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1 PROCEEDINGS (The agenda items commenced at 9:19 a.m.) 2 GOVERNOR CRIST: Our next Cabinet meeting will 3 4 be Tuesday, February 9th. 5 Now the Division of Bond Finance, Ben Watkins. 6 Good morning, Ben. 7 MR. WATKINS: Good morning, Governor, Cabinet 8 members. 9 Item 1 is approval of the minutes from the 10 January 12th meeting. 11 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on the 12 minutes? 13 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion on Item 1. 14 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 15 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 16 approved without objection. MR. WATKINS: Item Number 2 are resolutions 17 18 authorizing the issuance and competitive or negotiated sale of up to \$320 million of Public 19 20 Education Capital Outlay Refunding Bonds. 21 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 2? 22 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion for approval of 23 Item 2. 24 CFO SINK: Second. GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 25

1 approved without objection. MR. WATKINS: Item Number 3 is adoption of a 2 3 resolution authorizing the competitive or 4 negotiated sale of \$57 million in Everglades 5 Restoration Bonds for the Department of 6 Environmental Protection. This is the last piece 7 of the authorized but unissued bonds for this 8 program. 9 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Move Item 3. 10 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second. GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 11 12 approved without objection. 13 MR. WATKINS: And Item 4 are resolutions 14 authorizing the issuance and competitive or negotiated sale of up to \$475 million of Lottery 15 16 Revenue Refunding Bonds and up to \$180 million of 17 new money Lottery Revenue Bonds. 18 CFO SINK: Move it. 19 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 20 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 21 approved without objection. 22 MR. WATKINS: And lastly, Item 5 is a report 23 of award on the negotiated sale of \$349,865,000 in

Florida Forever Revenue Bonds. This is the last

piece of funding that has been authorized by the

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Legislature for this program.

The bonds were sold as a combined both new money issue and refunding issue. The new money issue was for \$262 million, and the refunding issue was for \$87 million. On the new money issue, it was a combined tax-exempt and Build America bond sale and resulted in a true interest cost of 4.1 percent on the new money component. And then the refunding was 87.9 million, and it was sold at a true interest cost of 1.69 percent.

When you put all of that together, the interest rate on the combined loan, new money and refunding, was 3.91 percent. Using the Build America bond program resulted in an estimated interest cost savings of 22 basis points, which when you do the bond math is approximately \$7.3 million in lower interest costs over the term of the loan. And the refunding transaction, by lowering the interest rate on the bonds that were outstanding, reduced our interest cost on that debt by another \$7 million.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 5?

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move Item 5.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

1	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it
2	approved without objection.
3	MR. WATKINS: Thank you, sir.
4	GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, Ben.
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1 GOVERNOR CRIST: Office of Financial Regulation, Angela Moreland. Good morning. 2 3 MS. MORELAND: Good morning. First let me 4 begin by offering Commissioner Cardwell's regrets 5 for not being here this morning. Yesterday he 6 attended a meeting with FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair 7 to discuss issues on financial institutions and was not able to make it back in time for today's 8 9 meeting. I believe that the CFO may have also 10 attended that meeting, but apparently you had more 11 efficient travel arrangements than the 12 Commissioner. In the Commissioner's absence, he has asked 13 14 that I present our agenda. We have two items 15 before you today. Item number 1, the Office is requesting approval of the minutes of the 16 November 17, 2009 meeting. 17 18 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion on Item 1. 19 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 20 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 21 approved without objection. 22 MS. MORELAND: Item Number 2, the Office 23 requests approval to file for final adoption Rule 24 69W-600.0021 relating to the effect of law

enforcement records on applications for

1 registration as associated persons. Associated 2 persons are stockbrokers. 3 This rule imposes disqualifying periods for 4 which a person is not eligible for licensure if 5 they have certain crimes in their backgrounds. 6 These rules are similar to the ones that you have 7 adopted in the area of mortgage brokers and money 8 services businesses. We are asking for approval to 9 file these rules for final adoption. 10 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move Item 2. 11 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second. 12 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 13 approved without objection. 14 Thank you very much, Angela. 15 MS. MORELAND: Thank you. 16 CFO SINK: Governor. 17 GOVERNOR CRIST: Yes, ma'am. 18 CFO SINK: As a part of us sitting as the 19 Financial Services Commission, I did want to bring 20 up that -- an item that I'm going to request be put 21 on the agenda for the next meeting, which is around 22 the issue of debt collectors. 23 You're all familiar with the reporting, very 24 fine reporting that was done late last year by the

Orlando Sentinel. And as a result, it pointed out

that our laws don't really have strong teeth when it comes to going against these abusive debt collection practices.

So our office and I have been working on some draft legislation in an attempt to solve this problem. And it's pretty comprehensive, puts a lot more teeth.

We went back, and as we analyzed the existing laws, it just appears that the laws have all been written in the favor of the debt collection industry, with a bunch of rigmarole about how people can file complaints. And some of the practices are pretty egregious, little kids getting phone calls from these debt collectors saying that their parents are going to jail and just outrageous stuff.

So it's clear that we've got to solve this problem. So in this attempt, I have drafted this legislation. We worked very collaboratively with the Office of Financial Regulation.

I know that late last year, General McCollum, your staff was in a meeting with all three parties and suggested certainly strongly that the Attorney General needs a lot more enforcement powers on these debt collectors.

So I just want to request that we put as an agenda item for our next Financial Services

Commission meeting in two weeks -- and certainly

Commissioner Cardwell will probably have something to say about this -- that all four of our offices review this draft legislation that I've prepared and speak with one voice to the Legislature about the importance of passing these laws that's going to -- that should help solve this problem of the abusive debt collectors and enable all of us to have stronger enforcement capacity around this issue.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: If I might.

GOVERNOR CRIST: General, of course.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I just would like to comment, CFO Sink, that I certainly agree with you. We need to strengthen those laws. My staff is very concerned that certain portions of what you've proposed may weaken what we already have as existing authority. And I know there was a meeting set Friday that got canceled for whatever reason, but I hope before we bring it back up to discuss it here, our staffs can meet over that, because I think it's really important we all, as you say, agree as much possible.

1 I also know that the Banking and Insurance 2 Committee in the Senate has a report out proposing 3 certain changes, too, that differ somewhat from 4 what you've proposed, and so I think it would be 5 good if we listened to them, discussed it all 6 together. And I know Senator Richter is very 7 engaged in this. As he has been with our office, I'm sure he has been with yours. 8 9 So I welcome the opportunity to come back and discuss it at another Cabinet meeting. 10 CFO SINK: Well, thank you. You know, 11 12 somebody just needed to get the ball rolling, and that's what we've done. You know, I don't care 13 14 where the enforcement piece of it ends up. I just 15 want to be sure that we have -- whatever happens, 16 that we have teeth in the laws so that consumers 17 are protected from these abusive practices. 18 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Well, we look forward --19 20 CFO SINK: And obviously, we'll --21 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: We look forward to 22 meeting with your staff, then. 23 CFO SINK: Good. Great. 24 GOVERNOR CRIST: Very good.

