

Barfield: Pat Pasley.

Pasley: Pat Pasley 4740 S. Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach. No, I was not the winner of the Lotto, unfortunately.

Barfield: Hey, I only missed it by five numbers.

Pasley: Anyway. Good Morning. Happy New Year Commissioners. I'm here to speak to you today about false narratives. I told you that last time when I was here that I would be coming with my rebuttal after the first of the year, so I would like to start because I have quite a bit to cover. I've got quite a bit of cards. I'm asking for extra time because you all had two hours as a rebuttal. I had a 10/12 minutes video but I'm here and I'll start with this. Number one, Mr. Whitten said "We are actually happy to respond to the video. Largely what we are going to talk about are the false narratives that are out in the public. And let me start by saying that Section 1.5 of the Charter establishes the separation between legislative and executive functions of Brevard County government. The establishment and the adoption of offices shall be the responsibility of the Board and the execution of that Board is responsibility of the County Manager. And so my job is to execute your policy. A lot of the issues raised in the video are of Policy matters of the Board". My response. Mr. Whitten is absolutely correct, that the County Manager serves at the pleasure of the Board. The video never indicated anything to the contrary. It is indeed the job of the County Commissioners to put in place good policy decisions, to solve road maintenance problems which would include defining what the County priorities are, and b, instructing Public Works to come up with the road or the priorities. Number two. Mr. Whitten, "The video the video says that the County has no bond financing between the years of 2000 and 2005 is absolutely false". Response. Mr. Whitten is partially correct as is the video. Between 2000 and 2005 there was no bonding in the sixth cent of Constitution Tax... LOGT there was financing of the two cent Constitutional gas tax. So partially he was correct, I was correct. False narrative number three. The video, "The video was also incorrect in saying that those bond proceeds cannot be used for repair and maintenance". I'll tell you, guys stop the clock, it is hotter than hell in here, and I don't know if anybody else feels that way but we sure could put some air conditioning on. Okay? Bond proceeds can be used for repair and maintenance and so a large part of what the County has achieved over the past 15 years are a result of issuing bonds to do just that, repair and maintenance. Florida Statutes states and there's a whole proceeding to that, and it goes for the purpose of constructing paved, macadamize. I can't say that word, or other hard surface highways. So, the Florida Statute clearly states construction not maintenance, but what if the County.

Barfield: Excuse me. Can you?

Pasley: Has over the past 15 year.

Barfield: Could you just.

Pasley: Work down repair and maintenance then where is exactly the crisis? Most projects then they list as accomplishments could have been done with commercial papers not bonds. Why was this 30-year bond necessary when the life of the road is 15 years? I have more Mr. Barfield. I will be back.

Barfield: Did you put a comment in? Did you put a comment in for the?

Pasley: I did.

Barfield: Okay.

Pasley: And I will be back. We could finish listening to it here now or let me come back later.

Barfield: No. Let me give other people to talk.

Pasley: Because, I am tell you right now to have been accused of false narratives, I think I have a right just like anybody else to come back, and say these were not false.

Infantini: And I think that she really should because.

Fisher: We have a lot of cards. Let's go. We got a lot.

Barfield: We have a lot of people to speak. You will speak again,

Infantini: You have a lot of people to speak but at the same time, she took abuse, she's spent a lot of her own personal time to prepare something, she didn't try to make any false narratives, and County staff went after her and made a lot of comments about her. And she deserves the equal right to rebut the comments made.

Barfield: She'll have another chance to speak after the regular Agenda Item.

Pasley: Just as long Mr. Barfield, I can finish because I'm telling you, there were no false narratives except for one-half of percent.

Barfield: We'll just.

Pasley: It wasn't even false.

Barfield: Okay. We'll call you again when the next card comes up. Pam LaSalle.

LaSalle: I'd like to talk about County management. I brought it up the other day that I feel like a lot of our County's problems are with upper County management. Just the other day with the golf courses, comparing it to Animal Services. I was surprised that signage was the problem. Well, we drove by the Animal Shelter yesterday and there's still not a sign at the exit off the Interstate saying which direction the Animal Shelter is. One has to wonder if this is intentional either on the part of the Board or County management to force this issue, to handing off things to contractors which has already happened to both of those organizations. I am overwhelmingly concerned about public health. I have cited several reasons that we have problems with the ferial cats in the County. I think as soon as these people realize that y'all are contributing to their health issue, they're going to be very unhappy with it. Now it's either the buck ends here or the buck ends with County management, y'all have to decide. Back in the summer of 2014, I was citing my, the very serious health concerns about these ferial cats and all the while, the Ordinance was being

changed that y'all have in front of you. The second page is when I found out this past summer from Facebook, I've yet to get confirmation from the Sheriff in writing that we now have returned to field and TNR, that is basically a revolving door at our Animal Shelter before the Sheriff, and at the initial takeover there were easily over a couple of hundred cats in the Shelter at a time, now there's about two dozen. I think, those are coming right back in and going right back out to the neighborhoods because if those folks were unhappy with that many cats being killed, we would all be hearing about it. The Ordinance changes were made. Now, I'd like to know who had control over those changes y'all see. Was it County management? Was it County Attorney? Was it BCSO? The Sheriff shouldn't be interfering in the Ordinances, because that's y'all's job, and it's his job to enforce them. Let's see. There was no AAB during this transition. There was. And that's another parallel to the golf folks we heard the other day. There, first of all we were shut down, no involvement, and with the golf folks they were saying that they were ignored. Well, while we had an AAB, we were being ignored. I. I just find it overwhelming that staff is not pressing home. There are all kinds of data. I've emailed it to y'all. I don't get confirmations and Commissioner Barfield, the data I sent you on January 4th like I did all the others I've made you a copy.

Barfield: Thank you.

LaSalle: Do you all have any questions about toxoplasmosis? I'd be happy to. I have spent hundreds if not thousands of hours. I'm not exaggerating, learning about this subject.

Barfield: Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Infantini: I'd like to ask this Board to give. Is my mike on? I'd like to ask this Board give the same equal time to all people and the same respect to all speakers, because you can't let certain speaker's go over and then other speaker's be held right at their exact three minutes. I know Mr. Fisher's seems to be doing some time keeping for you.

Barfield: Now he is he wasn't earlier.

Infantini: No, he was having his phone going three minutes, three minutes, and he was shaking it all around. Because I could see it pretty easy from here. So I just want to make sure all speakers get the same courtesy.

Barfield: Okay. We're moving into staff presentations, but before that I've. I forgot to explain something else too. I want to be real clear we cannot vote today for this gas tax. It was not advertised, so at the end of this meeting we cannot vote for the gas tax itself to go in. It can't happen. We may make a motion, there may be a motion to either kill this action or there may be one to move it towards to the advertise, or to be put on the next Agenda. Before we get to that point I want to make sure I explain it clearly to you all what we're going to vote on. I think it is important you know exactly what we're voting on. So anyway. Moving forward. I'll turn this over to Mr. Whitten.

Barfield: Bill Porzio. Okay. Thank you. Roger, okay I'm going here, Gangitano.

