have to do, you know, some  
13 things, but --

14 MR. WUELLNER: It's the following year.

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: -- it's the following  
16 year is the bad one, because we're out of that  
17 extra money.

18 MR. WUELLNER: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: And contrary to what  
20 Commissioner Manuel may or may not have done,  
21 that's not the question; he did some good things  
22 for this county, and one of them was the budget.

23 One of them was, you know, we agreed we were  
24 going to put some money aside to get through these

25 bad times. And, you know, so he made some -- some

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1 good decisions dealing with that early. And that  
2 is the only thing that has kept us above board  
3 this whole time, is that we've prepaid most of  
4 that obligation.

5 Plus, the state was sitting there kicking in  
6 mandates, and we had to increase our -- our OPEC  
7 fund for retired people's health care, and we've  
8 never had a shortage in that fund. But the state  
9 made us increase that. They wanted \$10-, and we  
10 talked them down to \$7-. And we had to pay that,  
11 along with the two and a half million we lost from  
12 Referendum 1. And we had all that covered in  
13 advance, and that -- that was good. Had we not  
14 done that, I mean, St. Johns County would have  
15 been in serious trouble this year.

16 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: But at least we --  
18 we've managed to get through that and we'll just  
19 have to see what -- what it all brings.

20 MR. WUELLNER: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Thanks.

22 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Mr. Slingluff?

23 MR. SLINGLUFF: Nothing to report.

24 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Dan Nehring?

1 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: John Roderick?

2 MR. RODERICK: Two things. We have -- on the  
3 13th of June, we have our monthly meeting at the  
4 clubhouse, SAAPA clubhouse, at 9 o'clock. And  
5 then that evening at 1800, we're having our  
6 quarterly social, and that's open to everybody  
7 that would like to come. Details to follow.

8 And the final thing is, we have one more  
9 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer pilot who was  
10 certified last week. There are now three of us on  
11 the rolls. That's something you might consider  
12 for the county. We're volunteers to serve the  
13 United States Coast Guard. Our members are --  
14 Coast Guard's 35,000 and we're 35,000. And those  
15 of us who are able, fly airplanes, man boats,  
16 radios and do a lot of behind-the-scenes thing.  
17 So you might want to think about that.

18 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: We have quite a few  
19 volunteers --

20 MR. RODERICK: Yes, you do.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: -- already working on  
22 different things, yeah.

23 MR. RODERICK: Any questions?

24 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Where is the Coast Guard

25 Auxiliary based out of? Where -- where do you

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1 base your operations?

2 MR. RODERICK: Oh, we -- our -- the air  
3 wing's out of Savannah, and the surface people  
4 meet at the Yacht Club, thanks to the generosity  
5 of the Yacht Club. And the airport's very  
6 supportive, I might add. The tower and -- and  
7 Michael's fuel guys let us park for free when we  
8 smile.

9 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you, Mr. Roderick.  
10 Mr. Burnett.

11 MR. BURNETT: Very briefly. Been working  
12 with Staff on a couple of issues, one including  
13 updating some of our policies related to Public  
14 Records Act. We want to stay in front of those  
15 issues as much as possible and make sure that  
16 we're doing everything that we should do on your  
17 behalf.

18 And the other thing was the tower appeal.  
19 You recall last month, the Authority authorized  
20 your staff and -- and myself to file an appeal of  
21 the Planning and Zoning Agency's decision related  
22 to the tower that had sought a Special Use Permit  
23 from the Planning and Zoning Agency on Gun Club  
24 Road. We did file that appeal, which is an appeal

25 from the Planning and Zoning Agency to the Board

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1 of County Commissioners.

2 We got a comment back from Staff. And when  
3 we file those appeals, it gets routed to all the  
4 County departments. We got a comment back  
5 essentially to the effect that our legal  
6 description for the property was insufficient.

7 And, of course, the legal description -- the  
8 response I gave back to Staff was the legal  
9 description we used was the one that was attached  
10 to the application that got the Special Use. So  
11 it -- it may be that if the legal description's  
12 flawed, we wind up with a successful appeal on  
13 that ground alone, aside from the other issues of  
14 why it may be successful.

15 As far as timing, I anticipate that may go to  
16 the Board of County Commissioners at the end of  
17 June, the second meeting in June, or in their July  
18 meeting, which would put a -- that being the time  
19 frame for knowing what the Board of County  
20 Commissioners' decision is.

21 After that, whether the appeal -- whether the  
22 Board of County Commissioners rules in the Airport  
23 Authority's favor or not, whichever party didn't  
24 like the result, if they didn't like the result of



25 the Board of County Commissioners, could appeal

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1 from there to Circuit Court. So there's sort of  
2 where it's positioned right now.

3 We don't have a hearing date yet. I know the  
4 Board of County Commissioners agendas have been  
5 kind of long -- kind of long recently. In fact,  
6 they've had to have a special meeting to handle  
7 one of the land use matters recently that went  
8 for -- seemingly forever, for five hours at a  
9 special meeting, so --

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I remember that.

11 MR. BURNETT: -- they've had a lot going  
12 on -- they've had a lot going on on their agenda.  
13 So I don't know if we'll get the June. It may be  
14 July. But that's where things are at.

15 In the interim, I guess we'll see what  
16 develops also with the other tower, the Towercom  
17 tower that's going on the Airport Authority's  
18 property. So that's -- that's all I've got for an  
19 update at this time.

20 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Thank you. Ed,  
21 before you move on to the air traffic control  
22 tower, I'd like to go ahead and introduce  
23 Ms. Bunnsworth (sic). Carl told us that you would  
24 be joining us today --

25 MS. BUNNEWITH: Right.

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1 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: -- and discussed with us  
2 from the TPO the -- the second stimulus funding  
3 and the funds that were not available through  
4 that, even though it was approved.

5 Is there anything else that you'd like to add  
6 for us? Up to the mic.

7 MR. BUNNEWITH: No. Just as Commissioner  
8 Sanchez said, the second -- second round of  
9 stimulus funding, we would not be eligible for  
10 unless the Governor for some reason vetoes the  
11 budget or any portion of the budget because of the  
12 sweeping of funds from the Transportation Trust  
13 Fund, State Transportation Trust Fund.

14 We had hoped to be able to apply for some  
15 discretionary funding for State Road 9B. There's  
16 a category of funding that it would be eligible  
17 for that would have been nice. And I think we  
18 would have had a good candidate project in 9B, but  
19 at this point, you know, we'll have to wait and  
20 see on that.

21 I know last month, too, there was some  
22 question about, you know, what has the MPO done  
23 for St. Johns County. And I did want to point out  
24 that 9B and 312/313 are high priority projects.

25 They're on our list of high priority projects.

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1 We did get TRIP funding for 312/313 the first  
2 year it was available. You know, right now,  
3 there's not a lot of money, period. And so we're  
4 kind of in a wait-and-see. But we do submit them  
5 every year on our list of priority projects. Both  
6 projects are on our list of priority projects.

7 We're getting ready now to develop -- now  
8 that we've kind of put this year's TIP to bed with  
9 its approval at the last meeting, we will be,  
10 within the last next month, putting that -- a new  
11 interactive TIP on our web site so people will be  
12 able to search it and see maps of each project.

13 But we're beginning the development of our  
14 TIP as DOT begins the development of the work  
15 program for the next fiscal year. As part of the  
16 development of the new fifth year, we're  
17 developing our list our priority projects for that  
18 new fifth year.

19 And at the June meeting, at the TPO, we  
20 will -- we're asking everyone to submit their  
21 candidate projects. We don't expect our list to  
22 change, because we didn't have any projects come  
23 off, and we didn't really have any projects  
24 advance. So we probably will keep our list pretty

25 much the same unless counties want to swap out

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1 projects or switch projects priorities on the  
2 list. We have a -- a list of 19 projects. I did  
3 bring some copies of the list with me. But we're  
4 not sending a very clear message to the department  
5 if we're tremendously changing our list from year  
6 to year. And right now, projects just aren't --  
7 aren't advancing.

8 We're working hard to keep our projects that  
9 are -- that are in the work program, in the work  
10 program. And that's why recently we took \$12  
11 million that we had programmed in 2006 to keep  
12 Beach Boulevard, the segment from San Pablo to  
13 Hodges, in the work program, and which was funded  
14 with stimulus funding. We reprogrammed that, and  
15 we took 5. -- I think \$5.9 million of that to keep  
16 the right-of-way for U.S. 1 and County Road 210 in  
17 the work program. We put \$5 million on that so  
18 that would not slip out of the five -- current  
19 five-year work program.

20 We're trying right now to -- to just keep  
21 what we have in the five years, in the five years,  
22 not letting it slide out, because that's what's  
23 happening.

24 At -- at our August meeting, we will be

25 programming two years of funding. This is the

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1 funding -- the only funding that we actually  
2 directly control. And that's about -- we get  
3 about -- usually about \$12 million a year for that  
4 new fifth year. We have two years of funding,  
5 because we didn't program those funds last year.  
6 And we'll be doing that at our August meeting.

7 Out of that, off the top, we usually program  
8 a million dollars to -- for transit in the  
9 Jacksonville urbanized area. That goes to JTA.  
10 Another \$250,000 for transit in the St. Augustine  
11 urbanized area. That goes to the Council on  
12 Aging, operates the Sunshine Bus. We program  
13 another million dollars for intelligent  
14 transportation.

15 This year, we hope to be able to program that  
16 money -- and this actually goes in the first year.  
17 We'll be able to use this in the first year.  
18 It -- it goes to the sixth year, but it's rotated  
19 up now that the money actually, we have first-year  
20 money available.

21 This year, that money will go to St. Johns  
22 County, and we will be working doing some --  
23 replacing the controllers and signals on U.S. 1  
24 with state-of-the-art controllers and possibly

25 doing cameras that will allow the County to

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1 monitor traffic, control traffic, coordinate  
2 traffic. It will be very helpful, especially if  
3 you have an event or an evacuation; they will be  
4 able to monitor the traffic, see what's happening,  
5 and make instant changes.

6 We also are considering possibly this year  
7 sponsoring some of the Road Rangers on the  
8 interstates. They are the first responders to  
9 accidents and incidents. They are -- funding in  
10 the last few years has been significantly reduced.  
11 They've had to remove vehicles from the  
12 interstate. We'd like to see them increase the  
13 number of vehicles out there.

14 The rest of that goes for projects in each of  
15 the four counties. And as I said, recently, it's  
16 been mostly, instead of being able to fund new  
17 projects, we've been using it to hold projects in  
18 the -- in the five years. But we tried to strike  
19 that money out. And right now, the best -- the  
20 best that we've been able to do is use it to  
21 hold -- to hold projects.

22 We'll be having a -- we usually don't meet in  
23 July, because we have a hard time getting a  
24 quorum. We'll use that July meeting to do a

25 workshop for our board. Because we have so many

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1 new members, we'll use that time to talk about the  
2 list of priority projects and the SU funding and  
3 how we program it so they'll be ready to -- to  
4 make those decisions at our August meeting.

5 Any questions for me?

6 (No questions.)

7 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you. I appreciate  
8 you speaking. Mr. Zimmerman, did you want to  
9 speak on behalf of the Industrial Development  
10 Authority?

11 MR. ZIMMERMAN: No, I have nothing to add.  
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All right. Ed, if you'd  
14 like to go ahead with the ATC count.

15 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah. We've got the tower  
16 report. And just happy to say that we actually  
17 gained a little ground on the original  
18 January/February deficit, which is hopefully an  
19 indication that the travel -- or the ops numbers  
20 are -- are finding a bottom at this point.

21 So the -- we actually picked up about 65  
22 operations on the original deficit, which is  
23 what -- what we're trying to say in this. It's  
24 still down over -- year over year, but the

25 margin's now about 5744 operations. As I said, we

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1 picked up about 65 operations on the -- for --

2 over the month. So positive development.

3 Hopefully that -- the margin won't get any

4 worse for the balance of the year. But so many

5 factors in it, including weather and general

6 economy and -- and the like, it's very difficult

7 to predict as you go forward. But at least it

8 looks like it's stabilized compared to January and

9 February where operations were off nearly 22

10 percent, I believe, for the first couple of

11 months, and that's -- that's not the case now,

12 so...

13 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Moving on to

14 project updates.

15 8. - PROJECT UPDATES

16 MR. WUELLNER: Project updates. The first

17 project I have for you is Taxiway Bravo North.

18 This is the rehabilitation and widening of that

19 taxiway segment to include a piece of Bravo 2.

20 Design, as we've indicated, and bidding are

21 complete. The work's essentially been awarded

22 pending FDOT -- or excuse me, FAA grant funds. We

23 have -- we are being advised that the grant to do

24 that work is in final paperwork, so to speak, and



25 we -- we expect to see that work released from FAA

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1 in the next -- literally in the next couple of  
2 weeks. So hopefully we'll be able to turn that  
3 into construction very, very quickly. As -- as I  
4 said, it's already been bid and the contractor  
5 awarded and the like. So it's just essentially  
6 getting out there and going.

7 And we have a couple of agenda items a little  
8 bit later that are tied to that project,  
9 anticipating it getting ramped up, and I'll --  
10 I'll deal with those when we get to them.

11 Next, multiuse building. Again, happy to  
12 tell you that bidding's complete. We do have an  
13 award item related to the agenda coming up here in  
14 the action items. Right now, still on schedule to  
15 occupy that facility, as well as the next  
16 facility, which is the aircraft maintenance one,  
17 approximately March of next year. So everything's  
18 proceeding on track with that. We received  
19 some -- as I said, we opened bids the other day on  
20 that, last Thursday, so...