1 GOVERNOR CRIST: Office of Insurance 2 Regulation. Commissioner McCarty, good morning, 3 sir. 4 MR. McCARTY: Good morning, Governor and members of the Commission. Agenda Item Number 1 is 5 6 adoption of the minutes of the Financial Services 7 Commission from November 17, 2009. GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 1? 8 9 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion on Item 1. 10 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 11 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 12 approved without objection. Number 2, the Office requests 13 MR. McCARTY: for approval for final adoption amendments to 14 15 proposed Rule 690-189.003, Workers' Compensation 16 Application and Audit Procedures. 17 Pursuant to the Florida Labor Code, the 18 Financial Services Commission is to promulgate 19 rules for applications for workers' compensation 20 coverage for employers as well as processes and 21 procedures for audits of payroll and classification 22 of workers. The changes to the rule allows for the use of 23 24 electronic signatures in accordance with Florida law. The rule also sets out explicit processes and 25

1 procedures as established by the National Council 2 on Compensation Insurance. 3 And lastly, it raises the threshold for on-site audits from 5,000 to 10,000. Those smaller 4 5 audits will be continue to be done, but they'll be 6 done as desk audits. 7 GOVERNOR CRIST: Motion on Item 2? CFO SINK: Move it. 8 9 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 10 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 11 approved without objection. 12 MR. McCARTY: Agenda Item Number 3 is a request for publication of Proposed Rule 1.3 14 690-137.002 on the model audit rule. 15 The proposed item here allows the Office to 16 establish rules in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to modify 17 18 the rule in accordance with changes established by 19 the Florida Legislature through section 624.424, 20 Florida Statutes. This puts us in uniformity with 21 the rest of the country and is necessary in order 22 to maintain our accreditation. 23 CFO SINK: Move it. 24 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second. 25 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded.

1 approved without objection. 2 MR. McCARTY: Lastly, we request for approval 3 for publication of proposed Rule 690-157.302 to 4 .304 on long-term care and business rates. 5 Chapter 627 regarding long-term care requires 6 that the premium increases for existing consumers 7 are not to exceed those that are charged in the 8 current marketplace. Every year the Office does a 9 survey of the companies and establishes the new 10 business rate which protects seniors from spiraling 11 increases. This item pertains to facility rates, 12 home health rates, and comprehensive rates. 13 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 4? 14 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move Item 4. 15 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second. 16 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 17 approved without objection. 18 MR. McCARTY: Thank you. 19 Thank you, Commissioner. GOVERNOR CRIST: 20 21 22 23 24 25

1	GOVERNOR CRIST: Administration Commission,
2	Lisa Saliba. Good morning.
3	MS. SALIBA: Good morning, Governor and
4	Commission members. We have three items for the
5	Administration Commission. Item 1 is approval of
6	the minutes from the November 17, 2009 meeting.
7	COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion on Item 1.
8	CFO SINK: Second.
9	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it
10	approved without objection.
11	MS. SALIBA: Item 2, we request approval of
12	the minutes from the December 8, 2009 meeting.
13	GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion?
14	COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion on Item 2.
15	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second.
16	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it
17	approved without objection.
18	MS. SALIBA: And Item Number 3 for your
19	consideration today is a Recommended Order issued
20	by the Division of Administrative Hearings in a
21	proceeding arising from the challenge of a
22	small-scale development amendment to the Citrus
23	County Comprehensive Plan.
24	Citrus County adopted the small-scale
25	amendment, which changed the future land use

designation of a 9.9-acre parcel from Low Intensity

Coastal and Lakes District to Recreational Vehicle

Park District. The property in question would have

changed from a total of one unit per 20 acres to a

total of -- under the new designation, it would

have been up to five, given certain circumstances

in the case.

Mr. Ronald Fagan, the petitioner, filed a petition with DOAH challenging the amendment as not in compliance and was asking for a determination that it was internally inconsistent with certain policies in their plan.

The administrative law judge hearing the case recommended that the Commission enter a final order determining the small-scale development amendment not in compliance.

We do have two speakers today. Ms. Denise Lyn is representing Dr. Ronald Fagan, the petitioner, and we have Mr. Clark Stillwell representing Katherine's Bay, the intervenor. And we can start with Denise Lyn. Thank you.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Good morning.

MS. LYN: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet members. My name is Denise Lyn, and I have the privilege of practicing law in Citrus County. I

represented Dr. Fagan in filing his petition with the Division as well as various proceedings before the Board of County Commissioners in Citrus County and their Planning Board.

Dr. Fagan challenged the redesignation of Citrus -- Citrus County's redesignation of the property across the street from his house. At the time he purchased his property and as he has been living there, the property is designated for one dwelling unit per 20 acres. Its designation on the land use map is Low Intensity Coastal and Lakes.

The applicant, his neighbor across the street, moved to have that changed to a designation of Recreational Vehicle Park. The maximum allowable density under that designation is five RV park spaces per acre, so potentially he could have 49 RV spaces across the street from his house.

Dr. Fagan felt that this redesignation was inconsistent with Citrus County's Comprehensive Plan and filed a challenge with the Division of Administrative Hearings, unfortunately, after having been unsuccessful before the Planning and Development Review Board at Citrus County as well as the County Commissioners. Citrus County adopted this redesignation in May of 2009.

Once we filed a petition with the Division, your Administrative Law Judge Alexander held a hearing in Citrus County in August of 2009. Judge Alexander at that hearing, of course, held the hearing. He reviewed the application that was filed. He heard testimony from numerous witnesses. He considered Citrus County's Comprehensive Plan and the land development regulations.

After hearing all of that and hearing argument of counsel -- of course, I represented Dr. Fagan, as well as the County Attorney's office represented the County, and the applicant had counsel at that. After considering all of that, he entered a written recommendation for your consideration that the change was not in compliance with Citrus County's Comprehensive Plan.

I understand your limited role in reviewing that recommended order is to find whether or not the order is supported by competent and substantial evidence and whether or not the process that was provided by Judge Alexander was fair. We believe that the order is amply supported by competent and substantial evidence in the record, and we believe that the proceeding was fair.

Dr. Fagan urges you to please consider the

Recommended Order and to affirm that. We have had an opportunity to review the draft order that has been prepared by your staff, and Dr. Fagan completely agrees with your adoption of that Recommended Order.

And I'm here to answer any questions if you need. Thank you.

MS. SALIBA: Next we have Mr. Clark Stillwell.

MR. STILLWELL: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet members. For the record, my name is Clark Stillwell, and my professional address is 320 South Highway 41, Bank of Inverness Building, Inverness, Florida, and I represent the intervenors in this matter, the property owners, Katherine's Bay, LLC.

The facts as outlined by Ms. Lyn are substantially accurate with the exception of two critical points. Existing on my client's property now is a vested 18-unit RV park that has been there forever, essentially as long as Dr. Fagan's single-family residence. And immediately adjacent to my client's property, as reflected in the record, is a 330-unit RV park.

So the question becomes, with these dominant land uses adjacent to the single-family residential units and adjacent to an eclectic use of

non-conforming uses, generally commercial in nature, whether or not the findings of the hearing office are supported by competent and substantial

evidence.

Now, on the issue of compatibility, the only witness was Dr. Fagan, and he spoke to issues of light, noise, property values, and other generalized unsupported conclusions about impacts potentially on his property. The problem with that testimony and the acceptance of it by the hearing officer is, in a case called Pollard vs. West Palm Beach in 1990, the Fourth District refuted that type of testimony in land use matters as competent and substantial evidence.

What the hearing officer has done here is, he ignores the general principle that the staff report, which was positive and which was supported by the testimony at the hearing, is entitled to great deference, and that decision of the Board of County Commissioners came to the hearing officer with a presumption of correctness. So he had a presumption of correctness and a staff report that's entitled to great deference, and he rejects the staff report and accepts the undocumented, unsubstantiated testimony of the abutting neighbor.