Gangitano: You're a tough man. The name is Roger Gangitano Turtle Mound Road, Melbourne. This has really been a tough thing to follow; there have been so many different opinions, and everything. There have been plenty of proposals and suggestions made, and

yet only some of them are feasible. A lot of people are paying close attention to this and it seems that no matter what the people come up with, what gets focused on are the things that can't be done, rather than the things that can be done. I don't believe that any alternative solution is going to be arrived at by some of the people on the Commission. Simply, I don't think that's their agenda, I think it's pretty clear that we have Trudie Infantini that's against the sixth cent gas tax increase, and I believe that Curt, at this point in his understanding is probably against the gas tax increase and I believe he will hopefully vote against it. Andy is in my opinion, I hope I'm not letting anything out of the box here, but he's reserving a final decision until he hears everything. Personally, I think, that there's enough on the table where a decision can be made but I can respect Andy's position for wanting to hear everything, and so I'm okay with that. Robin and Jim, I think, anything less than substituting Robert's Rules with Marquess of Queensberry Rules isn't going to change your position. Okay? Certainly not yours, Jim, because it's your proposal, and no matter, I mean if God came down okay himself, with his lightning bolt in his hand you're not going to change your mind because it's your presentation. Robin, no disrespect intended but we know where you're coming from, you're for bigger government, more money to the government to give the people what the people what, need, ask for, whatever, and that's what you're for. At least you're upfront about it and I don't believe that you're going to change. So, that's where it stands at this point. I believe that this gas tax is not going to pass. That's my position and my belief. However, we do have the problem of the roads. Okay. The problem exists because of reasons. Just a little while ago, Trudie pointed out that roads were done okay in contradiction to the recommendations or the priority list that was created at the time. The answer then became... Oh, for that now the Commissioners will sit back and defend that, but the bottom line is is that the decisions that you made, took the money that should have been going to roads that needed to be repaired, and instead went to these neighborhoods for whatever reasons. John was good enough to point out that it is easier to spend money all in one place rather than to spend it where it's needed, where the costs could be considered higher. And the bottom line is is that the people get reached into their pockets for more money. It's insane. It has to stop. It's a game. The people see it. The first time I ever came before a Commission I said in New York that got guys with table's setup in New York. People put 20 bucks down on the table and they try to figure out which pea, the shell is under which shell okay, and no matter how close attention you pay you cannot pick were that pea is by the time they're done shuffling them around. And the guys got a look on their face and say go ahead, pick which shell the pea is under and there's nothing you can do to pick, because there's nothing under the shell. Its slider hand, they pick up the shell, and the pea isn't under any of the shells so you can't win. And they got this look on their face and New Yorkers get to recognize it, so New Yorkers don't get caught very often in those kinds of games because they recognize the look. You can't win. And that's the look I see on your face, Jim, you can't win if you're out here because you're sitting there. Yeah, don't laugh. It's the truth. Okay. I don't lose 20 bucks on those tables when I go back to New York.

Barfield: I only missed the Lotto by five.

Gangitano: I'm sorry.

Barfield: I missed the Lotto by five numbers. I just want you to know that.

Gangitano: Yeah. Well, did you play the Powerball?

Barfield: Yeah.

Gangitano: All right. Then I take back everything I said, in case you win. No I don't.

Barfield: Okay. I'm not from Melbourne Beach.

Gangitano: I thank Trudie and Curt for openly stating that they oppose this tax. I reserve hopes okay for Andy, okay. And Robin and Jim, you're just hopeless on this situation. Okay. Really, honestly, and truly there's just no hope for you. Okay. Education can fix ignorance, when it goes beyond ignorance it's hopeless. Okay. And you're just obstinate. Okay. I bet you thought I was going to say stupid. Okay.

Barfield: Na. Okay.

Gangitano: People are tired of being told there are no other solutions other than what you give.

Barfield: Okay.

Gangitano: I'll try to wrap it up. People are tired of being told that there are no other solutions, other than what you provide. There are. And you get paid to find them, not the people. We shouldn't have to be out here trying to figure out the solutions that you get paid to come up with. Okay? So, that's pretty much it. I got a question and I'm going to leave right after the question. Okay? In my life I've gotten a speeding ticket here and there, believe it or not I don't travel much unless I have to. I don't get them very often okay, but when I've sat in court I hear nothing but all day long in traffic court \$500, \$600, \$800, \$750, \$400, and anybody that wants to fight the case or fight the ticket, they got to pay court costs and everything. What happens to all of those court costs? Okay. I assure that probably comes to millions and millions of dollars, certainly in excess of what it costs of somebody to sit there, and hear these cases. Where is all of that money? I don't think I saw it in the presentation, John? So, I would ask that question. I don't know if that's not been included, but that's it. And, again, I thank the Commissioners that are going to vote against this tax, because it is not fair. Okay. Find another solution.

Barfield: Quiet. Okay. Thank you. Excuse me. Excuse me. One more time and you'll have to leave. Excuse me. Al Notary.

Notary: I support the proposed increase in both the gas and the sales tax, but under one condition that is the proceeds not be used for borrowing funds that is you pay as you go. This will prevent what you have to deal with today, that is you collect some nine million from gas tax and pay some six million for debt service, for what the Commissioners did to you back in 1986. I'm sure this reduces the probability of you being reelected, but at least you will be reminded as the Commissioners who put Brevard County on a path to a debt-free County, not as Commissioners who spent the next two years dealing with the same ole slime. Thank you.

Barfield: Thank you. Pat Pasley.

Pasley: Okay. Pat Pasley 4740 A1A, Melbourne Beach. And to recap I've talked about so far that it is the job of the Commissioners to come up with the solution and I have rebutted about the bond financing, and I also talked about the Florida Statutes and now I'm talking about the 150 vacant positions. Stockton Whitten says it talks about the 150 vacant positions and I think 57 of those are actually in Fire, 33 of those are safe position grant, and so a large portion of those vacancies you will see are not generally funded but are also funded public safety related positions. The response, how does a recommendation become a false narrative? The exact recommendation was before the Commissioners' vote for a sixth cents gas tax hike was to review the 150 unfulfilled positions. If they had not been filled in six months, eliminate the position. Any Department that feels it could be left open, needs to petition the Board of County Commissioners. From information received recently from Mr. Visco, it shows that there really are 191 open positions of which 59 of those are Fire Rescue. Next false narrative Mr. Whitten, "It talks about the phone system and what the County is doing with regards to the phone system. The County actually issued an RFP to switch over to Voice over IP this past spring, those responses are back, and are currently under review". Response, once again, how does a recommendation become a false narrative? The exact recommendations before the Board was review Brevard County's phone system. Millions have been lost because of the AT&T Contract renewal. The issue was first raised back in 2009, the recommendation was ignored because of three Commissioners Fisher, Bolin Lewis, and Nelson, who did not, had a personal dislike of Matt Nye who made the recommendation, as a result millions have been unnecessarily spent over the past five years maintaining an obsolete antiquated phone system. We have requested a copy of the RFI and we understand that there have been few vendors that have responded to the RFP, we understand that other government agencies receive dozens of vendor responses so it appears that there's a problem in Brevard RFP process. Next false narrative, Mr. Whitten, "It talks about zero-based budgeting and the ability to do zero-based budgeting. Back in January I presented to Board of County Commissioners and the Citizens Budget Review a line item budget of the County". Response, one more time, how does a recommendation become a false narrative? The exact recommendation was to start with one or two Departments on zero-based budgeting; this will help find any waste. A line item budget is not the same as zero-based budgeting. Mr. Whitten made himself apart of the Citizens Budget Review Committee but he didn't attend the meetings, however, if any of those members were to directly ask him a question it would have been a violation of the Sunshine Law. Next false narrative, Mr. Whitten "It talks about health recommendations. One of the things that I want to point out is that it talks about the consultant and doing away with the current consultant, in favor of either the consultant that their recommending, or some other consultant". This is getting old. How does a recommendation become a false narrative? The exact recommendation before the Commissioners was review the Brevard County health plan and not just with the current vendor no matter what the qualifications are of the current consultant Robinson Bush who has been with the County since 2005. It's always advisable to take a look at others, what

others may have to offer. Don't you yourself periodically review your car insurance, your house insurance, your health insurance, and while it's good that the County apparently will save five million in healthcare costs it is possible more could have been saved if it was viewed by a different set of eyes. Here's a quote by Jim Barfield, "I would like to ask Mr. Whitten, if it is the community-based funding for charities if we take that out what would the impact of that be"? Mr. Whitten, "That's about \$510,000 and so a lot of those agencies are here and they will tell you to leverage those dollars". The question in the video was asked are charities a core function of government. And then went on to list charities and the amounts they receive, in addition to recommendations are questions now being considered as being a false narrative? How many of these charities get additional revenue from other sources such as State and Federal? Why is the County in the business of pick-n-choose with charities that get money? Andy Anderson. Commissioner Anderson stated that the Board already decided a few years ago to start refunding away with these charities. Was that a vote? Why is the Board still giving away money? Why do these charities think that a gas tax increase will not affect them? They will see higher prices in costs.