21 Aircraft wash rack. Permitting's nearly  
22 complete. We have a draft -- draft permit at this  
23 point, which we are in the final stages of  
24 providing comments back through the engineer on,

25 which will get wrapped into a final -- a final

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1 permit, for lack of better terms.

2 At this point, once those comments have been  
3 negotiated back with DEP, we have an advertising  
4 requirement of about a two-week duration or a  
5 comment period that's required as a result of  
6 advertising that permit.

7 Once that's concluded, which should be early  
8 in June, we should be able to hit the streets with  
9 the bid documents at that point, once the permit's  
10 in hand. So that puts us in award -- right now,  
11 we'll be awarding that job in the July meeting.  
12 And they should be able to get under construction  
13 as quick as possible right after that.

14 It's not a long duration construction  
15 project, so I think we're still on -- on track  
16 here to be -- to be operating and using it by  
17 September if all goes well from a -- from a  
18 construction standpoint, which I don't anticipate  
19 any problems there.

20 Next item's the EA. EA's proceeding along.  
21 Probably the most significant change at this point  
22 or -- or -- or noteworthy item is -- is actually  
23 the scheduling of the interagency meeting with --  
24 it's probably best described entities like Corps

1 entities such as that. We'll -- we will be  
2 meeting with, going over the project and -- and  
3 getting their understanding and getting their  
4 initial comments on the project. And that is  
5 scheduled for June the 3rd. So it -- it continues  
6 to proceed through the --

7 MR. GEORGE: Is that set for here?

8 MR. WUELLNER: It will be here, yes. It is  
9 not a, quote, unquote, public meeting, but you, as  
10 the Authority members, you're certainly welcome to  
11 attend if you'd like.

12 Public park development is -- is pretty much  
13 on schedule. We're hoping to include  
14 budget-related items, as well as what we've been  
15 able to pick up related to possibilities of  
16 grant-related information as a part of the budget  
17 presentation in -- in the early July meeting.  
18 That should put a head on the dollar side of this  
19 and allow some comment and input as to how we --  
20 how we move through that.

21 We'll also have a -- a pretty good order of  
22 magnitude number associated with constructing. So  
23 we'll -- we'll be able to work kind of that into  
24 the discussion of budget.

25 And that -- of course, we'll be doing the

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1 balance of the grant option reviews and the cost  
2 determination during the month of June and -- and  
3 being a part of the budget in early July for --  
4 for discussion purposes.

5 And I would point out, too, that the  
6 original -- or the initial access into that is --  
7 is tied, as what the entrance and initial access  
8 is tied to that construction project that we're  
9 going to talk about as one of the first agenda  
10 items, too.

11 So you have a construction piece of this that  
12 is jointly used by the multipurpose building and  
13 the aircraft maintenance. Also provides the  
14 entrance to the park. So it -- there is a piece  
15 of it that will be moving as a result of bid  
16 action later today.

17 From what we know, the Citizens Airport Group  
18 next meeting is scheduled for the 18th of June.  
19 That's the last dates we've seen. I did want to  
20 point out we've made enhancements to the automated  
21 voice mail related to handling noise complaints.

22 There is now a -- an option that can be  
23 selected that puts you specifically to a voice  
24 mailbox related to that to -- to making

25 complaints, and that we are in the process of --

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1 of developing some web site interface enhancements  
2 that actually become a part of the policy that  
3 eventually we'll -- we'll be talking about again  
4 as an agenda item in a little bit.

5 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Ed, I have a question.  
6 Wasn't there a meeting scheduled for after our  
7 last airport board meeting in April? Did it take  
8 place?

9 MR. WUELLNER: You know, I'm -- I'm going to  
10 have to defer. I don't know. Was there a  
11 Citizens Airport Group meeting that you're aware  
12 of in May or scheduled for May?

13 MR. COOPER: I don't know.

14 MR. WUELLNER: You don't know, either.  
15 Anybody else know? Do you know, Joe?

16 MR. LOPINTO: The last I heard was May 21st,  
17 and I don't know whether that's going to occur.

18 MR. WUELLNER: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: And the one before that,  
20 Joe?

21 MR. LOPINTO: In April?

22 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Uh-huh.

23 MR. YOUMAN: There was nobody there.

24 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: That was the one that

1 MR. LOPINTO: I don't know. Yeah, that was  
2 canceled.

3 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. And we don't know  
4 whether the one on the 21st has been canceled? We  
5 believe it has?

6 MR. WUELLNER: I have not heard.

7 MR. LOPINTO: I have not heard.

8 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All right. Thank you.

9 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh. Marketing and PR. We  
10 completed that Sun 'n Fun promotional at the  
11 conclusion of April. To my knowledge, we had no  
12 takers that I'm aware of. There are still a few  
13 more days in which to -- or until the end of the  
14 month to respond and -- and make a rebate claim,  
15 but to date we're not aware of anyone making that.

16 Our airline marketing materials are nearing  
17 completion and we'll -- we'll obviously be taking  
18 that up with us to Jump Start in early June. So I  
19 think you're going to be very impressed with that  
20 as it wraps up. We're making final -- final  
21 adjustments to that this week, and then it goes  
22 to -- will -- will go to print at that point.

23 MR. WERTER: Ed, do you think some of that  
24 uptake for the month of April was due to Sun 'n

1 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah, it's hard for me to say.  
2 I think, you know, looking out on the ramp, it  
3 didn't look like Sun 'n Fun aircraft. It looked  
4 like a pretty good -- a pretty good month overall  
5 for -- for jet activity here, and especially  
6 leading into TPC. So I think -- I think those  
7 have helped. Of course, TPC's in May numbers. We  
8 haven't -- we haven't really dealt with those, but  
9 I think the events leading to it certainly helped.

10 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl?

11 MR. YOUMAN: All of these projects that are  
12 going on line, approximately how many jobs would  
13 you see being created out of this for --

14 MR. WUELLNER: Seemed like --

15 MR. YOUMAN: -- the St. Johns economy over  
16 the next year?

17 MR. WUELLNER: Seemed like we ran them, but I  
18 don't remember. Do you remember them off the top  
19 of your head?

20 MR. YOUMAN: Just a guess.

21 MR. HOLESKO: At least a hundred, if -- if  
22 they go through the way they're shown.

23 MR. YOUMAN: So what we're saying, the  
24 possibility of up to a hundred jobs for about a

25 year contributing to the St. Johns economy from

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1 the airport operations and et cetera that we're  
2 doing.

3 MR. WUELLNER: Between the two big projects,  
4 yeah.

5 MR. YOUMAN: Between the two big projects.

6 MR. HOLESKO: Actually probably twice that  
7 number if --

8 MR. YOUMAN: So if the airport wasn't here,  
9 those jobs wouldn't be here. Thank you.

10 MR. WUELLNER: Can't argue that. Uh-huh. We  
11 typically want like a two and a half percent --  
12 not two and a half percent -- two and a half times  
13 multiplier on the construction value, gives you an  
14 idea of the economic impact locally for just the  
15 construction segment, too.

16 So you -- you could be con -- you know, in  
17 the -- in the vicinity of about a \$15 million  
18 local contribution, economic impact as a result of  
19 the -- of the contracts related to those two  
20 projects.

21 MR. YOUMAN: Thank you. Especially --  
22 especially a wonderful time to happen.

23 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah. Some great bids, too,  
24 as we get there.



25 Just wrap up. Mr. Werter hit most of these,

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1 but the -- many of you were in attendance for the  
2 recognition by the School Board at the Character  
3 Counts banquet relative to the business  
4 recognition award from State of Florida as well as  
5 St. Johns County School Board.

6 Our academy -- and those awards are sitting  
7 over there for those of you who would like to take  
8 a glance at those. We will be getting the one  
9 framed a little better. It's been ordered but not  
10 in yet. And I understand we're making a banner  
11 here shortly for that to put on the fence.

12 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: We are.

13 MR. WUELLNER: The academy Family Fun Day is  
14 the 30th, so anybody interested in participating  
15 in that or helping out and volunteering or  
16 whatever, we'd love to have you. And as -- as Jim  
17 mentioned, the business awards reception is June  
18 4th at Bozard Ford. So love to have you come out  
19 and just see what that's all about, too.

20 Budget performance. To this point, revenues,  
21 as sort of expected, been down about 11.1 percent.  
22 That's actually less than it was last month. And  
23 we continue to be able to deal with the operating  
24 expense side of -- of the airport and have been

25 able to reduce that now down to about 14.3 percent

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1 below what was budgeted for the current year. So  
2 we've -- we've actually opened up a little more of  
3 a gap there between revenues and operating  
4 expenditures. And we obviously continue to  
5 monitor that on a monthly basis.

6 MR. GEORGE: You see those same types of  
7 numbers continuing through to the end of the  
8 fiscal year?

9 MR. WUELLNER: Actually, yes. From where I  
10 sit, they need to. Not to sound trite or  
11 anything, but...

12 Which brings us to the first agenda item if  
13 you're ready for that.

14 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: I am. Before -- well,  
15 before we start, let me just mention to the public  
16 if you would like to comment on any of the agenda  
17 items, we'll need to have a public comment form  
18 filled out and brought here to the table prior to  
19 discussion. So if there's anybody who wanted to  
20 go make a public comment, I would encourage you  
21 now to go get a form to fill out and bring it  
22 here. All right. Ed?

23 9.A. - SOUTH DEVELOPMENT AREA - BID AWARD

24 MR. WUELLNER: Okay. The first agenda item

25 is the bid award recommendation related to the

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1 south development. That includes the  
2 multimodal -- multimodal -- multiuse facility and  
3 the maintenance -- aviation or aircraft  
4 maintenance facility, as well as the  
5 infrastructure improvements that would support  
6 both of those projects and the park.

7 We received -- I don't even know what the  
8 total number of bids that were picked up or bid  
9 information was picked up, but I know it was well  
10 over of 60 bidders. It was 75 bidders picked up  
11 information related to that project, and we  
12 received 22 bids related to that. That is I think  
13 a new high for us in terms of interest from  
14 contractors.

15 Lowest responsive bid for the job was Hawkins  
16 Construction out of Tarpon Springs and -- with a  
17 low bid of \$2,627,209.99 for all work options in  
18 the -- in the bid. I believe this had an original  
19 project budget of \$4 million. So that should tell  
20 you how --

21 MR. GEORGE: Good.

22 MR. WUELLNER: Right now, you're sitting at  
23 about a 30, 35 percent if you want to use the word  
24 "discount," but the economy has brought those

25 construction prices down 30, 35 percent. And we

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1 are absolutely the beneficiary of that -- that

2 economic spinoff.

3 This is a 50/50 funded project with Florida

4 DOT. It is a, what's called a prequalified grant.

5 I just want to make sure I remind you of that,

6 meaning a portion of the funds become available

7 after July of this year and the balance of the

8 funds become available after July of next year.

9 So we will get our half of the money over the next

10 15 months.

11 And it would be our recommendation that the

12 Authority award -- you have the letter in your --

13 you have the complete bid tab as part of your

14 agenda information provided today, as well as the

15 award recommendation letter provided by Passero,

16 who was the engineer of record of -- relative to a

17 part of this project.

18 This, as you recall, had design elements from

19 all three firms, and Passero coordinated that

20 effort into the bid documents so the letter comes

21 from them. And they also did the evaluation of

22 the bids.

23 Next month, you will have an award -- I

24 should say a supplemental agreement that will

25 provide construction supervision with -- that will

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1 be allocated to each of the three firms also  
2 related to overseeing the individual award  
3 components that were designed by those firms.

4 But it's at this point our recommendation  
5 that you award the work to Hawkins Construction in  
6 the amount of \$2,627,209.99.

7 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All right. We have no  
8 public comment on this agenda item so we'll open  
9 it up to board comment.

10 Buzz?

11 MR. GEORGE: Ed, are we controlled by law  
12 that we have to pick the lowest bidder?

13 MR. WUELLNER: Generally, yes --

14 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

15 MR. WUELLNER: -- unless there's a reason to  
16 disqualify them.

17 MR. GEORGE: Okay. I notice that DiMare,  
18 which has done a real good job with us over the  
19 years, came in very close to them.

20 MR. WUELLNER: It was -- it was interesting,  
21 because when you looked at the -- and, Andrew,  
22 please feel free to correct me, but I believe we  
23 had something in the order of 14 of the 22 bidders  
24 clustered in the \$3.1 million and below.

25 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

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1 MR. WUELLNER: So the -- especially in the  
2 2.9 to 3.1 range, it was a huge -- I mean, it was  
3 all but two bidders, I believe, that fell into  
4 that range, so...

5 MR. GEORGE: Do we have any contractors that  
6 are home based and headquartered in St. Johns  
7 County?

8 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah. There are several.

9 MR. BURNETT: DiMare would be one.

10 MR. WUELLNER: DiMare.

11 MR. GEORGE: That's one of the ones I was  
12 thinking of.

13 MR. WUELLNER: K. P. Meiring, who built  
14 Customs.

15 MR. HOLESKO: One more, Ed.

16 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah, there's one more. I'm  
17 struggling with the name.

18 MR. BURNETT: The tower was built by a  
19 company, though, out of Jacksonville.

20 MR. WUELLNER: Out of Jax.

21 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

22 MR. WUELLNER: I don't think they were a  
23 bidder, were they?

24 MR. HOLESKO: No.

25 MR. GEORGE: Well, Andrew, do -- does your

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1 company have any experience with this -- with

2 Hawkins?

3 MR. HOLESKO: No. We --

4 MR. GEORGE: You're talking not 10 percent

5 less, are you? I'm -- I'm thinking of DiMare

6 over -- because we know them. They've got a track

7 record. We know their people, you know. And how

8 much has been done in looking at the new company's

9 people?