1 That's the problem.

And the second issue is, he says that the map is internally consistent because of the environmental constraints on the particular piece of property. He cites two issues, karst and wetlands. The unrefuted testimony of Dr. Pitts, a Ph.D. in land use planning, and the county staff, an expert on wetlands, was that the karst rules were complied with 100 percent, and wetlands and the potential for impact is expressly prohibited. So, yes, the site had some constraints, but the regulatory framework found within Citrus County deals with those constraints.

The hearing officer ignores the more specific policies about siting of RV parks in our community. He took a very generalized provision of our Comprehensive Land Use Plan and relied upon that, ignoring the more specific goals, policies, and objectives that apply to an RV park. And the general rule of law is that more specific points control over the generalized.

So that's our position. My client owns
47 acres. He can do two houses on it. He has an
18-unit RV park right in the middle of his 47 acres
which is zoned commercial, which is also right

1 across from Dr. Fagan's street, so he could expand 2 his existing RV park and bring it up to community 3 standards. I guess now he tears it down and builds 4 a 12,000 square foot strip mall across from 5 Dr. Fagan, which is an authorized use. 6 These are the type of issues we have to deal 7 with in Citrus County. We hate to bring them to you in this format. But we think the presumption 8 9 of correctness and the decision of the Board of 10 County Commissioners was the correct one. 11 Questions? 12 GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, sir. 13 MR. STILLWELL: Thank you, Governor. 14 GOVERNOR CRIST: Appreciate it. 15 MS. SALIBA: Governor, if there are any 16 questions, I'm prepared for those. 17 GOVERNOR CRIST: General. 18 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I'm wondering if 19 we could have comments from the first speaker about 20 what was just presented to us. 21 MS. SALIBA: Okay. 22 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Tell us why the 23 legal rationale would be something you wouldn't 24 agree with that was just presented to us.

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MS. LYN: The difficulty is, of course, that

you all have not had the opportunity that either Mr. Stillwell or I have had of dealing with this case for a number of years.

The first comment that there is a vested mobile home -- or RV park already on the property is actually incorrect. The applicant owns 47.5 acres. He has only requested a change on 9.9 acres, and we all understand why, to be under the 10-acre threshold so that he can do a small-scale comp plan amendment. The RV park that's vested that they're referring to is actually not even part of the application. It's a small enclave at the front of the property. And the hearing officer considered Mr. Stillwell's arguments as well as mine at the time and did determine correctly, we believe, that that enclave is not part of the application and shouldn't be considered.

So to say that there's already a vested RV park is true; however, it's not part of the application. We're only considering those 9.9 acres.

Many of the -- a lot of the testimony, of course, the hearing officer or the administrative law judge considered. He considered Dr. Pitts'

testimony, a county employee, Dr. Pitts. He considered my client's testimony. He considered the testimony of some of the other abutting property owners who did have some of the -Mr. Stillwell refers to the eclectic nature of the neighborhood.

Well, what the hearing officer recognized is that there are many nonconforming uses in this area. We're dealing with an area of Homosassa, Florida. I don't know whether you all have been there or not, but it's an old fishing village, a two-lane road that -- Halls River Road where we're talking about is a two-lane road that heads out to, you know, some larger neighborhoods. And along this road, development has been occurring for many, many years. Old fishing camps exist there. The eclectic nature, it exists. We understand that.

However, we're trying to learn from our past mistakes, and the Citrus County Commission adopted a Comprehensive Plan planning for the future, planning for the fact that we are in an environmentally sensitive area, planning for one unit per 20 acres.

We don't need to be having heavy development in this area, this fragile karst environment that

Mr. Stillwell refers to. I don't know if you're familiar with what karst environment means, but basically we've got a bunch of limerock out there, and we don't need to be putting heavy or intense development in that area.

The hearing officer considered all of this testimony, considered Dr. Pitts' testimony, considered this staff report that the County prepared, and still in the face of all that said, "No, Citrus County. You have planned for this area. You have planned for one unit per 20 acres. What has changed to make you change your mind and say that now it's appropriate to put five units per acre? Something has had to have changed."

Nothing has changed except that this developer has requested this change. The hearing officer said, "No, we're rejecting that. Citrus County, you planned for this in your Comp Plan. You planned for it in your future land development, so stick to it. You've done the research. You know the environment is sensitive out there."

Specifically, the administrative law judge keyed in on the Comprehensive Plan's requirements in this environmentally sensitive area. I feel like there's so much to tell you and so much went

on at that hearing that I just -- in five minutes,

of course, I don't have time to tell you all that.

But I trust that you put faith in your administrative law judge and the fact that he did have a hearing and he considered all of the evidence that Mr. Stillwell brought up, as well as I did, and in spite of all of that, still found that this was not a proper use for this environmentally sensitive area and was not compatible with the neighborhood. I trust that you will rely on your administrative law judge and uphold his findings.

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: I have a question.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Well, if all of that is the case, I think we heard -- so you don't put the mobile homes or whatever -- however you want to list the way that he was going to use the property that was granted by the County that's now been told you can't go against your plan, but you can build a strip mall that's legal on the same piece of property.

I'm having problems here trying to figure it out. You're going to have a lot more people coming to a strip mall that's going to affect that

property than you will building five mobile homes or whatever they're going to put on there, or an RV park. I guess it's not really a mobile home park. It's an RV park, which is a bit different, which means people are going to be coming in and going out. I'm getting lost in the reasoning on this.

MS. LYN: I think I can clear that up very easily for you. The CLC, which is Coastal Lakes Commercial, is the small enclave that's at the front of the property. When Mr. Stillwell referred to the strip mall, he was referring to the small enclave that's CLC that's not part of this application.

So I agree with Mr. Stillwell that perhaps they can come to the County and they can ask that the CLC portion be changed. However, that's not part of this application. We're dealing with the 9.9 acres that surrounds this enclave. So if they want to do something with that CLC, which is only vested at this point in time for 18 RV spots, they can do that. But we're not dealing with that.

And I'm sorry that he raised that and I believe is confusing the issue, because this application deals with a completely separate 9.9 acres adjacent, but not part of this application.

1	So if they want to do that, that will be another
2	day.
3	CFO SINK: Excuse me for interrupting, but I
4	think it would be helpful do they have the map?
5	Why don't you put the Lisa, is that all right?
6	They can put the map up. I think that will help
7	the discussion.
8	MS. LYN: Thank you.
9	CFO SINK: Well, I was talking about well,
10	is that one better than the one I have?
11	MS. SALIBA: It does show the
12	CFO SINK: This one is better?
13	MS. LYN: I don't know if this is close enough
14	for you to can we zoom in?
15	CFO SINK: That's good.
16	MS. LYN: Thank you. This is Dr. Fagan's
17	piece right here. The vested piece that we're
18	talking about that's currently vested
19	CFO SINK: Show us where the CLC is.
20	MS. LYN: The CLC piece is this portion that
21	you see right here.
22	MS. SALIBA: Maybe this would show it better.
23	MS. LYN: Oh, yes, this actually would, if we
24	can zoom in.
25	CFO SINK: I believe that one is better,

actually, for purposes of this discussion. 1 2 MS. LYN: The CLC piece that we're talking 3 about is here, and it is vested, and it has existed 4 for a very long time. It is not part of this 5 application. 6 CFO SINK: That's a different landowner, 7 correct? 8 MS. LYN: No, same landowner. 9 Same landowner. CFO SINK: MS. LYN: Different situation. 10 Remember, 11 we're only dealing with 9.9 acres because, of 12 course, we're trying to get in under the 13 small-scale comp plan rules. The applicant 14 actually owns a much larger piece, which is this CL 15 designation here. He owns this, but he's only 16 applying on this orange piece right here. 17 And so conceivably, yes, they can try and do 18 something with that CLC, but I believe that's for 19 another day. We're only dealing with this here, 20 and right now it's zoned CL, and it's zoned for one unit per 20 acres. 21 22 GOVERNOR CRIST: General. 23 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: In other words, 24 the nine acres is part of this bigger CL that he 25 owns, so all the rest of this property he has would