Barfield: Excuse me, please.

Pasley: Of goods and services.

Barfield: Can you please close this out?

Pasley: Organizations such as wheels.

Barfield: Could you please finish this up?

Pasley: Meals on Wheels and immediate response. I have only two more pages.

Barfield: Okay?

Pasley: You people took two hours to rebut me and I am asking just for.

Barfield: I'm sorry.

Pasley: I've got two more false narratives to address.

Barfield: We have to be fair to the other 20-something people that are waiting to speak also.

Pasley: I have two more false narratives to address.

Infantini: I think you need to be fair to her.

Pasley: Then I'm done. I am absolutely done. And its. I could.

Infantini: He had an hour to go on after here. I think she has a right to rebut publicly.

Pasley: I've only got two more. That's it.

Barfield: How fast? Can you do it in a couple of minutes?

Pasley: Pardon me?

Barfield: If I give you two minutes?

Pasley: Two minutes. Mr. Whitten, there was a slide... If you pass that down, that said that management has deteriorated that badly in the past two years, because the Board is unable to maintain its 55 miles per year of road and resurfacing. "The Board has never been able to resurface 55 miles of road". This is a Public Works chart that I am sending out. In 2012 it shows 110 miles of actual miles resurfaced. In 2013 87 miles actually resurfaced. In 2014 only 25. And in 2015 only eight miles. The question on the video asked has management deteriorated that badly in the past two year. So, what did happen in 2015 and 2015? Later in the meeting Mr. Whitten said two years of this being an issue is unfactual, this has been before approved... Capital Improvement for Fiscal 2005 and so you will see in the Capital Improvement Plan for 10 years a listing of unmet road needs. So why has this become a crisis issue now? If roads had been in the plan for 10 year, why hasn't anything been done before now? Easy management rule of thumb. Okay. Twenty years on the street 10 to 15 un-collective, 10 years on the main. If the chart is not correct it's just a false narrative. And finally, at the beginning of meeting Commissioner Barfield said there is a citizen's video that has been wanted to be played, it's a 12 minutes video. My first question is is the Policy of five minutes, but my first question Commissioner Infantini is, that I want to make sure that this has been vetted through the staff. Has the staff looked at all the facts and done a facts-check to make sure everything is okay? Commissioner Infantini said her staff didn't vet it and suggested asking the County Manager. Commissioner Barfield said so if it hadn't been facts-checked, they took the vote, and they said no. Later in the meeting Mr. Whitten "And so it took us some time to actually digest the video to get through that video, there were a number of points that we will hit on that video, but we stand ready to actually present to the public and remind you of what the facts are, in regards to your story". And so, can it be assumed that it was a false narrative that they did not review the video. Thank you for the extra time.

Barfield: Dave Pasley.

Pasley: Commissioners. Dave Pasley, Melbourne Beach, Florida. You think your tired of hearing about false narratives, you ought to live in my house. I've been hearing about false narratives boy, let me tell you. John and Tom, good job both of you. I feel for John. I tell you if I had his job I probably wouldn't have a job, I'd be doing something else. Tom has done a great job of showing you where the money is being spent for those projects. Those projects that are Policy. You guys are driving the Policy. Now, here's the issue. You have before you, we've given you pages of of places to go look at to find a way to cut a couple bucks here and there, and some of them just cut out completely. Things we don't need in this County. Impact Fees. We can put back in Impact Fees back in place. There is a way to get the \$6 million we need, or \$8 million, or whatever it is without raising gas tax. It takes the will of this Commission to do it. If you don't have the will to do it, it ain't going to happen. Okay, we are going to be where we are and going to wind up and watch this space. Right now we are paying what \$6 million \$8 million a year in debt service for for road bonds, is

that right? Is that right? Is that the right number?

Rosenberg: No.

Pasley: Its close enough. We got road bonds. Roads bonded out. Revenue bonds out to 2037 for roads that are going to last us 10, 15, or 20 years. What kind of. What kind of organization are we running here? I mean, I realize this is not the current Board, mostly not the current Board that's having any impact on roads. But the bottom line is guys get the spending under control. I know this is not a very popular topic but here is. I meant to bring copies of this. I forgot to. I have one copy of it and I'll share it with anybody that wants it. It shows you what what our revenues have been in looking at the the CPI, per capita income, and our budget over the course of the last 15 years. That's the chart. Okay. The problem is not income. The problem is spending. Okay. So. Don't. Don't mind doing everything we can do to tell you or help you find places to cut it, cut spending, and get this thing under control. But the bottom line is you guys have got to figure out how to do it. Okay? If you can't agree, if you think the only solution is to raise taxes then we're doomed. Thank you.

Barfield: Thank you. John Weiler.

Weiler: Well, happy New Year, Commissioners. It's a great new year. You've got a great opportunity to start fresh. I was here for the Workshop that we had in December that all of you were here for, we participated in this Workshop many ideas and ways of achieving the additional funds of about \$5 million a year, without increasing the gas tax were provided by active citizens in this County. It appears that these proposals were provided to deaf ear in some cases, because there was a constant rebuttal of why it couldn't be done throughout this long and grueling County Commission meeting in December, by fellow Commissioners and the County Manager, and his staff. Now Commissioner Anderson has publicly stated that he has several of reducing costs and getting there, but can't get two move votes. I call on Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Infantini to be the other two votes. Contrary to I don't have votes which I hear from several Commissioners of why we can't get anything done and save, that approach says that I have no political will to make the budget cut proposals. So it's to fund the roads and submit it for a vote. If it doesn't pass it doesn't pass, but at least we'll know what your position is. When you won't even get a vote table we have no idea what your position is. Now, during the 12-11-15 Workshop I provided the Commission with, and the staff with several ways of obtaining the revenue without increasing taxes, there were two versions I gave you. I'm going to give you a third version, if I was sitting in your job of in the County Manager's job I'm sure I could find a way to get a lousy five and a half million dollars out of the current expenses, and put them to roads. So the third alternative is on the sheet that you have. I won't go through the details, but I will ask you to think about this... A very large percentage of the citizens in this County are seniors and they're on fixed income, whether it be social security or Veterans retirement pension, or whatever. Now all of those on social security know that you're not getting an increase this year. You got your notices in the mail this last week that said you'll get the same thing you got last year. There's no increase because there was no cost of living increase, right? So, the County can't have a cost of living increase either. Those seniors and the people that are Vets on pensions, and the people who are on corporate pension benefits and so forth are going to have the same benefits this year. So, I had a neighbor and said, you know, my wife and I had planned to take for the first time ever a trip to New York and see a New York musical, we're going to do that in February or March, and you

know, I can't think I can do this this year because it won't be in my budget. I don't have the increase I was planning on. So they're not going to make that trip, that one time trip they never made to New York to see a musical because they don't have extra funds, they're going to take the existing budget they have, and learn to live with it and do the necessity things, the core issues and roads are core. So, let's take some of the junk we have, that we're spending money on in the budget out, and put roads in, and you guys hear have the ability to do it all you have to do is get together and have the political will. Thank you very much.

Barfield: Elaine Scott Bridgman name and address please.