10 MR. HOLESKO: One member of our senior staff

11 knows of that company and knows of their work, not

12 directly, but knows of them. I will tell you that

13 we -- we did a reference check on them and

14 their -- their references were, I have to say,

15 exceptional.

16 MR. GEORGE: Good. Okay.

17 MR. HOLESKO: So -- but again, they're --

18 they're not from the immediate area, but their --

19 their -- their references were very good.

20 MR. WUELLNER: Can you give them an order --

21 you know, I know in your reference check, you

22 mentioned several projects that were accomplished

23 by them. I think it would, you know, help with

24 the --

25 MR. HOLESKO: Yeah, they have a contract down

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1 in Tampa with a -- a nonprofit organization, helps  
2 disabled, have done multiple projects in the \$2-  
3 to \$5 million range. They are an on-call  
4 developer with Publix Supermarkets. They also did  
5 the St. Pete newspaper, the newspaper building.  
6 They also did a project with -- the agency.  
7 Again, as you can imagine, it's been quite the  
8 whirlwind since --

9 MR. GEORGE: Oh, I imagine so, yeah.

10 MR. HOLESKO: -- we opened these up on -- on  
11 Thursday.

12 MR. WUELLNER: Thursday.

13 MR. HOLESKO: But going through their -- the  
14 references and speaking with the people, they  
15 really -- their -- their references, I would tell  
16 you, they're the best I've ever heard from a  
17 building --

18 MR. GEORGE: Good. Okay. All right.

19 MR. HOLESKO: -- supplier. So they were --  
20 they were very, very good.

21 MR. GEORGE: Okay.

22 MR. HOLESKO: The quotes and financing.  
23 We -- we have a pretty comprehensive list of  
24 questions, standards questions that we ask every



25 single reference, and they -- they received very

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1 strong marks across the board, so...

2 MR. GEORGE: Good. Okay. Thanks.

3 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl?

4 MR. YOUMAN: How many of the jobs that they

5 produce here will be local people of St. Johns

6 County?

7 MR. HOLESKO: Well, typically -- and again,

8 we can -- we can get that specific question for

9 but, you know, they're not going to be able to

10 staff everything here with people from Tarpon

11 Springs.

12 Typically, they would come in and a

13 significant amount of their labor force would be

14 local, and it would be suppliers. They would

15 buy -- most likely buy a lot of their materials

16 and things here locally. But if we want to get an

17 exact number, we can actually find that out from

18 them and get some manpower estimates from them.

19 MR. YOUMAN: I'd like -- I'd like that if

20 that's possible just so that they know we're

21 looking at that and we -- we -- we really like as

22 much local content St. Johns County.

23 MR. HOLESKO: Understood.

24 MR. YOUMAN: I hope the board agrees with

25 that.

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1 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Sure.

2 MR. WUELLNER: Did you see a subcontractor  
3 list? I know you were in the process of getting  
4 it Friday.

5 MR. HOLESKO: We do have the subcontractor  
6 list. I didn't review it. I know that some of  
7 the other staff members did.

8 MR. WUELLNER: Okay.

9 MR. HOLESKO: And again, even with the  
10 subcontractor list, you know, they -- we wouldn't  
11 expect them typically to bring subcontractors from  
12 across the state. They're probably a mix of  
13 literally Northeast Florida, maybe some throughout  
14 the State of Florida, depending on the specialty  
15 areas.

16 I know the building is being done -- being  
17 built -- or the hangar complex is being built in  
18 the State of Florida. One of them actually is  
19 from Northeast Florida, one of their proposers,  
20 and I have heard that part of the conversation,  
21 too. But we could find some more details from  
22 (sic) you and really get some more details so at  
23 least we could report back on what those details  
24 are.

1 for the future, is it possible to put into these  
2 bids how much local content we want?

3 MR. HOLESKO: I'm going to defer to  
4 Mr. Burnett on that one and let him give you  
5 the --

6 MR. BURNETT: Yeah.

7 MR. YOUMAN: Because I -- I mean, I'm just  
8 looking at it from the viewpoint of the -- I  
9 represent St. Johns County.

10 MR. WUELLNER: Sure.

11 MR. YOUMAN: And I would think that  
12 everything we do here we should do towards the  
13 benefit of the citizens of St. Johns County as  
14 much as possible.

15 MR. BURNETT: Understand. There are some --  
16 there's some creative ways to potentially phrase  
17 in -- in how you draft the bid or RFP that may  
18 help. And -- and I can give you some examples,  
19 but the -- the quick part of your answer is,  
20 unfortunately, no.

21 When you do competitive bids, if they're  
22 qualified, their bids are conforming to what was  
23 spec'd, and they're a licensed contractor, then  
24 you -- you have to go with the low bidder. That's

25 the way Chapter 287 is in the Florida Statutes.

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1 MR. YOUMAN: Okay.

2 MR. BURNETT: So it's a tough reality. It's  
3 something that's faced by every municipality and  
4 county, especially when you get in where their --  
5 where the bids are really close and you, quite  
6 frankly, would like to have the local guy over the  
7 guy who's from a different county. Natural thing.  
8 It still comes down to which one's the low bidder  
9 and which one is the tax money going to fund,  
10 so...

11 MR. HOLESKO: Doug, I just want to note on  
12 that, too, I know that there's also a  
13 consideration when Florida DOT grant funds are  
14 used, obviously, you know, those grant funds are  
15 generated throughout the State of Florida. And  
16 when they are sharing in the grant funds with you,  
17 I know that they also have a concern when you're  
18 placing any other stipulations on them that --

19 MR. YOUMAN: Okay. Any -- anything you can  
20 do for St. Johns County that's legally possible,  
21 I'm sure the board will appreciate it.

22 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: I think the whole board  
23 would agree with you on that. But I would --  
24 Andrew, when -- when these people who do, like

25 from Tarpon Springs, when -- when they come, do

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1 they have a set place that they'll stay? Will

2 they stay in our county?

3 MR. HOLESKO: I would think so. I mean,

4 again, I will tell you that when we see this type

5 of project -- and again, even though Tarpon

6 Springs is the corporate office, they could be

7 bringing -- for all I know, they -- they could

8 have a whole project management team here in St.

9 Johns County. And again, this has all happened

10 very quickly.

11 I will tell you that you -- you should expect

12 a very logical direct and large impact from this

13 project in St. Augustine and St. Johns County. I

14 mean, whether it's hotels, materials, fuel. I

15 mean, all of those things are going to occur right

16 here in the immediate airport area. You know,

17 those benefits are going to come to the area.

18 MR. BURNETT: And -- and one -- one comment

19 that -- or one thought that came to mind in fact

20 was the School Board. When Bartram Trail High

21 School was built, it was built by John T. Callahan

22 & Sons out of Boston, Massachusetts, because they

23 were the low bidder. But when they came and

24 actually staffed it, it was local subs. Their

25 project managers and -- and superintendents were

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1 on-site here staying in our community, living in  
2 our community, those kind of things, so...

3 MR. HOLESKO: And they're going to buy their  
4 asphalt here. They're going to buy their concrete  
5 here. They're going to --

6 MR. BURNETT: Right. Because it's the  
7 cheapest thing to do --

8 MR. HOLESKO: Absolutely.

9 MR. BURNETT: -- to get it locally.

10 MR. HOLESKO: Absolutely.

11 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Buzz?

12 MR. GEORGE: I just need to echo what both --  
13 both of you are saying. If we go for the lowest  
14 bidder, we're doing some responsibility we have  
15 for the St. Johns County taxpayers that pay the  
16 money. We're getting the best bang for their  
17 bucks.

18 On the one hand, we're getting something  
19 that's good, but on the other hand, I think that  
20 if there is a questionnaire, as Carl put it, what  
21 kind of local is going to be used, where they're  
22 going to stay, where they're going to do this, all  
23 we're asking for is a questionnaire, and that  
24 could have an impact on their mentality that, hey,

25 this is important to that board there.

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1 So if I have a choice, you know, of staying  
2 in Duval County or staying in St. Johns, it's  
3 going to make me look better to stay in St. Johns,  
4 and that will be a commitment to look here. And  
5 we're still legally not binding them to it; we  
6 just want to know what it is.

7 MR. WUELLNER: Well, that's certainly  
8 something that could be augmented in the bid  
9 specifications in future projects.

10 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

11 MR. WUELLNER: And we could gather the  
12 information relative to this, but it -- it's  
13 certainly something that could be in there.  
14 It's -- my experience in it is you're -- you're  
15 going to have -- it's going to be a pretty tough  
16 way to go to steer significant amounts of work  
17 directly to St. Johns County contractors under  
18 current state law.

19 You can do analysis. It's almost anecdotal  
20 to that, and -- and help explain why the work goes  
21 somewhere else. But at the end of the day, you've  
22 got to get over the hump of that -- that low  
23 bidder somehow -- if you cannot -- if they cannot  
24 be disqualified in a -- in a legal way, then

25 you're -- you're -- you're basically obligated to

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1 how you advertise for the project.

2 MR. GEORGE: I understand, yeah. But if we  
3 don't mention it, we won't get it.

4 MR. WUELLNER: No doubt. And I -- I think  
5 it's -- I think it's good information to have to  
6 know, you know, what percentage of subs work and  
7 supplier and -- and workforce are, you know,  
8 identifiable directly in St. Johns County if for  
9 nothing else --

10 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

11 MR. WUELLNER: -- to -- to help identify the  
12 actual economic impact of the project and the  
13 airport. So --

14 MR. GEORGE: Right. If you and --

15 MR. WUELLNER: -- it's good information to  
16 have.

17 MR. GEORGE: If you and Andrew could work on  
18 some questionnaire type of thing that could be  
19 incorporated into the bid specs, that would --

20 MR. WUELLNER: Absolutely.

21 MR. GEORGE: -- make us all feel better.

22 MR. WUELLNER: Absolutely.

23 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl?

24 (Mr. Werter leaves the room.)



25 MR. YOUMAN: And -- and we understand that

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1 once the low bidder's got the project, they have  
2 to do their own cost analysis, et cetera, et  
3 cetera, to be able to perform within that --  
4 whatever they bid and still make a profit. I  
5 understand that.

6 MR. GEORGE: Absolutely. But in the event  
7 that we were told one thing and then they do  
8 something else, I would imagine that would give us  
9 some firsthand experience for the next time, you  
10 know, a bid comes around.

11 MR. YOUMAN: Yeah.

12 MR. WUELLNER: I would tell you at this  
13 point, the -- you know, the only shot, legally --  
14 you've got two things to do; you could reject all  
15 bids for some reason and start that process over,  
16 or at this point, the only thing that really would  
17 be on the table would be if for whatever reason  
18 that contractor elected -- made the decision they  
19 were not going to fulfill their obligations under  
20 the bid at this point, in which case they would  
21 forfeit their bid bond related to this project and  
22 you could legally then award to the next low  
23 bidder.

24 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

25 MR. WUELLNER: But that's pretty remote.

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1 There's a bunch of money on the table in terms of  
2 a -- of a bid bond at this point, so it's -- it's  
3 unlikely they're going to walk away from ballpark  
4 of \$60,000, probably.

5 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. I -- I would hope that  
6 you would make it clear to the contractors that  
7 are local that we have used before that we have  
8 been exceptionally pleased with, you know, that  
9 how sorry we were that it didn't come out that  
10 way, but that's the way it came out.

11 MR. WUELLNER: Well, internally we were  
12 certainly hoping it would go local, but --

13 MR. GEORGE: Right. Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have anymore board  
15 discussion?

16 (No further discussion.)

17 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have a motion?

18 MR. YOUMAN: I make a motion we accept the  
19 bid as presented by the staff.

20 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have a second?

21 MR. GEORGE: I second that.

22 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. All in favor?

23 MR. GEORGE: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Aye.

25 MR. YOUMAN: Aye.

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1 MR. BURNETT: Let the record reflect, if --

2 if I may, Madam Chairman --

3 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Certainly.

4 MR. BURNETT: -- that Mr. Werter is

5 temporarily out of the room.

6 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Motion passes. On

7 to the next agenda item.

8 (Mr. Werter returns to the room.)

9 9.B. - TAXIWAY B - SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT 09-34R

10 MR. WUELLNER: Next item I have for you is

11 relative to Taxiway B.

12 As I mentioned in the project updates that

13 we're expecting grant-related notification and --

14 and documents within the next couple of weeks in

15 order to get them working as quickly as possible

16 after the grant documents are received and

17 executed. But we are asking to award the

18 inspection services to the design/engineer firm,

19 which is Passero, at \$224,000. Keep in mind the

20 way this is looking is this project will very

21 likely be 100 percent funded by FAA, so...

22 MR. GEORGE: We'll take two, then.

23 MR. WUELLNER: We'll take two. And we would

24 ask that you, just as a -- as a safeguard, make

25 that work award contingent on receipt of the FAA

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1 grant, so...

2 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Seeing no public comment  
3 on this agenda item, we'll open it up to board  
4 comment. Do we have any board comment?

5 MR. GEORGE: I think that one of the things  
6 that happened before you guys got on board were a  
7 project that we had, you know, with the terminal  
8 building, you know. And at that time, we were not  
9 too pleased with some inspection and supervisory  
10 services. I think the service group has done us a  
11 heck of a good job on all of the other projects  
12 since that time -- point in time. And I have no  
13 problem at all in supporting this.

14 MR. HOLESKO: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Any further board comment?

16 (No further comment.)

17 MR. GEORGE: I make a motion we accept the  
18 staff's recommendation as presented.

19 MR. YOUMAN: I second it.

20 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All in favor?

21 MR. GEORGE: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Aye.

23 MR. YOUMAN: Aye.

24 MR. WERTER: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All opposed?

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1 (No opposition.)