1 be covered by the same land use plan --2 MS. LYN: It is CL. All the -- yes, the rest 3 of it is. 4 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: He's just asking 5 for the nine acres to be changed that surround that 6 little enclave. 7 MS. LYN: Correct. 8 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Okay. I got it. 9 But the enclave could, because of its nature, be 10 developed. Is that what you're saying? 11 MS. LYN: Potentially, but we're dealing with 12 the fact that -- the reason it's CLC is because it 13 was around long before we ever had zoning in --14 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: 15 grandfathered in, so to speak. 16 MS. LYN: It's a nonconforming, a valid 17 nonconforming use, vested for 18 spots. And the 18 administrative law judge specifically considered 19 all of these nonconforming uses, fish camps. 20 There's a marina. You know, there was ample testimony in the record about all of these 21 22 nonconforming uses, and the administrative law 23 judge said, "I recognize" -- and it's in the order. 24 He said, "I recognize that these are nonconforming 25 uses, but that's the past, and Citrus County,

you're planning for the future. You're granting a land use designation today that allows something that shouldn't be." These old existing uses we recognize.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I got it. I just wonder if we shouldn't let Mr. Stillwell make an additional comment if he wants to.

MS. LYN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: It probably would be fair.

MR. STILLWELL: In Citrus County, if you give Denise five minutes, she takes ten. It's a common phenomenon. We all understand her and respect her.

Basic fact: 2006 and 1990. In 1990, this policy that the hearing officer relied on was adopted. At the same time in 1990, the initial Comp Plan, the policy that said these RV parks, these temporary tourist accommodations should be authorized in the Coastal and Lakes District was similarly passed. You have to read those two policies in pari materia — that's what our lawyers call it — together to reconcile them.

But then in 2006, the County Commission adopted another policy for RV parks, more stringent, and reduced the density, prohibited

wetland impacts, and said you have to have regional sewer and water to have an RV park in the Coastal and Lakes area. We met all of those standards. So we had a generalized policy that was done in 1990 for the whole county followed by two specific policies which are applicable to RV parks, which the unrefuted testimony of the professional land use planner was that we met.

And Dr. Pitts said, "Look, we evaluated this project for maximum build-out. That's what we do in land use." But notwithstanding the 49-some units, this piece could be developed for some RV uses, maybe not at maximum potential without wetland impacts. And again, the unrefuted, unrebutted testimony of the experts was it could be developed to meet karst, unrefuted, unrebutted.

So what it comes down to is what I would call this narcissistic approach of Dr. Fagan about protecting his personal property rights versus my client sitting here with this 40 acres that they could do two houses on with a commercial piece right in the middle. We have to achieve a balance.

The Citrus County land use plan and its land development code honors nonconforming uses to the same level as any other land use district. So you

1 can't ignore the fact that these land uses are all 2 around, restaurants, mobile home parks, bigger RV 3 parks, fish camps, hotels, motels, single-family 4 residence, marinas, all of that within a quarter 5 mile of Dr. Fagan's house. When he bought his 6 house, there were two RV parks in the neighborhood. 7 That's why we felt that the presumption of the Board of County Commissioners should be honored. 8 9 They know this piece of property, and they know what's there, and they know the neighborhood. 10 11 Questions? 12 CFO SINK: Yes, I do have a question for clarification. My information does indicate that 13 this -- the current owner bought this property in 14 15 2007. Is that correct? 16 MR. STILLWELL: That's when the transfer was 17 made to the LLC. This property had been in my 18 client's family for years. 19 Oh, okay. That clarifies that. CFO SINK: 20 MR. STILLWELL: It was a corporate decision. 21 CFO SINK: Governor, I'm prepared to make a 22 motion. COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Well, if I could, 23 24 before you make that motion, I would appreciate it. You know, I'm looking at this overall map, and 25

I see two RV parks. I see platted areas in between those in the pink area. I guess you would call that pink. It looks pink to me. So the corner of this one parcel meets pretty close to one of the RV parks that's already there.

With the current economy of trying to figure out how in the world we're going to bring our economy back around, if you put an RV park where basically other development is already there and other RV parks are there and people are going to bring their trailers or their RVs -- and some of these RVs are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, I might add. It's not like they're, you know, pieces of cardboard hooked to a trailer. And they're going to use it to stay and fish and spend money in these restaurants and all in Citrus County or -- what county was it in again?

MS. LYN: Citrus, yes.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Citrus.

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Citrus. You know, if it helps generate some economy in the area and the person who owns the land is going to dedicate that in that way, it looks consistent to me with what the County is looking at.

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I'm -- originally when I heard this, I wasn't

1	so sure I would vote against the administrative
2	order. But I'm looking at this map, and I'm
3	thinking that I don't see anything inconsistent
4	with the whole developed area here and the platted
5	area that's sitting here.
6	It's not like these are full-time homes that
7	are going stay. It's an RV park. People are going
8	to go and come, and it's going to generate
9	business. So I'm more inclined to vote against the
10	administrative hearing order.
11	CFO SINK: Well, just to get I'll just make
12	excuse me. I'll just move that we approve the
13	or that we reaffirm the judge's, the ALJ's order
14	for this item, just to get the ball rolling.
15	GOVERNOR CRIST: And is there a second?
16	Okeydokey. Is Mike Barry here?
17	MS. SALIBA: Yes, sir.
18	GOVERNOR CRIST: Mike, could you have some
19	input for our benefit, please?
20	MR. BARRY: Sure. Good morning, Governor and
21	members
22	GOVERNOR CRIST: You're the attorney for the
23	Commission.
24	MR. BARRY: Yes, I'm counsel to the
25	Commission.

that the third is this is this is this is this is the third is the third is the triangle of triangle of the triangle of the triangle of tr

And I think what's important to remember is that the parties had a full opportunity to litigate this issue before the DOAH judge. The statute sets up a very clear process for appealing small-scale comprehensive plan amendments and for calling witnesses, introducing evidence before the administrative law judge. That was done in this case. The administrative law judge made a number of findings of fact and a number of conclusions of law.

And under the statute, that recommended order is entitled to deference by this Commission, in that so long as his findings of fact are based on competent and substantial evidence, which the staff believes it is, and that the process comports with the essential requirements of the law, that the Commission should adopt the recommended order.

And I think what has gone on today is sort of a rehashing of the same issues that were raised in the hearing and an attempt to relitigate the issues, and I would urge you to not do that, to rely on the administrative law judge in this case and to adopt the recommended order, which is the staff's recommendation.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Yes, Commissioner. I'm

sorry.