Bridgman: My name is Elaine Scott Bridgman and I lived in Merritt Island until last month, and now I live in Viera, Viera East Golf Club. I had better say that right in the offset that I'm not a foreigner and I didn't just get off the boat, I have actually been here since 1992 and in America since I was 19 in 1963. I came on my own. I'm a legal immigrant and I'm a very very proud American who pays as many taxes as I can possibly afford. I am a widow and I find it very hard to keep up with taxes. When I lived in Merritt Island this absolutely gorgeous young man came up and knocked on my door, and asked me if I would vote for him. He said I promise you if you vote for me I will make sure that every blooming cent of your tax money will go to that which is allocated to. And I was going to vote for someone else but I was very impressed with him and I trusted him, and I voted for him. I look at this. I was at one time head of promotion and tourism for the City of Baltimore and had my own PR Firm. And I sat next to the mayor, it was Donald Schafer at the time when Baltimore was absolutely gorgeous, and we were really building it but there were these CRA's and then there were the Commissioners here. And the CRA's were saying I need money for this. I need money for this. I'm going to do this for poor district and I'm going to do this up north while I'm doing this down here, and all the money that the taxpayers paid went to nefarious places. They got sort of misplaced and then there was no money for the basics. We did the Inner Harbor and we did all kinds of good things, obviously I'm going to finish that story right away, because I didn't last very long up there. But, what I want to say is that although I appreciate how very hard every body works here and how very much you try to what you said when you promised me that the tax money that I paid would be paid only for that, which was allocated, Mr. Barfield, and I think it's extremely important that you guys remember that when you are elected to a position you come in with the very best of intentions. I know you do, but you get talked into doing things. Up north here and down here, this shopping center isn't quite right, and you can't do that with our tax money. So what I want to say is that although I appreciate just as I do with federal government and the... those in all mighty power who are doing this with one hand and doing this with the other hand, and we end up with AT&T and dollars' worth of debt. Now please, let's let's repent and let's spend the money where it belongs. And let's not blame it on the last person who was in office. Do the right thing. It's like a husband and wife team. The wife is saying oh, I bought this darling, and I bought that, darling, and then you've got the husband, Mrs. Infantini, who says but darling didn't you just get a new pair of shoes? And this gentleman here who has the quality of a gentleman who really listens to what's going on and then there's those others who are just no listening to us. So, please listen to us and please, seriously consider what you're doing with our money. I've been in Brevard County since '92 and I'm a widow, and I suffer like crazy to make ends meet and you're throwing my money away. Thank you.

Barfield: Thank you. Pam LaSalle.

LaSalle: You know, I get my feelings hurt sometimes here because I hear y'all are nice to people. I get ignored a lot and it takes a lot to keep coming back, but I do because I believe in government. Contrary to what most people think a conservative should I actually do believe government can improve our lives, and I heard a lot of people saying things contentious here. Well, when you say the same thing over and over and are ignored, and you think you're screaming fire in the room and everybody just wants to sit around in the room and watch the smoke, and look at the pretty curlicues. I know animal issues inside and out, and that's not bragging it's been my life for the last few years because initially I wanted animals to be treated humanely. I've given up on that. I'm trying to save the humans now, so, oh, I'm deadly serious. I am deadly serious. So I looked for the animal budget, now y'all all tucked it away in the Sheriff, and last night was the first time I say the budget for this year. So what's interesting about the budget is 2013. I'll take it 2013 to 2014, so I'll take the first year. 2013 is was \$3.2 million. Now back then y'all were letting them give money back to the General Fund, over three years I think it was just shy of \$600,000, and I'm not sure what it was in that year but it was over \$100,000. Then in the next year y'all gave it to the Sheriff and it went to \$3.3 million. Okay, you know, we can tuck some stuff in, but then he created the pet posse. Now out of that pet posse came feeding of the animals, which frankly I took as an insult because that's in the \$3.3 million y'all gave him. Well last night I saw it's now \$3.8 million. Now, along with the pet posse, that we don't know how much money is in. Now, I don't know what they're doing with that money and why they're increasing it. I suspect they are spaying and neutering, and dumping cats back out into the community and making us all subject to being sick. Along with this government is very complex. I know y'all have a lot of tentacles into cross issues, until you start delving into it, people don't appreciate it. Animals are that way and government is that way. Along with this issue comes post-exposure prophylaxis that is what people get when they have been exposed to an animal bite that could be rabies. Now, I want government to pay for that because I don't want those people out in our community exposed to rabies and developing the virus. We spend over \$100,000 a year on that in this County, that's through the State of Florida Health Department, but the counties each pay for it. Now, I contend that a lot of that exposure is from ferial cat colonies, because you cannot find a ferial cat colony that does not have raccoons feeding at it. My personal experience is the people who are involved that I shall call feeders get the vaccine, so I don't think that we're paying the prophylaxis for them. So, it may look like just I'm talking about a half of a million dollars this year, I'm talking about over a hundred thousand dollars in the last complete year that I have for the pet prophylaxis is \$133,000. Beyond the money which is not my first worry. I'm in a position that I don't have to worry about that. People, I've mentioned to you all before, people on my block. We live in a senior neighborhood; we have three adult-children one in their 20's, one in their 30's, and one in the 50's all living with their mothers. That's not their first choice. Any gas tax y'all make is going to be inflationary for everything. It's not just out of your pocket to go down the street; it's going to be the delivery people, and the groceries. It's going to grow. It's going to be inflationary. But along with this animal issue I know so intimately and we're talking about over \$600,000 in this one year right here on this one little issue, we're risking our health. That gets into everything else. This parasite that the cats spread, it's in the dolphin and that means it has to go all through our community to reach the dolphin. People that get into the Lagoon are exposed to it. This. This parasite causes behavior issues, it kills fetus', it mains fetus', it causes people to go blind, because you can't associate it with that one exposure.

Barfield: Please.

LaSalle: Because you can't associate with that one exposure, you can't say well that's the bill for it, but this is an overall cost. And the fact that y'all are willing to maintain this insane ordinance and this cost to human health, and human pocketbooks it's just completely unreasonable.

Barfield: Okay.

LaSalle: And I'm guessing you don't have any question because it is a Workshop.

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Barfield: Stuart Gorin.

Gorin: Good afternoon, I'm Stuart Gorin 3423 Carambola Circle, Viera. I want to speak to you this afternoon in verse. We were failed by Commissions, road funding denied in omissions. Their actions consisted of no good deeds; they shelled out for wants instead of needs. Now it seems this current group, also wants us in the soup. Business can exist without our dough, and CRA's just have to go. Sure it's nice to have a Field of Dreams but private funding is better, it seems. Stick to necessities in the budget and please, don't try to fudge it. The current funding will be enough for roads, safety issues, and all that stuff. So, support our pleas, don't be hacks. Stay the course, no extra tax. Thank you.

Barfield: Thank you.

Infantini: Thank you.

Barfield: George Lebovitz.

Lebovitz: Thank you.

Barfield: Name and address.