2 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Motion passes.

3 MR. WUELLNER: Next item's --

4 MR. BURNETT: Someone's cell phone might be a  
5 little close to the mic. I'm not sure which one.

6 MR. GEORGE: Say somebody is --

7 MR. BURNETT: A cell phone might be a little  
8 close to the microphone. That might be the -- the  
9 interference. Sorry.

10 9.C. - WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION

11 MR. WUELLNER: Okay. Next item I have is --  
12 is the -- for your consideration is Resolution  
13 2009-01.

14 This is a largely -- it's an interesting  
15 development story, but it -- it's basically a  
16 resolution to satisfy the Water Management  
17 District relative to the method of stormwater  
18 treatment that's being proposed related to Taxiway  
19 Bravo.

20 The methodology is an aeration method,  
21 wherein they literally use something on the order  
22 if you know what a sheep's foot-type roller is,  
23 but it essentially uses that methodology along the  
24 edge of -- not on the pavement, but on the edge of

25 pavement to create its pavement -- or water

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1 retention holes, for lack of better terms, in the  
2 grass, in the turf area.

3 It's a method that's used routinely outside  
4 of airport projects. And the airport proposed,  
5 our design engineers proposed that we use this  
6 methodology with the permitting of Taxiway B  
7 improvements.

8 That all went well till it got to the Water  
9 Management District, who had no problem with the  
10 methodology. But classically, when it's permitted  
11 with the district, an easement is required to be  
12 granted to the district for that methodology.

13 That ensures that the -- the aeration method is  
14 maintained and that it continues to function into  
15 the future.

16 I -- combination myself, Doug, and Passero  
17 approached the Water Management District because  
18 easements are not generally in the best interest  
19 of another governmental entity to grant them.

20 Doug was successful in essentially convincing  
21 the Water Management District that a resolution  
22 from the board would satisfy just indicating that  
23 we will maintain that in lieu of granting an  
24 easement to the Water Management District for that

25 drainage.

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1 So Resolution 2009-01 is -- is a resolution  
2 that the Water Management District and Doug have  
3 put together. They're both in agreement into its  
4 form and what it says. That eliminates the need  
5 to grant an easement to the Water Management  
6 District for that method of water -- water  
7 retention out there. And it would be our  
8 recommendation to the Authority that you adopt  
9 that Resolution 2009-01.

10 I put a copy up on there. I know the print  
11 gets a little small from a distance, but that is  
12 the text version of the -- the resolution itself  
13 with the exception of having the signature block  
14 on the bottom. It's the -- the -- the body, if  
15 you will, of the document itself.

16 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay.

17 MR. WUELLNER: Between us, I'm sure we could  
18 answer any questions relative to it if you have  
19 any.

20 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Seeing we have no public  
21 comment on this agenda item, we'll open it up for  
22 board comment.

23 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, what the hell. We're  
24 looking at doing a new type of aeration or -- or

25 water management. What is the cost of this one

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1 compared to what we -- the other options we have?

2 And when I say "cost," when you mention the

3 word about maintenance, an easement for them to

4 watch the maintenance, that to me says that

5 Kevin's people are going to have to be working

6 harder on this maybe than some other method, so...

7 MR. WUELLNER: You would think, but that's --

8 that's not quite the way it works. You -- you

9 have an ongoing -- going maintenance obligation

10 for every drainage system on the airport that's

11 been permitted by the Water Management District.

12 That's a condition of permit always.

13 This method eliminates the need to construct

14 yet another retention pond or improve retention

15 ponds on the airport to accommodate the like

16 amount of drainage.

17 This is actually a very simple -- I would --

18 I'm going to take a stab, but it's maybe -- maybe

19 10 percent of the cost to do it this method versus

20 go out and -- and improve an existing hole in the

21 ground or dig another one and maintain it.

22 So when you factor that cost to just run that

23 device over the ground every few years, as

24 necessary -- which is basically a big roller. You



25 just roll it over there and it reconstructs, for

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1 lack of better terms, the -- the holes in the  
2 ground.

3 MR. GEORGE: How much does it cost?

4 MR. WUELLNER: I don't -- I don't know. He  
5 probably could speak better to what the -- the  
6 construction costs are, but I can't imagine that  
7 it's -- it's a fraction of what it costs to --

8 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

9 MR. HOLESKO: Actually, the -- the  
10 aerification is not a specific line item, but I  
11 think that Ed is pretty much in line with this is  
12 a -- not only a tremendous cost savings, but I  
13 will tell you that it's a tremendous procedural  
14 and facility savings, both on the airport in terms  
15 of not having to -- to dedicate and lose real  
16 estate for ponds and pay for pipes and things like  
17 that.

18 This is the first time we believe that this  
19 has been allowed on an airport in the State of  
20 Florida. And it is, I would tell you, a very --  
21 it's a significant event, even though it sounds  
22 like a boring engineering detail.

23 But this aerification and -- and the  
24 elimination to build the pond and pipe system is a

25 big deal. It's something that -- that's going to

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1 be a big benefit to you and most likely a lot of  
2 other airports in the state of Florida because you  
3 are being allowed to do this. So it's -- it's  
4 very beneficial for the Authority.

5 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Andrew, is this more  
6 environmentally sensitive?

7 MR. HOLESKO: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: It sounds like --

9 MR. WUELLNER: It's not a bird attractment --  
10 a bird attractant, either. I mean, since there's  
11 virtually no standing water associated with this,  
12 we eliminate, you know, airports' or aviations'  
13 nightmares of -- of birds in the -- in the  
14 vicinity of airports.

15 MR. HOLESKO: It's one of those things where  
16 you -- when you look at the factors associated  
17 with the drainage system, it costs -- it costs  
18 less. It works better. It doesn't bring  
19 wildlife. Doesn't take up real estate. I mean,  
20 it's -- it is a win-win-win.

21 MR. WUELLNER: It's hard to find a bad thing  
22 about it.

23 MR. HOLESKO: That's right. It's win-win-win  
24 across the board.

1 comment?

2 MR. BURNETT: If I -- if I could just offer  
3 one -- one quick comment related to -- to this.  
4 Ed wanted to make sure we didn't wind up with an  
5 easement out on the airport property where later  
6 we then had to go try and beg another governmental  
7 entity to let us move the easement for some other  
8 development in the future, so it's a win from that  
9 standpoint.

10 But from the Water Management District's  
11 perspective, they're used to dealing with  
12 development -- and this is development -- from  
13 private citizens, whether it's a subdivision or --  
14 or a shopping center or some commercial project,  
15 and they're looking to make sure that that  
16 drainage facility stays in place long term.

17 And when you have private industry that's  
18 turning over, property ownership turns over, they  
19 want to make sure there's an easement in place so  
20 everyone always knows. And we don't necessarily  
21 have those kinds of issues here with the Airport  
22 Authority. So they're more welcome to be a little  
23 more flexible on how we documented the fact that  
24 this drainage facility will stay there.

25 MR. WUELLNER: It's our understanding, too,

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1 that once -- if this is adopted, as soon as it's  
2 in their hand, the permit is issued. It's --  
3 it's -- it's -- it's already accepted by them as  
4 soon as the document shows up at their office.

5 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl?

6 MR. YOUMAN: It seems like the St. Augustine  
7 Airport's again leading the way in the forefront  
8 of being the innovators. Way to go.

9 MR. WUELLNER: Well, at least adapting an  
10 idea that's working in other -- other -- other  
11 places and other types of projects, so...

12 MR. YOUMAN: That's -- that's innovation.

13 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Any further board comment?

14 (No further comment.)

15 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have a motion?

16 MR. WERTER: I make a --

17 MR. YOUMAN: You make the motion this time.

18 Go ahead.

19 MR. WERTER: I make a motion that we adopt

20 it.

21 MR. YOUMAN: I second it.

22 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All in favor?

23 MR. GEORGE: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Aye.

25 MR. YOUMAN: Aye.

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1 MR. WERTER: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Motion passes unanimously.

3 9.D. - SUPPLEMENTAL FDOT JPA - ARFF & RUNWAY 13/31

4 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Now on to a supplemental

5 FDOT.

6 MR. WUELLNER: Okay. This -- this one's a

7 little confusing. Just try to follow the bouncing

8 ball.

9 We -- we are going to be able -- looks like

10 we're going to be able to use our -- what is

11 called Part B commercial service entitlement funds

12 for the design of the runway 13/31 overlay

13 project, which we sort of discussed last month.

14 Further, it looks like FAA is going to allow

15 us to use the same amount of money or the same

16 grant to do the design of the fire station, the

17 ARFF station. That's good news in that now the

18 entirety of the design of both of those projects

19 are going to be funded at 95 percent federal

20 dollars in lieu of previously we had moved forward

21 with, at best, a 50/50 project with Florida DOT.

22 So we certainly have improved the bang for the

23 buck, if you will, relative to grant.

24 In order to accommodate that from the DOT

25 grant side, we need to amend our grant with

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1 Florida DOT to include language that supports the  
2 federal project component in there.

3 This resolution authorizes -- it authorizes  
4 Staff to sign the supplemental agreement with  
5 Florida DOT that facilitates the funding changes  
6 with FDOT. Does not change the total amount of  
7 money that was made available to Florida -- by  
8 Florida DOT; it just simply clarifies how it's  
9 applied so that there's no, in a sense,  
10 double-dipping or doubling-billing related to the  
11 project totals.

12 Instead of being committed to 50 percent of  
13 the project, they're now committed to two and a  
14 half percent of the project, up to the hundred  
15 thousand dollars of total FDOT money in the -- in  
16 the project currently. And it brings in the ARFF  
17 station into the grant, so it makes that an  
18 allowable -- or a fundable item now within the  
19 grant. And that -- that's really all it does, is  
20 expand the project definition and clarify the  
21 funding to include FDO -- excuse me, FAA dollars  
22 into the job.

23 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. We'll open it up  
24 for public comment. Reba?

25 MS. LUDLOW: No comment, thanks.

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1 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. And that's all the  
2 public comment I have, so let's open it up for  
3 board comment. Jim?

4 MR. WERTER: Get my terminology down here  
5 right. Was there some duplication of work effort  
6 or expenditures that --

7 MR. WUELLNER: No.

8 MR. WERTER: Not as far as getting the  
9 facility in with the improvements?

10 MR. WUELLNER: No. All that really happened  
11 was we were able to move the project forward  
12 quicker under the FDOT version. The nuance  
13 differs between the two grant programs. FDOT  
14 requires the grant to be in place before you  
15 expend money. The previous grant version for the  
16 same dollars was in place, keeping those costs  
17 eligible. Now that FAA's weighed in, FAA does  
18 allow you to retroactively fund elements of the  
19 project before the grant date. FDOT does not  
20 allow that.

21 So it -- it just changes who pays what in the  
22 end. But it doesn't -- it avoids -- the  
23 methodology here avoids the duplication of -- or  
24 I'm going to use the term "double-dipping." You

25 don't have DOT paying 50 percent of a project

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1 component that FAA's going to pay 95 percent of.

2 Obviously, that's to our advantage, if you can get

3 away from it, but it also lands people in jail.

4 I'm not -- I'm not willing to do that, so we'll --

5 we'll get it corrected.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Oh, come on.

7 MR. GEORGE: Have you checked your employment

8 agreement?

9 MR. WUELLNER: I think that's one of the

10 reasons I can be dismissed.

11 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl?

12 MR. YOUMAN: Doug, this has been flown by

13 you, right?

14 MR. BURNETT: Yes.

15 MR. YOUMAN: No problems?

16 MR. BURNETT: No, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Buzz?

18 MR. GEORGE: How much -- how much out of our

19 budget is this saving us by having this design

20 being paid for out of funds that we were

21 questionable how we were going to use?

22 MR. WUELLNER: Originally, you could have

23 paid potentially, ballpark, about \$325- to

24 \$350,000 in match. This rearrangement will put



25 that number to little less than \$30,000.

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1 MR. GEORGE: Good.

2 MR. YOUMAN: Gets better and better.

3 MR. GEORGE: I can support that.

4 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah. Me, too. And it also

5 would appear, just for -- for future, that FAA

6 has, at -- at least at this point, bought into the

7 idea of using the year two commercial service

8 entitlement funds and allowing us to commit those

9 to the construction of the ARFF station. So it

10 looks like we've got -- that project will come

11 after October sometime in terms of construction.

12 This is design only for those jobs.

13 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have any further

14 board comment?

15 (No further comment.)

16 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Do we have a

17 motion?

18 MR. WERTER: Yeah. I move that we authorize

19 Mr. Wuellner to go ahead and enter into this

20 resolution.

21 MR. WUELLNER: Actually, it's your

22 resolution. The chairman and secretary/treasurer

23 authorize the resolution. The resolution

24 authorizes me.

25 MR. WERTER: I see. I see.

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1 MR. WUELLNER: That's overly confusing,

2 but...

3 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: You want to amend your  
4 motion?

5 MR. WERTER: Yes. That we adopt this  
6 resolution.

7 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Do we have a  
8 second?

9 MR. YOUMAN: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All in favor?

11 MR. GEORGE: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Aye.

13 MR. YOUMAN: Aye.

14 MR. WERTER: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Motion passes unanimously.

16 MR. WERTER: Actually, it's Ed who actually  
17 signs the document, correct?

18 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: After we sign it.

19 9.E. - COMPLAINT POLICY - DISCUSSION ONLY

20 MR. WUELLNER: Next item I have is strictly  
21 an introductory -- and I'm not going to read it.  
22 I don't intend to really go through it in any  
23 detail. But what I wanted to do was communicate  
24 and -- and make you aware of the first draft of

25 the complaint reporting and database development

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1 related to -- to the airport. This has been  
2 promised by us to you for -- for several months  
3 now, and this represents the first blush of -- of  
4 that -- of -- of Staff's thinking relative to that  
5 policy.