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Well, Governor, to that point, I mean, most of the time I do go along with the recommended order if it appears that all factors were considered. But I heard something stated -- and maybe it was misstated. I don't know.

But the administrative judge said to the County Commissioners, "Well, you did this plan in 1990. Stick with it. You shouldn't go against the plan that you put in place." That's to say that counties who may take a look at a particular area for various reasons and want to change the scope of that particular area for any reason, based under what the administrative law judge said, you can't do that because you've already made -- you know, a previous County Commission made a decision, which kind of says that the new County Commission cannot reconsider what a previous County Commission did.

Now, you know, we reconsider stuff all the time that has been done by past boards to take a look under the current conditions and today's standards whether we should reconsider submerged land use or a number of things that we may want to take a look at.

So I see this as the same way. We're looking at what's available here. I'm looking at this map. It shows two RV parks, a developable area that's got a platted area right there next to it on that side of the road.

I mean, that's to say that a county commission can never overturn a previous county commission's ideas. If that's the case, then Florida would have never been developed, because I don't think many county commissions dreamed that things were going to change in the substantial way that would change the opinion of a current county commission's ability to do that. I mean, this is a flowing issue here. It's not completely in concrete.

And the County Commission took all of these issues in hand when they looked at the availability of putting an RV park, does it have correct sewage and water and some of the things that they've got to do, and do they meet the karst or don't meet the karst, and does it or does it not encroach on wetlands. The County Commission must have looked at all that. I mean, they're the duly elected people of the county.

So I can't say that 100 percent -- and in this case, surely, I'm not going to agree this time that

maybe everything that truly was done was done

properly -- that was not done properly in making

their decision. I think they considered it and it

was done properly.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, Commissioner.

General, did you have a point?

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Well, the only point I have to make is that I really agree with Commissioner Bronson about this piece of property. What bothers me, though, is that our counsel is telling us that we have a very narrow area of ability, as I understand the law, as my team has expressed it to me, for this Cabinet to overturn an administrative law judge's ruling.

And I'm not sure -- even on the discussion, if I were the administrative law judge, I would have found it differently. I'm not sure that we have been given enough or that we can make that judgment here today to do that. Perhaps we can. But my counsels continue to tell me that we don't have that authority, that we've got to make some very specific finding as to where the administrative law judge went awry in terms of what he saw or didn't see, et cetera, et cetera.

So that's what bothers me. Can you clarify

that for us a little bit? I know you did just a minute ago.

MR. BARRY: Sure.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: But I want to be sure that if I voted with Commissioner Bronson, I'm not violating my duty to follow the law.

MR. BARRY: Sure. Well, as I mentioned before, the process that's set up for reviewing small-scale comp plan amendments is pretty clear.

A citizen has the right to challenge a comp plan change. In this case, it was a neighbor. A private citizen who objected to what the County did brought a challenge before DOAH.

An ALJ conducted a full and fair hearing, took evidence, made findings of fact and conclusions of law. That is then forwarded to the Commission as a recommended order, and the Commission considers that recommended order. And so long as it's based on competent and substantial evidence and the conclusions of law are within the parameters of the statute, then the Commission should adopt it.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: In other words, the question is whether he based his decision on competent and substantial evidence. We would have to find that he didn't have competent and

1 substantial evidence --2 MR. BARRY: That there was nothing --3 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Not that we 4 disagreed with him or wouldn't agree with him, but that he made -- he had no basis -- we would 5 6 basically have to find that he had no basis for 7 doing this. Essentially, yes, because the ALJ 8 MR. BARRY: is the finder of fact. He's the trier of fact in 9 this case just like a trial judge. An appellant 10 11 judge has no discretion to reweigh the evidence. 12 That's the job of the trial judge. ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Now, if we were to 13 rule to uphold this, Counsel, Mr. Stillwell would 14 15 have an opportunity to appeal, but it would be a 16 technical appeal to a court; is that right? 17 MR. BARRY: To the First DCA, yes. 18 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Well, Governor --19 GOVERNOR CRIST: Commissioner. 20 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Can I ask one question? 21 GOVERNOR CRIST: You can ask more than one. Why are we hearing 22 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: 23 these cases, then? If we're going to just --24 GOVERNOR CRIST: That's a very good point. 25 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: If we're just going to

take the administrative law judge's decision, why are we spending 15, 20 minutes discussing this if we're just supposed to accept whatever decision is given?

GOVERNOR CRIST: Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: There has to be some --

GOVERNOR CRIST: There is. I would assert --

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: We're here by this group as the Commission to take a look at these and make a determination was it completely considered.

Maybe there were some things that weren't fully considered. I gave you one just a minute ago.

How does an administrative law judge tell a county commission, a duly elected county commission they can never go back and change something that was looked at before, but maybe never in the context of what this decision is? If his decision is, "Well, you can't do that. You've already made your plan. You can't change your plan," I'm not too sure that that's a correct assessment.

MR. BARRY: If I could, I think you're alluding to the nonconforming use issue. As I understand it, that's a county policy that they set up some time ago to restrict themselves from considering future land use changes that no longer

1 comply with their own Comprehensive Plan. that's a county policy that they could revisit if 2 3 they want to reconsider the issues that you just 4 raised. That's within their discretion. But as it 5 stands right now, there's a rule against using 6 nonconforming uses as a precedent for future 7 development. That's the way things are set up 8 currently. 9 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: I quess that's why I'm not a lawyer. I still don't agree with it, and I'm 10 11 still not going to vote for it. GOVERNOR CRIST: You don't have to. 12 13 Counselor, I think it might be beneficial --14 you've given us a good amount of verbiage as it 15 relates to the process of this procedure. If you 16 could weigh in on the substance of the two 17 competing arguments and sort of separate the wheat 18 from the chaff, it would be very helpful, I think, 19 to this panel if you could summarize that. 20 Well, again --MR. BARRY: Sure. 21 GOVERNOR CRIST: I don't mean to put you on 22 the spot, but --23 MR. BARRY: No. 24 GOVERNOR CRIST: -- I assume you have pretty

good knowledge on this.

MR. BARRY: No problem. Again, I think the way I see it, the ALJ collected the evidence.

There was testimony for the amendment and against the amendment. There were concerns from local residents, neighboring residents. There was some expert testimony. And the ALJ concluded that basically there were two issues, that there were some environmental concerns that were supported by the record -- there was evidence and testimony in the record that it would have potential environmental impacts, karst and wetland impacts -- and compatibility issues.

And those are two areas that the Citrus County
Comprehensive Plan specifically -- not prohibits,
but there are guidelines in the Citrus County
Comprehensive Plan that raise concerns about
compatibility and environmental impacts. And to
make a land use change, it needs to be compatible
and not have environmental impacts. Those are
right there in the Citrus County Comprehensive
Plan.

So the fact that there was evidence in the record that there were these considerations and these concerns raises the prospect that this is inconsistent with their own plan, that they set up

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these rules -- there's testimony that it does raise 1 these concerns, compatibility and environmental 2 3 Therefore, it's not consistent with the plan. So I think that the conclusions are based on 4 5 the record and are sound conclusions. 6 Now, you could argue it both ways. And like 7 you said, General, if you or I were the ALJ, we may have come to a different conclusion. But again, 8 9 he's the trier of fact, and his conclusions and his findings of fact are entitled to deference. 10 11 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: The bottom line is 12 that the real issue is, is it a violation or not by 13 the County of its Comprehensive Plan, and the ALJ 14 is finding that the County violated its 15 Comprehensive Plan. They can go back and readdress 16 this in some way, but not in this manner. 17 really what it boils down to. So I'm going to 18 reluctantly support and second CFO Sink's motion. 19 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there any other 20 discussion? All in favor say aye. (Affirmative responses.) 21 GOVERNOR CRIST: Opposed, like sign. 22 23 COMMISSIONER BRONSON:

GOVERNOR CRIST: The motion carries.

you very much.