Lebovitz: Thank you very much. I'm sorry, you've got the best side of me my wife says facing you. I apologize Commissioners, I was writing this killer speech as I was driving up here to the meeting, but the roads are in such bad shape. I hit this pothole my my my pen and my pad went flying, and the coffee went out of the other hand so, you know, I I apologize I'm winging it. That great speech I was writing, I don't know where it is... somewhere on 95 I think. So. We all sat through 45 minutes of presentation. Wow. I mean awesome presentation. Budget and the road maintenance, and I'm. I'm not a stupid guy. Well, I didn't use to be a stupid guy, I used to be rocket scientist but there was just so much information there that there is no way I could assimilate. It would have taken me a week to make any sense out of what I was seeing. I mean there were numbers flashing by and charts whizzing back and forth, and I really would like to have studied them but not having had the chance I had to distill it down to the essence of what I understood from the presentation and what I got out of those charts. Ladies and gentlemen maybe you got the same thing was that out of a billion dollars in this budget, a billion dollars with all the expenditures and all the requirements and things that we have, I couldn't help but notice that everything was itemized down to the nearest dollar. One dollar, but there was no cents. So, let's talk about cents, okay? I think that's reasonable. I'm not a budget expert. I'm not a roads and maintenance expert. I don't understand all this stuff. I'm a common sense kind of guy and common sense says to me, that alright look for the sake of argument I will concede that we can't squeeze a dollar out of the budget. We can't save one dollar out of the budget. Common sense says to me that we got to treat this the same way we run our households and the same way we run our businesses, and then if you ain't got the money you can't spend it. So, let's prioritize what we really need to do. Spend the money on that and then hopefully, we can find some savings down the line and make it up then. Is that a reasonable approach? I don't know? We've been offered a lot of solutions and I don't know which ones will work, but that's I guess is my two cents. Thanks a lot.

Barfield: Thank you. Marty Adams.

Adams: Marty Adams. I live in Rockledge. 2181 Rockledge Drive. I think we can all agree on a goal of finding sustainable funding for road maintenance. I'd like to make a comment. I had the opportunity to work with several of the management in the County Departments and I have consistently come away with the impression that they are competent, and they try to do the best they can with the funds they have available. I also appreciate the candor that I've heard from everybody in the room behind me and all the Commissioners, and that kind of debate is robust. I wrote a stunning speech but I decided instead of being... just saying again what others have said, a different idea came up to me. It was kind of inspired by the speaker. The rocket scientist, that was... I enjoyed that, thank you, and it caused me to think about American industry. American industry is among the most productive on the planet because they are in a competitive environment, and management consistently asks every Department, every Manager, and every Supervisor to do more with less. And if you don't ask the question you'll never get the answer. I sent all of you an email a couple of days ago, when I expressed my general concerns that I can live with a sixth cent a gallon gas tax but I would be way less concerned about it, if I had a feeling that the process that we were using was really relentlessly examining, challenging all the expenses, and tasking the Departments to see if they could possibly see if they could find something of very low priority, any fat etcetera. Unless an organization is challenged by its leadership to do that, they won't do it, and they don't need it. And so, that's really the message I have, is I'm concerned that we do not have a process. Whether it's the road maintenance issue. The road maintenance issue was defined in the Strategic Planning document dated February 24, 2009, the number one item was infrastructure, and it says that this is to be addressed in the next Fiscal Year as a priority and the sub statement is drivable roads, and no potholes. Okay? Here we are in 2016 this was not done. This was not addressed. Why did we push this thing down the road and not address these things we say are priorities? Again, in 2014 the Strategy Map says essentially the same thing, and here we are, you know, struggling with this thing today. The Blue Ribbon Committee was asked, as I understand it, to look for funding sources. I don't think they were asked a question to say how did we get here? What was the root cause that got us from, you know, identifying it as a major issue, and then six years later we're treating it as an emergency. Unless or until we can start thinking longer ranged, down the road, looking at our foreseeable future things that we are going for. We're going to be here again. It may not be the road issue; it'll be some other issue. We should stop meeting this way. Thank you very much.

Infantini: Thank you.

Barfield: Rich Charbonneau. I think we'll just take a five minute break, because he's not the only one that has to go. Okay. Rich Charbonneau.

Charbonneau: Curt, you tried to sneak out on me.

Smith: I got caught.

Charbonneau: I know it. Hey, you know, y'all remember that joke from The Rocky and Bullwinkle?

Barfield: That was before my time.

Charbonneau: Hey, Bullwinkle, or I mean hey, Rocky, watch me pull a rabbit out of my hat. You know what? Okay. Anybody want to see me do magic right now and make everybody disappear? Make Curt Smith go from 5'8" to 6'8" and you can't fit through that doorway. Just stand up and say no, I ain't voting for this tax, and everybody in the room will leave. Everybody.

Smith: I might as well leave. We can't vote today anyway.

Infantini: Yes. But we can have direction that we are going to be voting no.

Charbonneau: If you say.

Infantini: That would end it right then and there. Then we're not.

Charbonneau: If you say right now I'm not voting for this tax this room will clear out.

Smith: I'm not voting for this tax.

Infantini: Okay. So, if we're not.

Charbonneau: Okay. No. I mean forever. Not. Forever.

Barfield: Let's go. Let's go.

Smith: I can't say forever. Tomorrow could change.

Infantini: Oh, okay, so you could change by tomorrow?

Smith: I'm just saying life changes. Anybody that can definitively tell you what they're going to do, absolutely 100 percent of the time for anything, I'll call you an idiot.

Charbonneau: Okay. Well. You know what? You and I've been married for a long time and I got a funny feeling, that during those years, and this relevant. During those years you made it, you know, when you got married you made you're a promise that you wouldn't cheat on her. I got an idea, you probably didn't. Just because I know the kind of guy you are and you know what? I made my wife a promise that I wouldn't cheat on her because I keep my promises and you made some promises. And now, you know, we're just asking you to keep up with the do your promises. Do. Do away with the CRA's. Do away with MIRA. Do away with.

Smith: Somewhere along the line I lost my magic wand.

Charbonneau: I. But. You know what? You. You haven't. You still got to keep fighting for what you said you were going to do, that's what we elected you for. I know I'm putting you on the spot here but, you know, do away with that. Do away with the things that you said you were going to do away with or at least make an effort to do away with them. I mean here I am coming from a blighted community, we got a CRA. A blighted community of

Satellite Beach. I mean give me a break. You know, give me a break I live in a \$700,000 house and I, you know, I'm in a blighted community. I mean this is ridiculous, that CRA should have crapped out. Shifting gears. There's an elephant in the room that we haven't talked about. We keep talking about all of this money that we need and our biggest line item is not the roads. Our biggest line item, I just went on the Internet on my phone. I could be wrong but the Sheriff's budget is \$121 million dollars and nobody says a, you know, nobody ever says a word. Nobody brings... sorry about that I thought I had turned that off. And, you know, I like the Sheriff and all that, but I went back and I looked at his budget, and I looked at the population. And over the period of time that his budget doubled, not meaning Wayne himself, you know, of course, you know, there was Sheriff Ivey, or I mean.

Infantini: Parker.

Charbonneau: Parker before him and this and that, but the Sheriff's budget, you know, doubled but the population didn't even come close to doubling, and, you know, maybe he needs more money. Maybe he doesn't need more money but why he isn't up here explaining it to all of you and the crowd has said I need the money for this because, you know, it's the largest line item we have. And nobody and nobody. It seems like you're afraid you're going to get a DWI ticket on the way home or something, because Wayne's going to get made you. But, I mean it's a... seriously its \$121 million on there. Now, when he took over the Animal Control, he's probably out there waiting for me right now. When he took over the Animal Control he said he was going to do it more efficiently than everybody else. The he asked for \$500,000 more. I mean, you now, one day you're saying you're going to be doing it more efficient, and then there's \$500,000 more. You know, what I'm trying to do is show you that there's a way of finding this money to do this. And as far as what the gas tax, you know, what gas actually costs is what your tax is. I think I know all of your financial situations except for Trudie's. If you put a dollar tax on there, it wouldn't bother me. I could afford it. You could afford it. You can afford it. You can afford it. You have two jobs now, you can afford it. I mean, seriously is a grand a year tax going to bug you? I mean it wouldn't. It wouldn't bother me a little bit but there's a lot of little people out there that, you know, that you all represent, and that I represent them too. These little people that every little bit counts and they're at their breaking point already. And what I'm saying is you can't push them back pass their breaking point, but I'm asking and I'm leaning on you Curt. I'm laying it on you and you're still my friend, and you'll always be my friend. And I still think you're a good man, but it time, you now, it's time, you know, to put up or shut up. And you said you were going to do this and you said you were going to get rid of CRA's, and the EDC.