6 My suggestion is that you -- you sort of  
7 digest that over the next period of time between  
8 now and the next meeting and -- and be prepared to  
9 maybe enter into some discussion on it in -- in  
10 July. We are not trying to have something adopted  
11 in July. I mean, there's no -- no fixed time line  
12 on this.

13 My suggestion is we concurrently begin to vet  
14 this, if you will, with our use -- airport users,  
15 with folks in the private sector who are  
16 interested in the -- the -- the noise complaints  
17 and -- and the like, and -- and finding ways to  
18 make those in -- in better ways and allow us to  
19 track the data related to those kinds of  
20 complaints, is to work with them, get their  
21 feedback and the like.

22 We are doing some preliminary work at this  
23 point with our web site development team, Capstone  
24 Labs, here locally, to create the web-related

25 interfaces that will allow a much more beneficial

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1 experience on the web site relative to filing  
2 complaints of any type and getting immediate  
3 feedback as to our receipt of that information.

4 We will provide Authority user tools related  
5 to how we can follow up with those complaints and  
6 eventually close the matter out. It will include  
7 a section on the web site that will allow the  
8 public to check the status of any filed complaint  
9 with the Airport Authority, including resolution  
10 of that complaint at -- at some point.

11 It -- it provides a good place to start the  
12 discussions. You -- you know, you may agree with  
13 it just the way it's written. It -- it's  
14 certainly not meant to be the end-all as it's  
15 written. It's designed to have that input, to get  
16 that feedback, and to -- and to tweak it. But  
17 without some kind of starting point, it's very  
18 difficult to have meaningful conversations about  
19 the policy.

20 So that's really all I wanted to do with it  
21 today. You -- you have a copy in your hands. We  
22 will make that available to anybody who wants to  
23 have a copy and begin to provide feedback to us on  
24 it.

25 I would suspect you'll probably want to hear

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1 some of that feedback as we go through the --  
2 perhaps the next couple of Authority meetings  
3 and -- and eventually leading to adoption of some  
4 version of this policy, and I call it late summer,  
5 maybe after we've had a couple of Authority  
6 meetings to talk about it, and been able to get  
7 comments from -- from -- use the term  
8 "complainers," those who want to provide complaint  
9 information to the Authority.

10 We've -- I think it's important we get all of  
11 those ideas and make it as -- I use the term "user  
12 friendly." It kind of gets beat up a bit. But to  
13 make that ability to make complaints to the  
14 Authority as -- as meaningful as possible and  
15 allow for a follow-up.

16 It does not use the -- the way we're trying  
17 to do the -- the web interface part of this  
18 allows, doesn't -- it uses the Microsoft Access  
19 database, so it's a -- it's not anything  
20 particularly proprietary in the methodology, so it  
21 doesn't require long-term software commitments or  
22 anything like that. It's -- it's software that's  
23 currently in inventory. It just creates a much  
24 easier way for the public and -- and individuals

25 to -- to get that information to us.

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1 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. We'll open it up  
2 for public comment. Mr. Lopinto?

3 MR. LOPINTO: Thank you. As the board may or  
4 may not be aware, there is a subcommittee of the  
5 public relations committee that has been working  
6 on the web site in its entirety of which one of  
7 the subsections has been the noise area. We've  
8 had two meetings already with board member Buzz  
9 George being present, and we did have extensive  
10 discussions in the noise area.

11 But relative to this draft document, I'd like  
12 to bring some comments that have been brought up  
13 during our meetings in the subcommittee. And my  
14 first comment is that on page 4 -- and I recognize  
15 also this is only for discussion, and then so as  
16 you're thinking about it, you may want to  
17 incorporate some of the thinking that the  
18 subcommittee has.

19 The minimum information required talks to  
20 several items there, six, one of them a valid  
21 e-mail address. As strange as it may seem in  
22 today's world, there are some people that still do  
23 not have a valid e-mail -- or any e-mail address.

24 And I know that your next item in here talks

25 about the exclusion of selective information. So

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1 you may want to consider that if everything else  
2 is there, possibly an e-mail address is not  
3 required. Also, the --

4 MR. WUELLNER: I think the intent, Joe, was  
5 that it would be required for filing directly on  
6 the web site. The thinking is that if you have  
7 access to internet to file directly to that  
8 interface, then you -- you likely have an e-mail  
9 address. And -- and the purpose behind that  
10 method is it allows us to instantly feed back to  
11 the individual that we received the complaint. It  
12 doesn't resolve the complaint, but it gives that  
13 positive indication.

14 Those complaints that are received from other  
15 methods, such as a phone call or someone walking  
16 in the office or whatever, from a staff level, we  
17 envision being able to override the requirement.

18 MR. LOPINTO: Right. Okay.

19 MR. WUELLNER: So if they -- if they present  
20 a complaint in a different method than electronic,  
21 then we can override it.

22 MR. LOPINTO: And -- and I failed to say also  
23 that the subcommittee presented to Bryan Cooper an  
24 interim summary of what our comments were with

25 respect to the web site.

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1 MR. WUELLNER: Okay.

2 MR. LOPINTO: And also that subsection on  
3 the -- on the noise.

4 MR. WUELLNER: I think -- I think as a matter  
5 of -- of course here, I would hope that we,  
6 myself, and/or Bryan at -- at your next PR  
7 committee meeting would like to, you know, vet  
8 through that process in more detail with -- with  
9 everybody, too.

10 MR. LOPINTO: Right.

11 MR. WUELLNER: Again, we're not trying to  
12 adopt this at this point.

13 MR. LOPINTO: I understand. I'm just  
14 bringing out to -- to the discussions that we have  
15 had in the last two meetings some of the points  
16 that the board may want to consider as they're  
17 reading over the document.

18 The other item is with respect to nature of  
19 complaint and date and time of event -- we talked  
20 about this; I had a discussion with Bryan earlier  
21 about this -- there are some complaints that are  
22 of a generalized nature that involve noise but  
23 don't have a specific date and time. Example  
24 being, "I don't like the acrobatic box. I'm tired



25 of having flight training airplanes come

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1 overhead." It's a very generalized nature with no  
2 attribution to a specific date and time. How is  
3 that handled?

4 MR. WUELLNER: I would say it's excluded from  
5 the database because it's not meaningful data  
6 toward the development of -- of a factual base for  
7 analysis.

8 It's certainly information we would receive  
9 and look at and make a part of the record of -- of  
10 the Authority, but when it lacks any specificity,  
11 I don't know how you -- how you can expect to use  
12 it in any analytical approach.

13 MR. LOPINTO: And we talked about that,  
14 and -- and you can ascribe a value to it. You  
15 know, it's there, but it's just, you know, some  
16 value.

17 MR. WUELLNER: Well, I think -- I think  
18 that's something that we can discuss and work  
19 through as we --

20 MR. LOPINTO: Right.

21 MR. WUELLNER: -- do it with the PR  
22 committee.

23 MR. LOPINTO: And then I'm also -- was glad  
24 to hear that this does not prevent the Authority

25 from working with the operators based here at the

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1 field or transients to have an overall  
2 encouragement to not only operate their airplane  
3 safely, but also in a beneficial manner that's  
4 sensitive to the surrounding communities.

5 MR. WUELLNER: Absolutely. I think it's --  
6 it's a foregone conclusion that's the best way to  
7 do it.

8 MR. LOPINTO: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Thank you,  
10 Mr. Lopinto. Ms. Ludlow.

11 MS. LUDLOW: You're going to be very happy to  
12 hear this. I was late, so I have not gone over it  
13 in depth. However, I want to compliment Ed.  
14 Thank goodness we are getting this, and this is  
15 exactly what we need to work on. And I will go  
16 over it, and I'm glad we can comment on it. It's  
17 good.

18 MR. WUELLNER: Awesome.

19 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Mr. Roderick?

20 MR. RODERICK: Nothing on this.

21 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. We'll open it up  
22 for board comment. Do we have any board comment?  
23 This is discussion item only so we will not be  
24 voting on this.

25 MR. GEORGE: Ed, the 14 days for follow-up

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1 from the e-mail?

2 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh.

3 MR. GEORGE: Going back to what Joe said, if

4 they don't have an e-mail, I think another option

5 needs to be added that at the 14th day, if we

6 haven't heard, we will send them something by --

7 MR. WUELLNER: Okay.

8 MR. GEORGE: To the mailing address, and if

9 we don't hear back from another 14, then it's --

10 it's there.

11 I'd also like to see something in -- I think

12 this is a good document to put it in, something of

13 Staff reporting back at the board level, you know,

14 of what kind of level of complaints, you know,

15 that are coming through and everything.

16 MR. WUELLNER: It's one of the things we're

17 looking at, is to make that actually available to

18 you.

19 The other -- the other piece of this that

20 I -- I didn't spend a lot of time discussing from

21 the public part here, but there -- there is a page

22 that -- that's envisioned on the web site that

23 lets you go to each complaint made and -- and see

24 the status of that complaint, whether it's -- it's

25 pending, it's open, and eventually when it's

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1 closed. And -- and when it is closed, it -- it  
2 allows you to essentially pull up and -- and print  
3 or download the -- the final report that fills in  
4 all the blanks or -- or as many blanks as it can  
5 be filled in the database and give some final, if  
6 you will, structure to -- to -- to what -- what  
7 happened.

8 MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

9 MR. WUELLNER: Were we able to do anything?  
10 Did we -- what did we discover in that  
11 investigation? The complaint was really a  
12 complaint out of Mayport that had nothing to do  
13 with us, but we've -- we've been able to get to  
14 that conclusion and close it out.

15 And that's -- that's available to anybody in  
16 the public. So you'll -- everyone should have the  
17 ability to see their complaint online continually,  
18 and we can follow up with those who didn't  
19 originate in a electronic format such as the web  
20 site. We can follow up with a copy of that report  
21 mailed to them.

22 MR. GEORGE: Well, just like the report that  
23 you give us that says how we're doing revenue and  
24 expensewise, that's a nice summary. I'd like to

25 see some sort of summary presented, you know, at

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1 this meeting, that kind of gives us a warm and  
2 comfortable feeling of what's the -- the level of  
3 complaints coming in, how many are still  
4 outstanding, you know, and the like.

5 MR. WERTER: If I may.

6 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: I don't know if he -- I  
7 don't know if Buzz is finished. I think he had  
8 something else.

9 MR. WERTER: That's why I didn't mean to jump  
10 it.

11 MR. GEORGE: And then the final disposition  
12 of the complaint, something we had talked about,  
13 that there are several organizations, PR committee  
14 being one, board members being another, and  
15 neighborhood --

16 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh.

17 MR. GEORGE: -- action committees being one,  
18 that I think we should have a list of who gets  
19 copies of the final disposition, you know, of a  
20 particular item.

21 MR. WUELLNER: Well, one of the things we  
22 were trying to avoid is creating a --

23 MR. GEORGE: One hundred e-mail letters,  
24 right.

25 MR. WUELLNER: Well, an administrative

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1 response to everything out there. Where  
2 applicable, we're trying to -- to minimize that  
3 and -- and make it instantly available as it  
4 happens on the web site.

5 MR. GEORGE: Right.

6 MR. WUELLNER: So it's -- you can go out  
7 there anytime you want and check the disposition  
8 of every complaint made in the last three years.

9 Now, there -- there are going to be those  
10 who, while it's on the web site, don't have access  
11 to that data. And I -- and I certainly would  
12 support that we contact them in another method.

13 MR. GEORGE: Yeah. I was just thinking that  
14 if we have a final disposition e-mail that goes  
15 back to the originator --

16 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh.

17 MR. GEORGE: -- the organization/people that  
18 are highly interested in this --

19 MR. WUELLNER: Copy them.

20 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, copy them so, therefore,  
21 there's no more paperwork. That's all I have,  
22 Madam Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. I think that Jim --

24 MR. WERTER: I've got a couple of web design

25 questions for you.

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1 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh.

2 MR. WERTER: First of all, would the  
3 reporting person's information be accessible?

4 MR. WUELLNER: It's accessible at the end.

5 MR. WERTER: Okay. The second question is,  
6 when they're going through the form, is there like  
7 on -- when it comes to nature, is it a  
8 drop-down -- before they get to the narrative, is  
9 there a drop-down box as to low-flying aircraft,  
10 noisy aircraft?

11 MR. WUELLNER: Yes.

12 MR. WERTER: And then there's an "other"  
13 for --

14 MR. WUELLNER: Yes. The -- the database is  
15 not only designed to deal with aircraft-related  
16 complaints, but if someone were to want to  
17 complain about how much ad valorem tax the Airport  
18 Authority, there's a way to report the -- the  
19 complaint on there. Now, obviously, the  
20 follow-up's completely different.

21 MR. WERTER: And your -- and the written  
22 report to the board and everything would have a  
23 set -- have it broken down in all of those --

24 MR. WUELLNER: Correct.

25 MR. WERTER: -- categories.

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1 MR. WUELLNER: Correct.

2 MR. WERTER: Okay.

3 MR. WUELLNER: The way this is being set up  
4 is we can literally sort the information in -- in  
5 hundreds of different ways, I mean, everything by  
6 zip code, by location.

7 The interface, as we envision it from a staff  
8 side, even brings a map up as to where the  
9 location of the complaint is, allowing us to like  
10 quickly make the correlation of that and the radar  
11 tracking and things of that nature so that we can  
12 get a response as -- as quickly as possible and  
13 get a conclusion to the matter as quickly as  
14 possible.

15 Our goal is not to have 400 open complaints  
16 in the next ten years. It's to have a total of  
17 100 percent closed.