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1 GOVERNOR CRIST: Florida Land and Water 2 Adjudicatory Commission. Lisa, again, hi. 3 MS. SALIBA: Thank you, Governor and 4 Commission members. Item number 1, we respectfully 5 request approval of the minutes from the May 13th 6 meeting. 7 CFO SINK: Move it. 8 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second. 9 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 10 approved without objection. Item Number 2, we respectfully 11 MS. SALIBA: 12 request the approval of the minutes from the May 13 27th meeting. 14 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Move it. 15 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second. 16 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 17 approved without objection. MS. SALIBA: Item number 3, we're requesting 18 19 the Commission's authorization to file proposed 20 rules for final adoption or repeal as needed. 21 the case -- there's a request to merge the Split 22 Pine Community Development District and the 23 Tolomato Community Development District. 24 case, the Tolomato Community Development District is the surviving entity, and the request is to

1	repeal the Split Pine rule, and they would be
2	consolidated into one.
3	We have available for questions today Cheryl
4	Stewart representing the petitioner. Are there any
5	questions, Governor?
6	CFO SINK: Move it.
7	COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.
8	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it
9	approved without objection.
10	MS. SALIBA: Item Number 4, we request
11	authorization to file the proposed rule for final
12	adoption merging the Seven Oaks Community
13	Development District I with the Seven Oaks
14	Community Development District II. The surviving
15	entity is the Seven Oaks Community Development
16	District.
17	We have Mr. John McKay representing the
18	petitioner if there are any questions.
19	CFO SINK: I move approval.
20	COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.
21	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it
22	approved without objection.
23	MS. SALIBA: Thank you.
24	GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, Lisa.
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1	GOVERNOR CRIST: Board of Trustees, Secretary
2	Sole. Good morning, Secretary.
3	MR. SOLE: Governor, Cabinet members.
4	GOVERNOR CRIST: How are you?
5	MR. SOLE: I'm doing well this morning.
6	With your indulgence, Governor, I would like
7	to
8	GOVERNOR CRIST: You have it.
9	MR. SOLE: Thank you.
10	GOVERNOR CRIST: We're adults.
11	MR. SOLE: I'm grateful.
12	I want to recognize a member of the DEP family
13	who came to Florida in 1964, was a non-native,
14	actually started in the film industry and can be
15	seen in films such as <i>Daktari</i> and was actually on
16	the Art Linkletter Show. Do you remember that, way
17	back when?
18	GOVERNOR CRIST: I do.
19	MR. SOLE: While he was at the state park,
20	unfortunately, there was some controversy about his
21	citizenship, with heritage from Africa, which led
22	to Governor Lawton Chiles actually having to
23	intervene in granting this DEP family member
24	special citizenship in Florida.
25	With that, this member has been an important

part of Florida's history, and I ask that you join me in wishing Lou the Hippopotamus a happy 50th birthday. Thank you.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Wow.

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CFO SINK: It's Lou's birthday?

MR. SOLE: It is his 50th birthday today.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Where is Lou located?

MR. SOLE: Lou is at Homosassa Springs, and has been part of the spring since, I want to say, 1964. We acquired the spring in 1989. And in 1991, there was actually true controversy on whether he could stay at the spring, and Governor Chiles had to intervene and say, "No, no. We'll make him an honorary Florida citizen. He gets to stay at Homosassa Springs." And he has been an icon there ever since.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Governor, I've got to comment on this, because about a month ago, Senator Fasano asked me to go there to look at the manatee issue with him when it was a big issue, and Lou was there. I took a tour of the whole facility. It's a great park. I mean, it really -what we've done, what you've done in the park system to put all of the natural wildlife there.

This critter is, of course, not --

1 MR. SOLE: He sticks out a bit. 2 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Yes, he sticks 3 out. He's not part of Florida's native species. 4 But what is there, while we're talking about Lou, 5 is that all surrounding him are flamingos and 6 animals and panthers and so forth. It's a great 7 place. I think it's the only collection in the State of Florida we have of this nature. 8 9 It's a beautiful place to visit, and I would commend my fellow Cabinet members to take a tour of 10 11 that, take your grandchildren or children there 12 sometime. It's just a great place. And Lou the 13 kids are going to love. They're going to love Lou. 14 MR. SOLE: Absolutely, absolutely. 15 GOVERNOR CRIST: What is the typical longevity 16 of a hippopotamus? 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sixty years in 18 captivity, 40 to 50 out of captivity. 19 MR. SOLE: Sixty years in captivity, 40 to 50 20 out of captivity. So Lou is getting on in years, 21 in hippo years. 22 GOVERNOR CRIST: That's great. 23 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: He's long in the 24 tooth. 25 MR. SOLE: Yes, sir. He does look a little

1	long in the tooth, General.
2	GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you.
3	MR. SOLE: All right. Thank you. I
4	appreciate the indulgence.
5	GOVERNOR CRIST: Of course, of course. A
6	little levity is pretty nice always.
7	MR. SOLE: Yes, sir. All right. Item number
8	1, submittal of the minutes from the October 27,
9	2009 Cabinet meeting.
10	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Move it.
11	COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.
12	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show the
13	minutes approved without objection.
14	MR. SOLE: Thank you. The next several items
15	are somewhat cleanup items. Item Number 2 is a
16	request to convey roughly 8.8 acres of land in
17	Collier County back to the Department of
18	Transportation. This is land that was originally
19	acquired in partnership with DOT for the I-75
20	project. Unfortunately, inadvertently DOT conveyed
21	that land to the Board of Trustees. And there is
22	an interchange on that land, so we wish to convey
23	it back to the Department of Transportation.
24	GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 2?
25	COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion on Item 2.

1 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 2 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 3 approved without objection. 4 MR. SOLE: Thank you. Item Number 3 is a 5 similar cleanup. It's a South Florida Water 6 Management District conveyance. We request to 7 convey two five-acre parcels of state-owned conservation lands. This was part of the Corkscrew 8 9 Regional Ecosystem Watershed. It actually was 10 acquired by the South Florida Water Management 11 District using their mitigation funds, but 12 inadvertently deeded to the Board of Trustees. 13 wish to convey it back to South Florida. 14 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move Item 3. 15 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second. 16 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 17 approved without objection. 18 MR. SOLE: Thank you. Item Number 4, this is 19 a request to transfer the Board of Trustees' 20 interest and future -- excuse me, future interest 21 in title to the Megginnis Arm of Lake Jackson in 22 Leon County. The Board of Trustees gained that 23 future interest through an agreement with Northwest 24 Florida Water Management District. Northwest

Florida Water Management District intends to convey

this parcel to the City of Tallahassee to manage a stormwater pond, which is the purpose.

The interest of the Board that we currently have in the agreement basically refers to that the property must continue to be used to protect the Megginnis Arm. The City plans to do so. We wish to put that interest in a deed restriction that will go with the property.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 4?

CFO SINK: Move it.