Curt: I never said EDC.

Charbonneau: MIRA. Okay

Barfield: Okay. Wrap it up here. Wrap it up, please.

Charbonneau: Okay. I'm sorry, Jim, but anyways just, there's some areas that we can look at here to do this, and I know what needs to be done. But it's like Chuck Nelson told me, he said, you know, sometimes you're going to have to do. You've got two decisions.

Barfield: Let's go.

Charbonneau: One's a bad decision and one's worse bad. And, you know, sometimes you got to the worse; you got to do the less of the worst. So you do have some options.

Barfield: Okay. Joyce Errecart.

Infantini: How many more cards do you have?

Barfield: About 10.

Anderson: And just for the record everybody that's ever Commissioner has two jobs up here.

Errecart: Hi. I'm Joyce Errecart from Cocoa Beach, where we are blighted and we have our CRA, but please come on down because I think it's just a lovely city. I've spoken to at two previous Commission meetings on the gas tax and each time I said I've run a department in government when there was pressure, we were able to cut the budget by 10 percent. And it can be done. And I asked the Commission; please direct the staff to come up with budget cuts. People are angry because with the presentations that we've received from the staff, it looks like the direction has been show why we can't cut the budget. Wait a minute. The County. The staff is the people who know what can be done and as far as I can tell Commissioners have not directed the staff to come up with how we can, how we can find the money for for road maintenance, other than raising taxes. So, we have this whole presentation about all the money that's not available because we're into the Fiscal Year already. The millage rates have been set, so that sets special funds, and so that sets limitations on the money that is available for raising for roads. The only Statutory. The only mandate where the dollar amount is fixed, that the County can't change is for Medicaid so from my calculations that means there's about \$203 million dollars that could be changed, and we heard at a previous meeting a Commissioner say we're not going to set priorities. So, if we're not going to set priorities and we're not going to get more information from the staff about where we can cut then we to do across the board, and starting with about \$203 million dollars it will take one or two percent to raise a few... A few million dollars for the rest of this Fiscal Year and then in Fiscal, because we need the road maintenance. I mean there are three top priorities in my book for County government, its police, fire, and roads. We can't not fix the roads and we have to find the money. So, for Fiscal 2017 the Commission will have more opportunities by changing, you know, changing the millage rates without raising taxes as to how the millage is designated, and the Commission can continue the setting of priorities while maintaining roads by level funding every single thing in the budget so that all increased revenues from, you know, from increased values in properties, and more gas usage. All of that money would would then go to the roads for continued repair. If the Commission wants to fund the roads they can. When I wasn't working government I worked taxpayers who were having trouble paying their taxes, you know, as has been indicated. A lot of here in this room can afford this gas tax increase, but I've spent a lot of my life working with people who can't afford their taxes. There are a lot of people, probably the majority of residents of this County are either on a fixed income, or they're unemployed, or they're under employed. They can't afford this and it's not just as people have pointed out the gas tax increase it's also the ripple effect by the businesses that are going to have to increase their prices to pay for it, and people really can't afford it. We can't do this without trying as hard as possible and having been to all of these meeting;

I have not seen a real serious attempt at cutting in this budget. We really can't increase the gas tax now, please vote against a gas tax increase. Thank you.

Infantini: Thank you.

Bob White: Before you start the clock on me, Mr. Chairman, I just need to ask you a quick question about the amount of time that I actually have to speak. If I was to praise you guys profusely and thank you for taking all this time to listen to us and hear us out, would that mean I'd get extra time, too?

Barfield: Five Minutes.

White: Five minutes? Okay, so all these other people that gave you all of that effusive praise and six and seven and eight minutes, that doesn't count for me. Okay. Five minutes, just want to make sure of that. Bob White, 512 Southern Hills Court, Melbourne, Florida. And by the way, all of those cards, the names of the people you were reading off that had left the room, I just want to make sure everybody knows, I spoke to every single one of them on their way out the door, they're all opposed to increasing the gas tax. So, I just wanted to get that in the record. And by the way, I do appreciate the fact that you guys spend all this time listening to us and taking, you know, our comments and suggestions, although I did think that was what we paid you fifty some odd thousand dollars a year for what many of you treat as a part-time job; but that, I guess, is neither here nor there. I wasn't going to speak today. I didn't come here to speak. I just, I felt like I'd spoken to you about this twice already and it really wasn't necessary for you to hear from me again, but then I was sitting out there while Pat Pasley was speaking and I heard you, Mr. Chairman, trying to cut her off like the first time she spoke and then you were trying to cut her off again the second time she spoke, and it really just began to irritate me quite a bit because, you know, I think back to the first one of these workshops when the whole issue of that video came up and the question was whether or not it had been vetted; and Commissioner Infantini said that her staff hadn't vetted it but she had given it to the County staff like three or four days ahead of time, maybe a week, I don't know, and maybe we ought to ask the County Manager if his staff had had the opportunity to vet that video. And so that question was in fact asked of the County Manager, and my recollection of the meeting was, and I'm not going to try to quote him directly, because, but I'll paraphrase. The impression was clearly given that the staff hadn't really had the time to really vet the video properly, and then, of course, we all know that later on in the meeting after the video was finally shown that there was a two . . . what would have been at least a two-hour presentation of all of the false narratives contained in the video that the staff had not had the time to properly vet. Seems to me that that was the biggest false narrative of the entire meeting was that statement that the staff had not had the time to properly vet the video, and that you, as Commissioners, would allow your staff member, your County Manager, who is probably a great guy and just got put on the spot and really didn't know how to respond, for you to allow him to get away with that to suggest that they had not properly vetted that video; and then it became obvious that they had. It seems to me that there ought to be a public apology to Ms. Pasley over that comment, but I'm sure we're not going to get one, so I'll move on. You know there's been a lot of talk about charitable contributions and that everybody that receives a charitable contribution comes before you and they want to make sure that they're going to continue to get their charitable contribution. Those of us that don't believe that that's the proper function of government are quite often cast as maybe hard hearted, that we don't have a soft enough spot in our hearts for the people that are on the receiving ends of those funds. You know, really nothing could be further from the truth. I know that I can't speak for everybody, but for myself personally, you know, I'm a member of a church that gives literally hundreds of thousands of dollars a year away to charities right here in

Brevard County, Florida, in addition to having an orphanage that we fund down in Haiti, in addition to sending teams to Belize and to Guatemala and to Jamaica and up to Kentucky, but we spend a lot of money right here in Brevard County, Florida, on all kinds of the things . . . like for instance the Brevard Rescue Mission is one of the charities that we support as a church; and you know, for all of you ministers that have been here today talking about these things, I would suggest to you that the church in North America is in decline and one of the reasons that the church is in decline in North America, I think, is because they advocated to government their responsibility to feed the poor, to take care of the homeless, and so their attendance is suffering because they've given up that responsibility. And you've too willingly taken it over when it's not your responsibility, it's the churches responsibility, and it's our responsibility to decide for ourselves where we want our charitable contributions to go, not your responsibility to decide for us. I want to see every single one of those areas funded just as much as all of the people that came up here and asked you to continue that funding. I just don't think it's your responsibility to do it. And then, finally, I just want to say, about these presentations that we've seen from the staff. They were clearly not presentations that were designed for your benefit, because quite frankly those presentations were designed for your benefits, then you haven't been doing your job in the first place, because if you didn't already know those things that were included in those videos, then shame on you. Clearly those videos were designed to create an impression, okay, for everybody in the audience that's either supporting the gas tax or is on the fence about it that there is no room in the budget. That this budget is absolutely exhausted, it's 100 percent spent. Here's the impression, you know . . . my friend George talked about, you know, the sense part of the budget and how he didn't get any sense out of that budget presentation. Here's my sense, here's what I got out of the presentation, I got out of the presentation that your County staff is very good at spending 100 percent of the money that you take in. Well, I would expect them to. I mean, what are they here for? They are the staff. They're here to spend the money. I'm going to wrap it up. I appreciate that. You're giving me the signal just like you gave it to other people, and so I'll take as much time as they took after you started giving them the signal. Anyway, so that's the impression that I got from this video is that we're all supposed to now believe that there is no money in the budget simply because the staff was able to demonstrate that they had already spent 100 percent of what they took in. It's not that they spend 100 percent of what they take in, it's what they spend it on, and we all know that. You've said that there's a list of items that you can come up with. We know that Trudie's got a list of items she can come up with, but the two of you have said that you can't get three votes. Well, let me just tell you something, vote no on the gas tax and I'll guarantee it you'll come up with the votes for all those other cuts, but vote no on the gas tax first. That's all it takes. You'll come up with the cuts believe me. You'll get your three votes. Thank you.