18 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl?

19 MR. YOUMAN: My -- my comment mainly right at  
20 this point is I'm looking forward to working with  
21 all the groups as we progress to develop this  
22 policy so that once it's finally put together, all  
23 groups are satisfied that they're happy.

24 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh.



25 MR. YOUMAN: The only thing that I question

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1 is that as we become more detailed and more  
2 detailed in providing follow-up and information,  
3 will our current staff levels be able to handle  
4 all of this data and -- and -- and get it out  
5 without --

6 MR. WUELLNER: That -- that's one of the  
7 reasons I'm -- we're trying to do this with as  
8 much of a web interface as possible, even on a  
9 staff side, so that we don't have excessive data  
10 collection and sorting and -- and a paper record  
11 version. We can do as much of this online. And  
12 everything we collect and everything that's  
13 submitted is ultimately available to the public at  
14 the end -- at the end of the day when the  
15 project's closed out.

16 So, you know, there's no question as to what  
17 information was gathered, what the -- what's the  
18 basis for the conclusion that was reached, whether  
19 it's no further action or -- or we indeed ended up  
20 counseling a pilot who has a habit of doing  
21 something that's, you know, pretty onerous in the  
22 community.

23 It gives -- gives the public some feel for  
24 exactly how it was handled without a whole lot of

25 extra letter writing and follow-up and -- and the

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1 like. I mean, it does take some -- there's no  
2 doubt about it; there's a good deal of human  
3 interaction that's got to take place in  
4 investigating each one of the complaints.

5 But the documentation related to those --  
6 those events can be made available to anybody at  
7 that point.

8 MR. YOUMAN: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: I know that our staff and  
10 our different board members, including myself  
11 and -- and even my spouse, have -- have spent a  
12 considerable amount of time trying to -- to tackle  
13 the airport being able to respond to complaints in  
14 the best and the most positive way.

15 I know that, Bryan, you have spent an  
16 incredible amount of time through the years on  
17 this. And I'd like to thank you guys, all of you,  
18 for your hard work, and I'm glad that we've been  
19 able to come up with a document, and I'm looking  
20 forward to the -- the review of it in further  
21 detail, the analysis, and to see where it's able  
22 to take us. Thank you.

23 MR. WUELLNER: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. We'll close out

25 that discussion and move on.

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1 MR. WUELLNER: Last item I have --

2 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Next discussion.

3 9.F. - 2009-10 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

4 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah. Last item is have is

5 related to the development of the '09-'10 budget,

6 and as is kind of customary before we put pencil

7 to paper in -- in getting that first draft out to

8 the Authority, there's a discussion of what the

9 overall feeling is relative to millage level and

10 the like so that we don't unnecessarily, you know,

11 end up building multiples of the same budget with

12 an unknown in there and then have a consensus

13 developed after the fact. So we -- we -- we try

14 to get that discussion on the table now.

15 I -- I think it's probably pretty

16 self-evident that we're -- we're not looking at --

17 you know, we're certainly not recommending,

18 anyway, that there -- we are looking at increasing

19 the ad valorem millage in any way, shape, or form

20 as we enter what we believe to be the last year of

21 ad valorem assessment by the Airport Authority.

22 At the same point, are we -- are we -- are

23 you looking for us to build that budget based on

24 what will eventually come out as a rolled-back

25 rate of some sort for the last year, or is there

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1 some other thinking that you collectively have or  
2 other direction you'd like to offer us relative to  
3 treatment in the final year of ad valorem taxes?

4 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Seeing that we have no  
5 public comment on the budgetary discussion, we'll  
6 open it up for board comment.

7 MR. WUELLNER: The other item I guess  
8 technically is that in -- in addition to just the  
9 feeling relative to the millage is that if there  
10 are other projects or things you've seen or we --  
11 we need to get included into the budget  
12 development, typically these are more capital in  
13 nature, but they could be planning or something  
14 else that is not in there, or your concern won't  
15 be in there, we would -- we would urge you to --  
16 to get ahold of us and see if we can't get it  
17 included into that draft budget when it hits July.

18 You're not adopting anything in July; you're  
19 just beginning the discussion leading into  
20 eventually adopting it in September.

21 So there's plenty of time to -- to play with  
22 the budget and make it what you want as we go  
23 forward. The only obligation you have in July is  
24 to set that maximum millage, your not-to-exceed

25 millage rate, which you can further reduce. You

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1 just can't go any higher than that moving beyond  
2 there or into September.

3 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl, do you have  
4 something?

5 MR. YOUMAN: Not being entirely familiar with  
6 how the roll-back and millage rates work, I'm not  
7 sure if my comments are going to be right or not,  
8 but I'll give it a shot.

9 If this is going to be the last year, my  
10 thinking has always been to maintain a good  
11 reserve for the future years, particularly in  
12 light of what's going on right now and basically  
13 to hold the millage rate as it is this year for  
14 next year. That's just my general thinking at  
15 this time.

16 MR. WUELLNER: What -- what I think -- you  
17 know, just to distinguish, because it is your  
18 first year into it --

19 MR. YOUMAN: Yeah.

20 MR. WUELLNER: -- but the -- the difference  
21 between holding the millage rate and taking the  
22 rolled-back rate is -- can be an important  
23 distinction depending on the fiscal year.

24 The -- the millage rate will generate some

25 amount of tax receipts based on the tax base

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1 that's out there for the next year.

2 MR. YOUMAN: Okay.

3 MR. WUELLNER: The rolled-back rate will  
4 effectively get you the same amount of money that  
5 was collected in taxes this year by adjusting it  
6 for the tax base change that -- that occurs. So  
7 the millage rate will likely change to support the  
8 same number of total dollars. And that could be  
9 up or down.

10 MR. GEORGE: If I could clarify that. In the  
11 past eight years, the tax base has been going up  
12 every year; therefore, we've had a roll-back  
13 rate --

14 MR. YOUMAN: Okay.

15 MR. GEORGE: -- of cutting the millage down  
16 so that we get the same amount of revenue that we  
17 did the previous year.

18 MR. WUELLNER: We just get --

19 MR. GEORGE: I don't know what that --

20 MR. WUELLNER: -- less from individuals.

21 MR. YOUMAN: Right.

22 MR. GEORGE: I don't know what that tax base  
23 is going to do with all the cuts and everything  
24 that the -- that the state and everything has

25 done. So --

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1 MR. WUELLNER: I think Commissioner Sanchez  
2 may be able to -- they're -- they're a little  
3 further along in that process than we are. So,  
4 that'd be --

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The decrease in  
6 assessed values is going to affect anyone that has  
7 a millage. And that -- of course, that's you and  
8 School Board and us, Mosquito Control, everybody.

9 So you need to get with the Appraiser's  
10 Office and find out -- they've already issued a  
11 statement to us of what they project the values to  
12 be. And if I had it with me, I think you're even  
13 listed on it, so...

14 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah. We -- we got one  
15 Thursday or Friday of last week. And -- and it  
16 looks to be -- it's -- it's very flat.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah.

18 MR. WUELLNER: My recollection is that when  
19 you compared -- if you plugged our current year  
20 millage into next year's tax base number, the --  
21 the number is about \$30,000 in total tax receipts  
22 different for the year --

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah.

24 MR. WUELLNER: -- for us. So it's not a --

1 thought it was going to be.

2 MR. WUELLNER: It's pretty flatlined.

3 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Right.

4 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, I was thinking it was  
5 going to be a rollup situation, not roll back.

6 MR. WUELLNER: Well, and -- and that can  
7 happen. The roll-back rate can go up if the tax  
8 base decreases enough, because it's based on  
9 generating the same total tax dollars, not the  
10 rate that's charged the individual.

11 So even -- even though we've -- over the  
12 years, as you rightly point out, we've been able  
13 to generate the same amount of money with less --  
14 less input from each individual citizen. But  
15 there are more citizens, to be fair, in that case.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: One other thing I  
17 don't think will affect you as much as it does the  
18 County over there, and that's the fact that the  
19 collection of taxes has not been as good, either.

20 We've had a lot more taxes we have been  
21 unable to collect. The tax certificate sales have  
22 been really bad. Usually that takes care of  
23 everything. So you have a little bit of a  
24 question there, but that's not a lot, either.



25 But -- but it will happen.

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1 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh. Yeah, for our  
2 purposes, you're -- you're at about -- about, now,  
3 a 1 percent of the total tax bill in St. Johns  
4 County is -- is Airport Authority tax. So, you  
5 know, it's -- in the scheme of the total  
6 dollars -- and they lose a hundred, we lose one --

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah.

8 MR. WUELLNER: -- when it's not collected.  
9 So it -- it's less painful to us to lose \$1 than  
10 them to lose a hundred, if that is fairly stated.

11 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Jim?

12 MR. WERTER: Two-fold. Just something I  
13 can -- I can testify to, that in my bankruptcy  
14 practice, I'm seeing more and more outstanding  
15 real estate taxes coming through, which are not  
16 dischargeable, of course in bankruptcy, but  
17 they're sitting there uncollectible.

18 Secondly, how close to the line are we  
19 running as far as our program goes to get off the  
20 tax rolls a year from now?

21 MR. WUELLNER: I think you're going to be  
22 fine. You're going to actually have a -- from  
23 what I can tell, programming with FDOT and FAA is  
24 it's -- you know, it's obvious there's not as much

25 money going out in grant programs.

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1 So, you know, I don't see us having as  
2 aggressive a capital year; I see us having a very  
3 strong reserve uptick in the next -- in the last  
4 year, at which point, you know, the Authority's  
5 challenge and our challenge from the staff side is  
6 to manage the capital grants program into the  
7 future. That -- that's where we have to keep  
8 watching the ball, because it -- you know, in an  
9 average year, it's 80 percent of our budget. But  
10 it's largely discretionary in nature, too.

11 The operating costs are being covered by the  
12 operation of the airport, so we -- we aren't  
13 dependent on the -- the tax dollars to keep the  
14 doors open.

15 Now, we are at this point still somewhat  
16 dependent to match some grant opportunities that  
17 are out there. So the challenge is to structure  
18 the grant program into the future to match the  
19 available funds that are surplus to operations,  
20 for lack of better -- how as to explain that.

21 MR. YOUMAN: So then over a period of time,  
22 if it's 80/20, the 20 will eat up the reserves and  
23 we'll get down to zero.

24 MR. WUELLNER: It's actually the other way

25 around. The 80 percent number is your capital, is

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1 your capital side. Your operating dollars are

2 what is generated on property.

3 MR. YOUMAN: No, I understand that.

4 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: He's talking about the

5 grants.

6 MR. YOUMAN: I'm talking about the grant

7 process. The -- there's a hundred dollars, \$80

8 the feds pay and the state pays or whoever pays;

9 20 percent the airport has to come up with the

10 funds to match.

11 MR. WUELLNER: No, no, no. No, my -- my

12 80/20 relationship is in the -- when you look at

13 the total budget of the Airport Authority, 80

14 percent of that budget is made up in capital

15 projects.

16 MR. YOUMAN: Okay.

17 MR. WUELLNER: Twenty percent of which is the

18 operating budget.

19 MR. YOUMAN: Okay.

20 MR. WUELLNER: So the 80 percent number is

21 largely paid for by other folks, meaning the FAA

22 and FDOT.

23 MR. YOUMAN: Okay. Within that 80 percent --

24 MR. WUELLNER: Our share.

25 MR. YOUMAN: -- then you -- then you get the

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1 80/20 or 80, 95 percent the feds pay, the --

2 MR. WUELLNER: Yes, yes. The individual  
3 grants are --

4 MR. YOUMAN: But somewhere in there, we've  
5 got to cough up anywhere from 20 to 25 percent or  
6 5 percent or whatever the split may be.

7 MR. GEORGE: Or 50.

8 MR. WUELLNER: Or 50 in some cases.

9 MR. YOUMAN: Or 50. And in our operating  
10 budget, if it's -- we're -- we're just covering  
11 it, okay? We're in a profitable side, but we're  
12 not generating a lot of cash to throw into  
13 reserves. So over a period of time, if that --  
14 that -- that remains that way, maybe ten years,  
15 maybe 15 years, somewhere along the line, that 20  
16 percent's going to eat up our reserves, isn't it?

17 MR. WUELLNER: If you were taking the money  
18 out of reserves and not watching the capital  
19 development program, that would certainly be true.

20 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: There's also some other  
21 revenue streams that are due --

22 MR. WUELLNER: I think --

23 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: -- to come on line.

24 MR. WUELLNER: I think it will be even much

25 more -- I hope it's much more clear as we go over

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1 the budget in detail in July --

2 MR. YOUMAN: All right.

3 MR. WUELLNER: -- as we begin that process.

4 It -- it's a lot easier to explain with numbers in

5 front of you, and -- and I can go over it

6 individually with you to help you -- help you.

7 MR. YOUMAN: Well, you have been. I'm -- I'm

8 just a hardhead. But I'll get it.

9 MR. WUELLNER: It -- it's -- you know, I try

10 to take the simplest approach in helping everyone

11 understand what it is. But -- but largely, the --

12 the surpluses that we're -- we're generating on

13 the operating side will become the matches to the

14 grants that we receive from FAA.

15 MR. YOUMAN: In time.

16 MR. WUELLNER: No, no, immediately. What --

17 what our challenge is, is to keep the capital

18 program in line with what those surpluses are,

19 instead of funding it out of reserves.

20 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: We control the capital

21 programs, and that's why we --

22 MR. WUELLNER: For instance, just as an -- an

23 example, last year, when you look at your audit

24 report that came out in December, I guess it was,

25 you -- you had approximately \$800,000 in net

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1 operating profit for the year after expenses.