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it approved without objection.

MR. SOLE: Thank you. Item Number 6 -- excuse me. Item Number 5, this is a request to quit-claim a possible interest in roughly .97 acres of land on the border of the Point Washington State Forest in Walton County; also a request to enter into a settlement agreement in lieu of litigation in order to resolve a boundary dispute.

Historically, it's worth noting that when the Board of Trustees acquired Point Washington State Forest, that acquisition occurred somewhat in a hasty moment through auction. And a lot of the boundary effort was not done that we normally do,

so we've run into several of these boundary disputes over time. And in fact, we've had previous board delegation to work on resolving these boundary disputes because of that hasty acquisition.

We're also seeking delegation for one additional parcel that we expect will come to the table that we need to resolve.

CFO SINK: Move it.

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it approved without objection.

MR. SOLE: Thank you. Item Number 6, this is a request to modify deed restrictions regarding the setback requirements on Beta Fraternity House at the University of Florida. The Board of Trustees has a deed restriction on the parcel that pertains currently to setbacks. We are requesting authorization or approval to change those deed restrictions.

Also, we're requesting to allow the president of the university the authority to approve future architectural plans and specifications, as well as we're seeking delegation to the Department to deal with some of these minor deed restriction issues

1 associated with construction, building, number of residents for fraternity and sorority houses there 2 3 at the University of Florida. 4 CFO SINK: Move it. 5 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 6 7 approved without objection. Thank you. Item Number 7, request 8 MR. SOLE: 9 to publish proposed revisions to Chapter 18.1, 10 Florida Administrative Code. This is our state 11 land acquisition procedures rule. These changes 12 are pursuant to legislative changes in 2008 and also allow us to update the Uniform Standards of 13 14 Professional Appraisal Practices. 15 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 7? 16 CFO SINK: I move it. 17 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. Show it 18 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. 19 approved without objection. 20 Thank you. Item Number 8, this is MR. SOLE: 21 a request for a five-year lease with one five-year 22 renewal to a non-for-profit, Lake Okeechobee Habitat Alliance. This is for a fish and wildlife 23 24 habitat area with resource-based recreation 25 containing roughly 2,700 acres located around Curry Island in Glades County.

This is also -- because this land will be open to the public for hunting and recreation, we also seek board approval -- a determination that it's not contrary to the public interest.

Governor and Cabinet, this is an innovative public-private partnership that has been going on for a while trying to seek getting access to some of these lands. Lake Okeechobee Habitat Alliance, South Florida Water Management District, Glades County, all have been participating in this effort with great consideration to trying to better the land and also provide opportunity for the people of the area and visitors to that area to use that land.

I will tell you there's no monetary consideration for this, but any funds associated with operating this facility has to go back into management of the property, as well as, while this is a lease, the Lake Okeechobee Habitat Alliance has agreed to do a management plan like we do with other state-owned lands, and we will continue to look at that and make sure the land is managed appropriately.

Finally, I do want to point out that the

County is very excited about this effort. Glades County Commissioner Beck was a great partner and 3 instrumental in making this project move forward. And we have Mr. Jeff Allen from Lake Okeechobee Habitat Alliance here to speak on this item. Jeff.

> MR. ALLEN: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet members. The sportsmen, sportswomen, and conservationists of Florida thank you for partnering with the Lake Okeechobee Habitat Alliance on this project. It is a proven fact that the sportsmen of this country are willing to roll up their sleeves, get their hands dirty for the wildlife, the land, and the waterways that we love so much.

> We look forward to working with FWC, the local communities, as well as other non-profit organizations such as Ducks Unlimited to make this pilot program work.

I would also like to thank everybody at DEP for their hard work over the past two years on making this project and this dream become a reality. Thank you.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Is there a motion on this item?

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COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion on Item 8 for approval.

CFO SINK: I'll second it, but I also want to make a comment that let's go find more of these.

MR. SOLE: Absolutely.

CFO SINK: It's fantastic. It's fantastic for the economy, and for the people, and for the State of Florida. It's nice to have a private landowner looking after or protecting our land, so I strongly second the motion.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: And I would echo that, and Item 8 is approved without objection.

MR. SOLE: Thank you. Last item, Item Number 9, this is a request from Florida Gas Transmission Company for a total of four upland easements across state-owned lands for a natural gas transmission line. It's worth noting that there is already an existing easement to FGT, Florida Gas Transmission.

Their proposal is to expand capacity within the State of Florida, which will achieve some 820 million cubic feet per day of additional capacity here in the State of Florida. The good news is that FGT has maximized use of their existing easements as well as transmission lines and road rights-of-way to minimize impacts. The

additional encroachment on Board of Trustees and
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission owned
land is only some 30 acres, a little less than 30
acres.

It's also worth noting that the proposal -- as part of the proposal, a consideration for the easements will be basically the appraised value of the impacted property plus 1.5 times that value.

And we have been working with FGT in a way that that consideration will come back to the State in the form of replacement land as well as some monetary funds.

The Department recommends approval on this item.

CFO SINK: Could I just make a couple of comments about this one?

MR. SOLE: Absolutely.

CFO SINK: First of all, I think we have to be pretty enthusiastic about 316 more acres in the beautiful Blackwater River State Forest. That's pretty exciting. And while it's difficult for us to decide to convey this, the project is critically necessary.

And I just wanted to point out that we went back and did some research -- I hope you'll bear

1 this out, Secretary Sole. This project is going to provide almost 1,500 jobs for Floridians and be in 2 3 a position to start almost right away. And while 4 probably half of these jobs will be assumed by 5 people coming from out of state because of their 6 particular skills in building this kind of 7 facility, they will be occupying our hotels and motels and eating in our restaurants, and then the 8 other half will be Floridians who will be able to 9 get back to work. So it will be temporary, but for 10 11 the next 12 to 18 months, this is huge for us. 12 I commend you for working with FGT to expedite this 13 project. So I move the item. 14 15 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 16 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. 17 other questions? Show it approved without 18 objection. 19 Governor, could I just take a point 20 of personal privilege? 21 GOVERNOR CRIST: Certainly. 22 My staff is after me, and I'm just 23 anxious to say something about Bud Vielhauer. 24 you --

MR. SOLE: I was hoping someone would

1 introduce that issue.

CFO SINK: Well, I'm prepared.

Governor and Cabinet members, all our staffs are in mourning over losing Bud Vielhauer. Is he here to stand up and take the music?

I guess yesterday or today is your last day with DEP. About a week or so ago when we heard the word that you were moving over to be the general counsel -- we're not losing you completely, general counsel of Fish and Wildlife. My staff has been coming to me and expressing just what a terrific, unsung public servant you are, how trustworthy, what frank and good advice and guidance you give on these many complex and complicated issues that they have to deal with, and then they get to come and explain them to me.

And I just think so often we have so many public servants here working for the State of Florida that are just outstanding. And we want to thank you for your service at DEP and particularly for the relationship and for the good counsel that you have given our staffs and wish you the best, and we're glad you're not going too far from us.

MR. VIIELHAUER: Thank you.

(Applause.)