Rigler: You know, I almost bought a suit, but I couldn't afford it so there'd be at least one suit against the gas tax. You know, I don't know what happened between me growing up and listening to my father and school and back in the 1900's, sounds weird; but in buying a house when I started finding out where money goes and became a conservative, but I accept as much responsibility after being a punk and not being responsible during that time, still hold government accountable. You guys went haywire. Somewhere it went from families being responsible for transportation of their loved ones that couldn't do things. It wasn't the governments. It shouldn't be the governments. It was family that was responsibility for quality of life, not a city or a county. Every time you say quality of life that's a tax. You know, we got a new library in Palm Bay January 2nd. It was \$30 capital investment, \$35 a month maintenance after that. 1405 Jupiter Boulevard NW. Got a cell phone. A brand new smart phone. It's an excellent library. And mentioning libraries, \$2 million now after the gas tax came up for Mims. I roughly got the population and more

practically \$2 million, you know, that's going to be over budget. If you invested \$70,000 capital investment and bought everybody a cell phone, and for the first year paid their monthly bill, it'd be \$3 million. It would almost be more practical to do that and let them have the responsibility afterwards. Shouldn't do any of it but people aren't practical. You know, I've got 50-50 chance of getting this right, it's either in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution, you know they go life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and it's in that order because you've got to have life before you get liberty, you've got to have liberty to pursue happiness. I was taught in school, Eau Gallie High School roads is a top priority. Can't have a road, can't have the city or county without roads. After that it's the infrastructure to keep that road going. The roads and the police to protect the people and the fire to protect the community dwellings. Nothing should be spent before them. Four items. You know, I did a little prayer for myself a couple of, about an hour ago, and when I came back I'm thinking about talking to my significant other to moving to Massachusetts to get less taxes. I usually wing this, but I actually did a little thing, and I'm not calling anybody names. I am commenting on the process, and this is what I think of the process. This word's been in my mind for a while, Machiavellian, cunning, scheming, and unscrupulous, especially, and I'm not calling anybody names, in politics or in advancing ones career and agenda. Number one should have been in this year's budget instead of manipulating to get gas tax. It's a core item. It should have been in that budget. It's a function of government. That's Machiavellian. Number two, workshop, we requested to be a calque not a fiasco, and the same information going over and over again. Oh, by the way, is the workshop on the budget for gas fixing roads start out through the public comments or are you guys going to do a workshop? Number three, Pat, you know, put hard work on that video, and it was called a false narrative, a lie, a polite way of saying a lie. And claimed to be not vetted, we already went through that through, you know, two hour point-by-point shoot down, also claimed Commissioner, I think it was claimed Commissioner Infantini was in on that video, and I don't believe she was. That's Machiavellian. Number three, I put 'not' toward Trudie. Four, voted on legislation with no notification at the last meeting. Machiavellian. Five, one Commissioner advisor says he is absolutely against gas tax with a small caveat for now. Explanation still on the fence. Very Machiavellian, especially for a conservative non-politician. Number six, then advisor tells everyone this morning to quit whining, shut up, and sit down.

Barfield: Can you wrap it up a little bit?

Rigler: I usually don't ask for an apology and I don't take offense, but I was very offended. I almost brought a chair and some duct tape and I recorded whining noises and was sit here for my five minutes and turn it off, but Machiavellian came back up in my morning meditation. This is a fiasco. It's been done wrong from the very beginning. I'm sorry. I don't mean to offend anybody. I didn't mean to call anybody names, but that's what I think of this process.

Barfield: Excuse me. Ron Bobay.

Bobay: Ron Bobay 5944 Windover Way, Titusville, Florida. Just a couple things. I think there's general agreement on the road needs regardless of how we got there from everything that's my consensus. I also believe that we're a community with many diverse needs and I support the need, even if I don't use them. You reflected diversity of the

community. You currently have a budget; my worry is that if something isn't done now, even if we do something now we're talking about implementation in 2017, and so if we do not act now we are going to push it down at least probably another year. I've looked at the Blue Ribbon Committee and I think I've correctly summarized what's there but I'd like to share it and hopefully not lose everybody in the numbers. I understand that we have \$14 million dollars of reoccurring money every year for road maintenance. I understand that we need \$20.2 million every year and that the gas tax will produce \$7.8, now that says to me that it would generate \$21.8 million which just a little bit over the actual need to do the reoccurring maintenance to try to keep up with things. It does not address the legacy, which is an additional 11.86 every year for the next 15 years. I mean nobody's talking about that. I mean we're talking about the gas tax to try to just get what we need to be doing every year; we still have 11.86 of legacy needs because we have not been able to act in recent years. On top of that, I see that there is a \$30 million dollar new road construction need that's needed every year for the next 15 years and we haven't talked about that either. The half-cent sales tax generates \$17.4 million I think it is every year. You almost need that the half-cent sales tax to do the infrastructure, you need the gas in order to just try to keep up, and you haven't addressed the legacy need either. So, I see it very pressing, you know, we've talked about gas. I'm very much for the gas tax because I think you need to get current in what you're trying to do. I also think you need to do the Impact Fees because if you generate \$17.4 million and a half-cent sales tax and you have the \$30 million dollar annual need. Even if you put the \$3.4 million of Impact Fees, you still have only generated \$20.8 every year. You're still \$10 million short on your infrastructure need. So, I'm for the Impact Fees. I'm for the gas tax. I'm for putting at least a half-cent out in front of the public and having a vigorous campaign to try to inform the public about the need that we have. I hear all the priority issues and so forth, but in summary like I said, that I think we're a community with many diverse needs. Whether I use those services or not, I think it's a part of our responsibility of being a community, whether I use those services or not. So I appreciate what y'all have to do and I appreciate your patience in listening us all out.

Barfield: Thank you.

Barfield: Okay, open it up for discussion.

Fisher: I've got a little discussion. I wanted to . . . lucky for you guys, you and Commissioner Smith, wasn't here, but I came out early on saying, you know, we can do a workshop if we want to do something about it, we can do something about it. I was quoted pretty often that Fisher's got a closed mind about it. I think that's probably a pretty, a pretty true statement; and let me tell you why I've got a closed mind, because I was the one who sat here and unfortunately had to lead the charge to do some things that weren't very popular at the time. From '06 to, and I don't know if this number holds true today, but 400 employees, full-time equivalent got laid off, decreased 16 percent since '06 employee count; had no merit increases or cost of living adjustment for six years; increased employees and retirees health insurance contributions by 91 percent; implemented unpaid furloughs staff-wide; adjusted staff models, and used staff and agencies; increased the use of volunteers; we increased outsourcing; we converted full-time positions to part-time positions; we did layoffs and we did early retirements; we planned cost allocation reducing employees plan costs by approximately 24 percent or \$12 million; we increased members health care costs by 91 percent, or \$11 million; members out-of-pocket expense increased by 162 percent, or are we going to save \$1.9 million; this is on health insurance, member premium increased by 25 percent for \$1.6 million; we implemented retiree premium increases 1.5 times the medical trend; we initiated working spouse program premiums surcharge, if your spouse is on the program we surcharged it; we eliminated stop-loss use with estimated savings of \$400,000; we partnered with local agencies and School Board; we implemented a pharmacy HRA; PPO changes; we established health and wellness initiatives; we adopted plans designed for co-pay increases; the action that we didn't take . . .