2 That, in theory, \$800,000 can be matched with FDOT  
3 and FAA to fund capital in that year.

4 MR. YOUMAN: Right.

5 MR. WUELLNER: So we would limit our capital  
6 program to what could be funded with that  
7 \$800,000.

8 MR. YOUMAN: Okay.

9 MR. WUELLNER: And my reserves are still  
10 there. That's not touching reserves.

11 MR. YOUMAN: Okay. What you're saying is  
12 controlling it from the --

13 MR. WUELLNER: From the back side of it.

14 MR. YOUMAN: Now I agree with you.

15 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Doug?

16 MR. BURNETT: I was just going to comment. I  
17 assume Mr. Wuellner is going to do the same --  
18 he's going to do a budget that does projections  
19 based on us being off the tax roll, where that's  
20 going to lead us over the next few years.

21 MR. WUELLNER: Absolutely.

22 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Buzz?

23 MR. GEORGE: Well, I think that what you  
24 asked for was some indication of what the board

25 was looking for in the -- the budget as far as the

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1 flavor of it --

2 MR. WUELLNER: Yes.

3 MR. GEORGE: -- or the direction.

4 MR. WUELLNER: The closer we get out of the  
5 block, the better.

6 MR. GEORGE: You know, I have a different  
7 opinion than a lot of people, especially with the  
8 budget. I have been very emphatic about getting  
9 off the tax rolls and the finances.

10 Item one, we are in a time period of tax  
11 reduction, and I think that we, the Airport  
12 Authority, need to be aware of that and  
13 participate -- that should be one of our main  
14 thrusts, you know, of doing it with less money.  
15 And we know what the other agencies are having to  
16 experience. And I'm not saying use that as a  
17 guideline over anything, but we need to -- to  
18 start tightening our belt.

19 MR. WUELLNER: Uh-huh.

20 MR. GEORGE: We have talked about the  
21 reserve, and we have justified a reserve based on  
22 maintenance of the hangars that we have, based on  
23 something unforeseen coming up. And we have come  
24 up over the years with reserve numbers anywhere

25 from \$3 million to \$9 million.

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1 And we've tried to get our accountants  
2 involved to say what do the other airports do?  
3 What does the other agencies -- for instance, the  
4 county, if they hadn't had a \$9 million in  
5 reserve, they couldn't have made it through this  
6 particular year.

7 I think we need a clearer definition of what  
8 that reserve number is and what it's made up of.  
9 Because I remember last year, some of us were  
10 thinking the reserve should be \$6 million and  
11 others -- others were thinking it should be \$3  
12 million. So I think we need a crisper definition  
13 of what the reserve is there for and what  
14 expectations are there.

15 We got real some good news today that the  
16 office building and hangar was not the \$4 million  
17 we had budgeted, but \$2.6 million. The design of  
18 the ARFF building was not \$325,000; it was  
19 \$30,000.

20 I would like to go on record by saying please  
21 look at the budget for getting off the tax rolls  
22 entirely one year sooner than we had forecasted.  
23 Look at the possibility of that and what that does  
24 to impact our growth at this particular airport.



25 MR. WUELLNER: Okay.

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1 MR. GEORGE: That's all.

2 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: And, Ed, I'd like for you  
3 to look at the budget and give us the projections  
4 if we took the roll-back rate.

5 MR. WUELLNER: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have any other board  
7 discussion?

8 (No further discussion.)

9 MR. WUELLNER: You need to get with me with  
10 any specific projects if somebody -- something  
11 comes to mind over the next few weeks.

12 MR. GEORGE: Signage.

13 MR. WUELLNER: For the banner.

14 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Let's move on to  
15 the housekeeping items.

16 10. - HOUSEKEEPING

17 MR. WUELLNER: A quick -- quick review. F --  
18 FAA certification inspection is next week. ACI  
19 Jump Start's June 2nd and 3rd.

20 We will be conducting, just as a heads-up,  
21 sometime in early June a joint emergency exercise  
22 with Florida National Guard, Sheriff's Office, and  
23 Fire Rescue pertaining to some situation that will  
24 develop on the airport that will let us conduct

25 essentially a fairly full-size drill.

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1 We're doing this in -- largely in cooperation  
2 with and at the desire of the National Guard. So  
3 this is in support of their statewide goals  
4 with -- for emergency response. So it's not a  
5 huge deal in the sense that it will tie up airport  
6 facilities for any -- any long period of time and  
7 doesn't really require us to close anything. It's  
8 being done around, you know, in a live airport  
9 environment.

10 But moving forward, we will have to, probably  
11 in the fall or early -- or early next year,  
12 conduct a full-blown emergency drill that will  
13 likely involve the scenario of an aircraft-related  
14 accident and will require us to simulate that  
15 whole scenario in order to comply with our  
16 certification requirements, so...

17 But the one in June is a little different in  
18 character. Triple A -- yes, sir.

19 MR. YOUMAN: Will you let us know the date?

20 MR. WUELLNER: Yes. I -- I'm not saying it  
21 today because the agencies that are the first  
22 responders have asked us not to release the date  
23 because their people end up planning toward the  
24 date and they don't want them doing that. I know

25 the date.

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1 MR. YOUMAN: I understand what you're saying.

2 MR. WUELLNER: I could share that with you  
3 today, but that --

4 MR. YOUMAN: I understand what you're saying.

5 MR. WUELLNER: June is vague enough that they  
6 can't prepare. And the triple -- or FAC  
7 conference is in early August. So if there's  
8 anybody that we didn't already accommodate on  
9 those -- those meetings, let us know, but I think  
10 if you've let Cindy know, you're probably  
11 already -- already taken care of and are aware of  
12 most of your travel arrangements.

13 MR. GEORGE: Ed, this project of the Air  
14 National Guard, is this kind of like their summer  
15 exercises for troop movement and stuff like that?

16 MR. WUELLNER: No. It's a -- it will involve  
17 the discovery -- it essentially is a mock sort of  
18 domestic terrorism kind of event that will involve  
19 the airport, and then they will have some kind --  
20 they will need to respond to that as -- as a first  
21 responder kind of agency.

22 MR. GEORGE: Okay. It's -- the reason I ask,  
23 if I --

24 MR. WUELLNER: It simulates a situation

25 that -- that you would normally call the Sheriff's

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1 Office and it would start a chain of events to --  
2 to -- to get it resolved.

3 MR. GEORGE: I was -- the reason I was  
4 interested is because I was heavily involved in  
5 that with military airlift command when I was in  
6 the military. We had moving troops and equipment  
7 around the country and all the planning and all  
8 that stuff, so...

9 MR. WUELLNER: Awesome. Everything that we  
10 know about this exercise involves relatively local  
11 response to -- to it. It doesn't involve bringing  
12 in the Air Force, so to speak.

13 And that's what I have for housekeeping,  
14 which brings you to your public comment.

15 11. - PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL

16 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All right. We'll open up  
17 to public comment with Denise Bunnewith.

18 MR. BUNNEWITH: I forgot to mention before  
19 that I brought some copies of our annual report.

20 And they're over there on the table.

21 MR. WUELLNER: That's been happening all day.

22 MR. BUNNEWITH: They're bright green.

23 MR. WUELLNER: Consolation.

24 MR. BUNNEWITH: So just grab a few. Pick

25 them up on your way out. That's all I've got.

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1 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you. Mr. Dwight

2 Hines?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He left.

4 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Alice Sutherland.

5 MS. SUTHERLAND: Just a couple of things.

6 Alice Sutherland with Old City Life, but my

7 address is 15 Davis.

8 Just something to look forward to, as some of

9 you have been following along in the magazine,

10 we've been running a historical perspective of the

11 airport. And the next issue, hopefully -- if not,

12 it will be the issue after that -- we're very,

13 very happy that Craig Fordem has written an extra

14 article regarding the Moser years here at the St.

15 Augustine Airport, which was really an influential

16 time here at the airport from all accounts,

17 everything I've heard. So that should be

18 exciting. A lot of great photos also submitted to

19 go along with that.

20 So if we make deadline for this issue, it

21 will be in the next one. If not, it will be in

22 the one after that.

23 Last week, I was invited to attend a

24 roundtable with the Destination Management

25 planning group that the TDC has employed to come

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1 up with some sort of strategy moving forward in  
2 the future.

3 And as always, you know, I was -- I was there  
4 representing my own business as well but, you  
5 know, trying to get people on board as I always  
6 have with recognizing the airport as a major  
7 tourism gateway, we finally got the EDC to  
8 recognize us as the economic gateway to St. Johns  
9 County. And now if they could just grasp the  
10 numbers of people that are coming in here through  
11 tourism, even without Skybus just yet and that  
12 sort of thing. We -- we still have quite a large  
13 number of people coming into the county through  
14 this gateway. We're probably bigger than any  
15 off-ramp from I-95.

16 But there really -- there were some old-time,  
17 you know, generational-type representation there  
18 that really just can't get past, you know, that  
19 south Georgia market coming down I-95 and the --  
20 the Yulee visitor center stop up there.

21 But the -- the encouraging thing is there are  
22 a lot of new ideas, and hopefully we will get  
23 people to start recognizing us for that gateway  
24 into the St. Johns County tourism market. It's --

25 it's -- it's unfortunate that nobody's ever tried

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1 to really capture any of the statistics of the  
2 people that are coming through the airport,  
3 because we all know that it's quite a large  
4 number.

5 Also, about the -- the -- the millage rate,  
6 it's really exciting to hear us moving forward,  
7 you know, with our plans to get off the tax rolls.  
8 Even earlier, gosh, wow, that -- wouldn't that  
9 really just blow everybody away. But we could --  
10 instead of the -- the roll-back, rollup rate, we  
11 could just call it the rolloff rate. So that will  
12 be our mantra.

13 International activity's looking really good  
14 following the flight operations. I'm not  
15 surprised to hear that April statistics were up.  
16 It just looks really, really busy. And I know  
17 that makes Michael happy and Ed happy. And  
18 hopefully they're buying fuel and all that good  
19 stuff, too. I see the Customs being used quite a  
20 bit, a lot of new customers coming in that I  
21 haven't seen before. And that's got to be a good  
22 thing.

23 As far as the Sun 'n Fun, you know, we -- we  
24 kind of got in there at the last minute with that.

25 But -- and -- and sometimes those things are

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1 really kind of hard to track.

2 Just because it -- it might have caught  
3 somebody's attention and they came here anyway,  
4 maybe they didn't qualify for, you know, the  
5 offering or whatever but, you know, we just have  
6 to keep moving forward and keep promoting the  
7 wonderful facilities that we have here. And I --  
8 I think that's a really positive forward movement  
9 in that.

10 So, all in all, the future's looking good for  
11 aviation in St. Johns County. And I think we owe  
12 that to the nucleus of stellar management that we  
13 have here, the -- the team of Ed Wuellner, Cindy,  
14 and everybody that supports them, the board.

15 And also, we all -- we often forget to  
16 mention the incredible talented people that these  
17 people surround themselves with, like Andrew  
18 Holesko, which your name correction will be in the  
19 next issue by the way, Anderson Holesko. You  
20 didn't notice that.

21 But anyway, so they really are smart enough  
22 to surround themselves with incredibly talented  
23 people. So I think kudos to them as well. That's  
24 it.



1 last but not least, Mr. Roderick?

2 MR. RODERICK: I was doing some web research  
3 on an individual that complains a lot about noise,  
4 and I don't see the individual here today. But  
5 it's a very interesting history.

6 Just from the web alone, you can learn an  
7 awful lot about a person, how much taxes they pay,  
8 where they live, what they did. And this  
9 individual did research to live near the airport  
10 by airplane, and yet we hear tremendous complaints  
11 about it.

12 And I also looked at the exact address,  
13 and -- and even closer is the railroad. And to  
14 me, we've tried to talk in this room when the  
15 railroad train has come by, and it's much louder  
16 than any big airplanes have ever been.

17 So anyway, I was prepared to talk to this  
18 individual about more specifics, in a way to  
19 applaud him for being -- using his rights as an  
20 individual as an American, but also to question  
21 him specifically about why he's complaining about  
22 noise when he worked so hard to find his dream  
23 home location. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. That's it for

25 public comment. It's Authority member comment.

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1 I'm sorry. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, Reba? Public  
2 comments?

3 MS. LUDLOW: Gosh, Reba Ludlow, Village Walk,  
4 Ponte Vedra Beach. I have a long list of things.  
5 You're just going to enjoy it, though. That's why  
6 I wanted to be last. That's what I said.

7 So I'll do the short one first, and that is  
8 about the St. Augustine High School Aerospace  
9 Academy and Family Day that Ed is working on. And  
10 that already -- he did get it on the SAAPA web  
11 site. It is 8:00 to 11:00 on Saturday, the 30th,  
12 and we are already getting volunteers. I mean,  
13 people are already stepping up, saying, "I will  
14 help fly them. I will help fly them. I will put  
15 my plane on static display."

16 And we need more and more people to help,  
17 too. Even if you don't have an airplane or do  
18 anything with that, we need like escorts --  
19 guides, I should say, escorts, you know, to, you  
20 know, guide the people to the planes and back from  
21 the planes. Not that they need that, but we  
22 have -- good heavens, what did we have? Probably  
23 two dozen planes last year.

24 MR. WUELLNER: Yeah.

25 MS. LUDLOW: And that's hard to manage.

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1 And -- and over 50 kids.

2 But Luis Romero, I think is his name, he  
3 works for Northrop Grumman, and he's a teacher,  
4 also, at St. Augustine High School. And he just  
5 works diligently. He's gotten in touch with the  
6 Young Eagles' representative at Spruce Creek. So  
7 they will show up again. Sal Mayor, (phonetic),  
8 whatever he is now. But they really come through  
9 for us, you know? And it is an EAA sanctioned  
10 event. That means, you know, we are covered, and  
11 that made a very big difference to some of our  
12 volunteer pilots.