1 MR. VIIELHAUER: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the State of Florida and to 2 serve this Board and DEP, and I appreciate the 3 4 support that I've gotten over the years from 5 Secretary Sole. And last but not least, thank you, 6 Staff. Thank you, Cabinet Aides. It has been an 7 honor and a pleasure to work with you. Thank you. 8 (Applause.) 9 MR. SOLE: Thank you, Governor. I note that 10 Sandra Stockwell, who will be our new deputy general counsel, is here this morning, and I 11 12 guarantee she will serve us very well as well. 13 (Applause.) MR. SOLE: Thank you, Governor and Cabinet 14 15 members. 16 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Could I ask a 17 question? 18 GOVERNOR CRIST: General. 19 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Before you go, 20 that's a good note to leave on, but I just want to 21 ask about something. I understand that making 22 movement in a new direction for the Port of St. Joe 23 is something coming along in the pipeline. Can you 24 give us an idea of when that's going to be 25 appropriate to discuss here? How far along are we

1 with getting ready for us to hear about that 2 development? 3 MR. SOLE: General, I appreciate the question. 4 The Department has received an application from 5 Port St. Joe to actually improve at the port. It's 6 relatively inactive now, and they're seeking ways 7 to improve activity at Port St. Joe. We're still 8 in the review phase. I would ask that you give me 9 a couple of weeks to a month to go through. 10 could take more, but I'll be happy to come and 11 brief you as the review becomes a little bit more 12 ripe. 13 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Thank you. 14 appreciate that very much. I support that. 15 St. Joe is an important port for us. 16 MR. SOLE: Yes, sir. 17 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: It will be great 18 to hear some progress on it. 19 GOVERNOR CRIST: One of our 14 ports. 20 MR. SOLE: Absolutely. 21 GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, sir. MR. SOLE: Thank you, Governor and Cabinet. 22 23 24 25

1	GOVERNOR CRIST: Ash Williams, State Board of
2	Administration.
3	See you, Commish. Have a good day.
4	MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Governor and
5	Trustees.
6	GOVERNOR CRIST: Good morning, Ash. How are
7	you?
8	MR. WILLIAMS: Fine, thank you.
9	GOVERNOR CRIST: Good, good.
10	MR. WILLIAMS: I feel given the luminaries
11	that we've just celebrated, it's a tough position
12	I'm in here on the tail end of the agenda and
13	following great talent like Lou the Hippo, very
14	tough.
15	GOVERNOR CRIST: Not at all. You'll do great.
16	MR. WILLIAMS: Item 1, request approval of the
17	minutes of the December 8 meeting.
18	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move it.
19	CFO SINK: Move it.
20	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second.
21	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show the
22	minutes approved without objection.
23	MR. WILLIAMS: Item 2 is a fiscal sufficiency,
24	State Board of Education Lottery Revenue Refunding
25	Bonds.

1	GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion?
2	CFO SINK: Move it.
3	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second.
4	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it
5	approved without objection.
6	MR. WILLIAMS: Item 3, request approval of a
7	fiscal sufficiency, State Board of Education Public
8	Education Capital Outlay Refunding Bonds.
9	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move it.
10	CFO SINK: Second.
11	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it
12	approved without objection.
13	MR. WILLIAMS: Item 4, request approval of a
14	fiscal sufficiency for State of Florida Board of
15	Education Lottery Revenue Bonds.
16	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move it.
17	CFO SINK: Move it.
18	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second.
19	GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show
20	Item 4 approved without objection.
21	MR. WILLIAMS: Item 5, request approval of a
22	fiscal sufficiency for the Florida Department of
23	Environmental Protection Everglades Restoration
24	Revenue Bonds.
25	ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move Item 5.

1 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a second? 2 CFO SINK: Second. GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. 3 Show it 4 approved without objection. Item 6, request approval of the 5 MR. WILLIAMS: 6 SBA quarterly report required by the Protecting 7 Florida's Investments Act. The report is attached. With regard to Sudan, there have been no new 8 9 companies added to the scrutinized list. Three 10 companies were added to the continued examination 11 list. Two companies were removed from the 12 continued exam list. 13 And with regard to Iran, there were no additions to the scrutinized list, three were 14 15 removed from the scrutinized list, and no companies 16 either added or removed from the continued 17 examination list. CFO SINK: Move it. 18 19 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 20 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 21 approved without objection. 2.2 MR. WILLIAMS: Item 7, request approval of a draft letter to the Joint Legislative Auditing 23 24 Committee affirming that the Trustees have reviewed 25 and approved the monthly Local Government

1 Investment Pool Management Summary reports and actions taken, if any, to address material impacts. 2 3 The quarterly report is attached. There are no 4 material impacts. 5 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I move Item 7. 6 CFO SINK: Second. 7 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 8 approved without objection. 9 MR. WILLIAMS: Item 8, request approval of, and authority to file, a notice of proposed rule 10 for the five rules listed below on behalf of the 11 12 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund. GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion on Item 8? 13 CFO SINK: Move it. 14 15 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second. 16 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it 17 approved without objection. 18 MR. WILLIAMS: Item 9 relates to the master 19 contract that is currently in discussion with various law firms that we've looked at for 20 securities litigation activity going forward. 21 22 At our last meeting, there was discussion of 23 how to handle a \$50 million cap on fees. We would like some further clarification from the Trustees 24

as to whether we should include that cap at the

level of the master agreement versus the agreements with the individual firm or firms involved in any individual actions.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: If I could,
Governor, I would move that we instruct the State
Board of Administration executives to put in that
\$50 million cap that we discussed last time for
these contracts. And I think it would be a very
prudent thing to do for transparency, for
accountability, and for making sure that the
taxpayers of Florida get the biggest return, and
most importantly, the pensioners get the biggest
return for whatever recoveries there may be in
these suits or these claims that we might have. So
I move that we put the 50 million cap there and
instruct you to do that.

CFO SINK: Governor, I'm prepared to second the -- to offer a second with an amendment to strengthen the issue, because the issue is the fees that we pay for these law firms. And what I would like to offer is an amendment, in addition to what the General has offered, is that we get -- we have these firms. When we choose the litigation that we believe we have good reason to -- that we've had losses, that we open up the opportunity -- we've

selected our five or maybe six firms, that what we do then is that we have these five or six firms compete for and offer up to the SBA -- and this would be the director's call -- their individual proposals for how they would handle the case and what they see as their potential fees being, so that we actually have an opportunity to get the best deal for the taxpayer and keep our fees as low as we possibly can. And the only way to do that really is to inject competition amongst these five or six hungry law firms.

ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I would accept that very friendly amendment. It conforms with my thinking and what we proposed to the Legislature to pose in my office and what we use as a rule on seeking outside counsel with these contingency fees. So that's a very good amendment, and I accept it.

GOVERNOR CRIST: So it maintains the cap, but also encourages competition among the firms that are involved?

CFO SINK: Yes, yes. And I think it goes without saying that, because this is a policy matter, if in fact we were to have some multi-billion-dollar case and the law firm -- and

1 we had to go revisit the cap, that whoever the board is could always assume that -- or decide on a 2 case-by-case basis that there may be some rare case 3 where there's more at stake here. 4 5 So that's not part of my amendment. I'm just 6 clarifying that that's what we're doing here. 7 We're setting our policy currently with the 8 \$50 million cap on fees, which by our calculations, 9 it would be rare that that would even be an 10 occurrence, but that we are injecting competition 11 into the system. 12 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: And we are writing 13 into this master contract the \$50 million cap. 14 GOVERNOR CRIST: Right. Show it approved 15 without objection. 16 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. 17 GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, Ash. We're 18 adjourned. 19 (Proceedings concluded at 10:32 a.m.) 20 21 22 23 24 25

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