13 Also, on the Sun 'n Fun that Alice brought up  
14 on the Customs, she gave me about 500 of those  
15 things, and I put them everywhere, except not in  
16 the bathroom.

17 MS. SUTHERLAND: That was Cindy's work. I  
18 just passed them along.

19 MS. LUDLOW: Yeah, Cindy, thank you. I put  
20 them on every board, you know, where people  
21 advertise their airplanes for sale or lots for  
22 sale or anything, and I just stuck them like in  
23 every corner. I even put them in the AOPA  
24 building, you know. I said, "Do you mind?"

25 And he said, "I'm not looking."

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1 So they were there.

2 One more thing. On the PR sub, sub, sub  
3 subcommittee that Joe was on, also, but he's on  
4 more on the sub, sub web page, and I'm more on the  
5 sub, subpresentation page. And I don't know if  
6 anybody knows this, but we've already done one --  
7 put that one presentation all put together, thanks  
8 to Bryan, and it is on the aerobic box. And it  
9 is available for anybody to use or -- or take to  
10 their club. And -- and that's why we do it, to  
11 inform the public and entertain.

12 Our next one will be on, what -- we don't  
13 have a real name for it yet, but -- but what your  
14 airport does for you, you know? It's going to be  
15 positive publicity. And in addition being gate --  
16 including gateway to St. Johns County, we'll add  
17 tourism in there, also.

18 Okay. My main, main thing I wanted to report  
19 on was the Junkanoo. And if anybody saw the  
20 Sunday paper -- Sunday St. Augustine paper, they  
21 saw this guy in all his regalia doing one of the  
22 parades. It was such a success. And I just can't  
23 tell you.

24 We had like two or three different bands. We

25 had two or three different parades. They call

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1 them rushouts. We got a count of over 2,000  
2 people in the park that day. I mean, it was  
3 overwhelming.

4 The -- the Junkanoo is for -- the reason we  
5 put on those things is to find a scholarship for a  
6 Bahamian student to go to Flagler College, and --  
7 and that would be \$15,000 a year for an  
8 out-of-state student. So we raised \$60,000 to get  
9 this student from the Bahamas over here to go to  
10 Flagler.

11 And it was awarded to a nice young lady. And  
12 she came over with her family, her father, her  
13 mother, and her little brother. And we gave her a  
14 tour of Flagler and introduced her to newspaper  
15 people and just the college and how nice we were  
16 in St. Augustine. They were very, very impressed  
17 and very, very grateful. They said good things  
18 will happen to us because of all the good we do  
19 elsewhere.

20 The -- the rushouts we did on Saturday in the  
21 park, we had to call them like two and a half, but  
22 they really -- people just followed along en masse  
23 beside them. And then on Sunday morning, we did  
24 it at Creekside Dinery, and that was a big hit.

25 Then Sunday afternoon, they did it again at the

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1 Conch House Reggae Sunday. So we are really  
2 getting around. We're really getting a lot of  
3 publicity, so much now that people are asking us  
4 can they be a sponsor next year. We're not having  
5 to grovel as much anymore.

6 But we did -- and we did have raffle drawings  
7 from sponsors. And one was a -- a trip to  
8 Treasure Key for two for three or four days, and  
9 an original painting of a lighthouse, plus gift  
10 certificates to local businesses, Gypsy Cab, Mary  
11 Kay, and constructionplace.

12 And you might be happy to know that two  
13 prizes, two of those raffle tickets were won by  
14 SAAPA members. And David Lohse won that print  
15 that is so gorgeous and big. But anyway, so he  
16 did.

17 SAAPA did -- well, I can't say. I guess the  
18 airport and SAAPA was very well represented. We  
19 only had like six volunteers, and that's a shame.  
20 That just meant we all had to work that much  
21 harder, and we did.

22 I want to also say that Craig Air went above  
23 and beyond. I'm telling you, I thought it was  
24 going to be a real, real hard sell, but they

25 brought people over here free on their empty

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1 seats. They hauled conch and they hauled costumes  
2 and they hauled luggage.

3 And I want to tell you those Bahamians, they  
4 spend an average of \$3,000 a person when they come  
5 over here shopping, because you can't get it over  
6 there. And they bring empty luggage over to fill  
7 up and take back. And they shopped till 11:30 at  
8 night at Walmart, Target, everything you can think  
9 of.

10 Craig Air unfortunately missed the  
11 opportunity of having a seat there because they  
12 were having bad weather with their planes out  
13 there. Airgate was there. IslandPass did  
14 bring -- IslandPass is in Daytona. They go to the  
15 Bahamas, also. And they did bring over some of  
16 the performers.

17 And I'd also like to say thank you to the  
18 airport for furnishing at least 50 pounds of ice.  
19 You know, it supplied everything up and down the  
20 way. And the SAAPA people that volunteered.

21 And -- and we would like -- we, I mean, the  
22 people who will encourage other sponsors and say  
23 good things about Craig Airport and our airport,  
24 that would be the Junkanoo committee and their

25 sponsors. So hopefully we can get more sponsors

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1 and more committee members next year. Two  
2 thousand people in the park, I mean, we were blown  
3 away. Good job, everybody. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you, Reba. And  
5 that's great news to hear about Craig Air Center  
6 being so generous.

7 MS. LUDLOW: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All right. Authority  
9 members. Jim.

10 12.A. - MR. JIM WERTER

11 MR. WERTER: Yes. To follow up on Alice's  
12 comments about the productivity of the airport and  
13 the traffic coming in, this past weekend, or maybe  
14 it was late last week -- well, first of all, let  
15 me premise that.

16 I'm -- I'm fishing around on the internet,  
17 and I run across a blog complaining about the  
18 Customs office, about a useless piece of asset  
19 that we had no business building, it will take so  
20 much time to recover. And then I sat down with  
21 Juan, Juan Terry, our Customs agent, who says  
22 since it's been open in March, we've had 80  
23 flights come through. Okay?

24 He told me recently that overflight is



25 becoming more and more of a big thing. He had a

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1 company contact him in the past week that want to  
2 get preapproval for a hundred pilots. Of course,  
3 he couldn't get that done in a week, so he made a  
4 deal with them, you know, just give me who you  
5 need right now and we'll do it. But that shows  
6 you the expansion and the productivity of this  
7 Customs office.

8 My personal mode of thinking for when I'm up  
9 at Jump Start is to not only promote this airport  
10 as a regional feeder, but as a hub to the islands,  
11 especially -- yeah, I know, from my mouth to God's  
12 ear.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Y'all need to pay the  
14 power bill, I think.

15 MR. WERTER: Let's not talk about rollbacks  
16 yet. But I believe that's an important aspect  
17 that should be addressed to any prospective  
18 airline, whether that airline would be the feeder  
19 into the islands, but at least it has an  
20 attractive point if Craig Air -- Craig Air  
21 continues with what they're -- what they're doing,  
22 or maybe we get a second regular commuter flight  
23 that does a round-robin to the various airports  
24 and the islands. But yeah, this -- the Customs

25 office is a well-thought-out and -- and future

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1 extremely valuable asset.

2 MS. SUTHERLAND: Geographically desirable.

3 MR. WERTER: So I think it should be pushed

4 pretty hard, as well as just getting it -- being

5 our low overhead attractiveness to regional

6 feeders. That's all I have.

7 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Thank you, Jim.

8 Buzz?

9 12.B. - MR. WAYNE GEORGE

10 MR. GEORGE: I have -- I have nothing else to

11 add.

12 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Carl?

13 12.C. - MR. CARL YOUMAN

14 MR. YOUMAN: I'd like to take this

15 opportunity to thank a number of people. I keep

16 going back and asking similar questions. I ask

17 questions over and over again. It takes me time

18 to formulate a picture in my mind about things.

19 And Ed -- Ed, I got to thank you very much,

20 because I've come back to you, I don't know how

21 many times, and -- and you -- you patiently sit

22 there and smile at me and answer my same questions

23 over and over again in different ways. And you

24 finally connected with me today.

25 And same thing for Denise; when y'all made me

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1 representative for TPO, going out there to find  
2 out what's going on, it was almost insurmountable  
3 at the beginning, but she took me under her wing,  
4 so to speak. And, again, she was --

5 MR. BUNNEWITH: And I don't fly.

6 MR. YOUMAN: -- extremely patient, because I  
7 keep calling her once a week or so and ask her  
8 question after question after question. And after  
9 TPO schooling, it's starting to fall in place.

10 And also the patience of my fellow board  
11 members who have been on the board for a year or  
12 two with Jim and I, y'all have been very patient  
13 with us and educated us, and I thank you.

14 And also want to thank the Nease people here.  
15 These guys are something else. I was just talking  
16 to this young man over here, and correct me if I'm  
17 wrong or how I state this, but they're part of an  
18 award-winning news program which is part of their  
19 school process, and I just want to congratulate  
20 you guys. You're fantastic.

21 NEASE STUDENT': Thank you.

22 MR. YOUMAN: And I want to thank Bjorn.  
23 Bjorn took me up for a flight, because I know  
24 nothing about, you know, flying around. I'm a

1 And he took me out there because I asked him,  
2 I said I'd like to see what the flight patterns  
3 are over these houses where we're having  
4 difficulty so I have a better understanding of  
5 what we're doing with the reporting process and,  
6 you know, working through that process. And thank  
7 you. And there's so many people to thank. And  
8 that's it. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you, Carl.

10 12.D. - MS. KELLY BARRERA

11 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: I also had on my list to  
12 thank the public relations volunteers for all that  
13 you all do. As volunteers, you all are committed  
14 to the airport and you're all committed to its  
15 success. And I, as just one member of the board,  
16 feel I can speak for the entire board on this,  
17 that we -- we truly appreciate you all and the  
18 time and energy you put into making this airport  
19 the best it can be.

20 With that, I also want to thank Bryan and Ed  
21 and -- and the staff for constantly trying to work  
22 and move forward with working with the community.  
23 Since I've been here, I've always seen you all  
24 always taking the community into consideration and

25 constantly moving forward. I, too, head down to

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1 thank the Nease students for coming and for giving  
2 of your time and energy to film our video, and I  
3 appreciate that.

4 I wanted to thank the Industrial Development  
5 Council for their workshop presentation earlier  
6 today and also for making the effort to attend so  
7 many of our meetings. And again, thank you, too,  
8 Denise, for coming and clarifying some points  
9 that -- that we needed. And with that, we will  
10 wrap up the meeting. And that's the end of --

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Kelly, could I say one  
12 more thing?

13 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Certainly.

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I'm sorry; I know it's  
15 out of order, but I --

16 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: We'll let you.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: After hearing the --  
18 the comment about the Customs building...

19 There will be a letter in The Record soon, I  
20 guess, and all of the newspapers, a letter to the  
21 editor from Al Seona (sic). And he -- the thing  
22 is he took the article out of The Recorder that  
23 they interviewed me on, and I was the fifth  
24 commissioner, so they didn't leave much for me to

25 talk about. But I -- it was about things with the

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1 county, and I never mentioned the airport at all.

2 But in Al's letter, he took that article and

3 bashed me because of the airport, I guess because

4 I support the airport.

5 It's a pretty strange letter, but most of

6 what he's complaining and fussing about is, is to

7 me, really not true, like most of the time. And

8 just when you see it, he sends it to us in

9 advance; I don't know why, because if he thinks

10 we're going to call him up and, you know, get him

11 to change it, that's not the case, you know?

12 But anyway, it's a pretty weird letter, and

13 everything he's cutting down, he cuts down the way

14 you spend money, but yet you spend money on things

15 to make more money with, but he don't mention

16 that. So anyway, you'll see it, but we know about

17 it.

18 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: It's -- it's very

19 difficult to overcome the misinformation that's

20 fed out, and it's very difficult to get out the

21 good information about the airport.

22 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah.

23 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: And I think that that has

24 been the biggest issue I've seen as a board

25 member. You know, we've been recognized by Monk &

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1 Associates for an outstanding job of being --  
2 managing the money and doing it with as little  
3 amount of manpower as we do.

4 We -- we, you know, have been working on some  
5 of these noise issues for years, and people don't  
6 realize that. We've been proactive, not reactive.  
7 We're constantly moving forward and we're  
8 constantly trying to improve ourselves. And it's  
9 very hard to communicate that when sometimes  
10 people will take part of the information and then  
11 turn it around and spread it out into the  
12 community.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I have a copy of that  
14 letter, actually, with me. As a matter of fact,  
15 I'll -- when the meeting's over, I'll bring it in  
16 and give it to Ed if y'all want to see it ahead of  
17 time. So, I mean, it's pretty comical to me, but  
18 it's not when it goes to people that don't know  
19 the difference and they believe it, you know.  
20 So...

21 MR. WERTER: Can I just real quickly follow  
22 up on that? Like I mentioned earlier, I was at  
23 the Rotary luncheon this afternoon, and the  
24 feedback I got from the business people of the

25 community is they are behind this airport.

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1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Oh, yeah. Well, he  
2 mentions that, too, and he ridicules them for  
3 doing that.

4 MS. SUTHERLAND: He's a real stellar business  
5 person, himself.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes, he is. You  
7 know --

8 MS. SUTHERLAND: Lots of interesting  
9 businesses for Mr. Sesona.

10 MR. BURNETT: Madam Chair, is the meeting  
11 over?

12 13, 14 - NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

13 CHAIRMAN BARRERA: The meeting is over. The  
14 meeting is adjourned. Our next meeting will be on  
15 July 13th.

16 (Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.)

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