Barfield: Time's up.

Fisher: Yeah, sit down. Action taken to adjust the budget shortfall, cap violation improvements; we deferred capital projects and maintenance needs; we reduced County vehicle fleet by 10 percent; we decreased funding for capital outlay improvement projects; and we utilized some federal stimulus dollars that you made reference to today. We reduced operating hours here; no personal computer replacement program; we reduced training; reduced funding level for community level based organizations; reduced funding to the First Responders Program; we eliminated non-essential travel; we utilized outsourcing privatization; we reduced overall operating budget; we re-vitalized contracts; reduced janitorial and ground maintenance; then we took the debt and refinanced some commercial paper and lowered \$200,000; we refinanced utility debt to decrease debt obligation by \$1 million; we defused bonds on a lower annual debt payment for \$1.4 million; and in the process our credit rating improved with all that. Then we got innovative, and we invested in some technology; we streamlined some processes; we utilized federal funding for neighborhood stabilization programs, energy efficiency; we're leveraging opportunities; we established cooperative relationships; and partnered with municipalities and local agencies. So, when we were doing all

those cuts, and the number when we were in 2006 when the budget was \$1.6 billion, and in '12 and '13 when it went down to 939, you had to make hard decisions. She didn't make any of them, but I did.

P. Pasley: Oh, come on. (unclear)

Fisher: So, when you make, be quiet, so when you make the decisions . . .

Infantini: You're not going to start saying your false narratives, I'm not going to allow it. I'm not going to have it. That is not . . .

Fisher: Your true is not a (unclear), so at the end of the day, she never voted for a budget. I made budget, and made a lot of cuts. So when you ask me, do I sit here, and you know, when people got upset, and I heard my buddy Bill Mic, you know, he said he ain't going to do it. Well, I'm just telling you right now, I've made those hard cuts. I'm not interested in making a whole bunch of other cuts, because, you know, when you made this, it wasn't enough; and when if you make some today, to a certain group of population that sit at the Liberty Caucus and smoked filled Ron Regan Room, it ain't going to be enough for them either. They're going to always find, we think that you (unclear), so you know, I told you all when we started, we can have budget workshops, we can sit here and talk. Last year, three years, when they were in those meetings at the Ronald Regan Club, I was doing work. So, there goes the can. You all want to kick the can, kick it, I don't care. Okay, so that's . . .

Barfield: One more and you all are leaving.

Fisher: There you are, well, that's what you all are, so . . .

Barfield: Please leave.

Infantini: Okay, the lack of professionalism on this Board is absolutely appalling.

Fisher: Okay, oh yeah.

Barfield: Okay, so what it, what is the . . .

Infantini: I'm sorry, I'm leaving this meeting. The lack of decorum by you as an elected official is appalling. You can take your comments . . .

Fisher: All right, you all go back, you all (unclear) in the morning).

Barfield: What is the pleasure of the Board?

Fisher: We can kick the can. I'm good. Kick it.

Smith: Well, I can you that I am not in favor of the gas tax. So, with Trudie's vote,

that's going to kill that. So . . .

Infantini: I'm not in favor of the gas tax.

Smith: We can, we can continue that part of the discussion at the next meeting, but what I would prefer to do is just let's go down some of these ideas, if you guys have ideas, then we can talk about them at the next meeting, or we can set up a meeting that we can do that, and we can go down the list and we can say aye or nay, we're going to cut this, we're going to cut that; and at the end of the day, let's see where we are.

Barfield: Okay, so let me get this completely straight. You're going to vote against the gas tax?

Smith: Yes.

Barfield: Okay, in that case means its dead.

Fisher: It's dead. Let's go.

Barfield: So what that means it won't go to the County Commission to be voted on. It is over. You know, it's interesting to me, though we've been through, the whole year, we've been through six workshops, we've looked at everything with roads and everything else we've looked at, we've gone and had each individual director from each department come speak, gone through in detail all of the levels of where they are spending goes, where its spent, all the way to every line item. So, then we went through two public budget sessions. Those two public sessions that we had zero input from the community; and we put that in the evenings, so make sure people could be there. So, now we passed the budget, and the question was where's the money for the roads? All along when we're going through these workshops it was brought up, it was brought up about the roads, how are we going to finance the roads. So here we are, we've gone through a budget, new budget, it's approved, which means all the things we put in there we've talked about cutting was in there. We accepted that. If you're talking about cutting something, we accepted that as our priorities in this County. So now what going to, is we're saying, okay, we're not going to go with the gas tax, now we're going to go try to cut. Someone had said cut 10 percent. It's not . . . so now we're going back against what we said. We're going back against what we said in a budget, we set the budget. We approved it; and so now, all of a sudden, we have this new thing, this new thing about roads, which has been going on for years and years and years. So, I'm fine with it. We have a decision. What I was pushing for because we did not have any inkling of where we were going to have the money. The questions comes of how are we going to pay for the roads? Try the gas tax. Okay, that didn't work, since we've already approved the budget cause the money will not come until 2017. So, now what? Okay, we're going to go back and cut the things that we approved knowing that we had to take care of funding the roads. So, that's the way I see it. It makes, you know, I don't understand how else we can get there.

So, any further comments?

Anderson: Yeah, we gotta do something. So, you know, I heard a lot of people say during this . . . and, and I was leaning towards voting for the gas tax. I was very close. I was 80 percent there, because you just gotta do something. I'm going to tell you my take on this. We did . . . and I may have mentioned this in the past, there is the City of Palm Bay Commission, an appraisal to determine what the impact of improving roads in the City was. So, this is pretty applicable to the County, the numbers obviously would be different on property values, but, so I figured it out. My family drives a lot. I have an SUV, a big SUV, a gas guzzling SUV. I have a Mustang which has no gas millage, and I have a Charger, and I have a boat that it's nothing to do to spend \$60 in gas in a half day out. So, I probably spend \$300, \$400 extra in gas tax if I looked at it really with all that. I have a 16 year old son to drive and everything. We drive a lot, and we go on a lot of trips, we go a lot of places. However, I'm probably the worst case scenario for that, the high end of who would spend money on, be affected by the gas tax. The low end we figured out was somewhere between \$25 and \$35 a year, it was \$40 a year for most people. An improved road in front of your house would give you as much as a 10 percent increase on the value of your house. So, if my road . . . and I live in a portion of Palm Bay, the roads are very nice and very good, but say my road was messed up, and I'm going to (unclear) figures, and my house was valued at \$200,000. They fix the road I get a 25 percent increase. That increase is far more than I will spend in gas tax for the rest of my life; and the return on investment, to me, as a taxpayer is huge. So, if you just look at it from return on investment for the taxpayers and increase on their home values, and also from the economic standpoint for businesses, because I've heard people say, yeah, they'll spend more . . . small businesses will spend more in gas, but I can tell you that small businesses spend a lot on vehicle maintenance; and every time they bust a strut or blow a tire or bend a rim or have to do an alignment to keep this vehicle safe, there's a cost to that too, because roads are bad. So, with that said, since it looks like we won't be moving forward with the gas tax portion, we have . . . and we've been asked by the cities, let's put in on for the voters; and everybody that says they're against the gas tax, everyone I talked to said I'm in favor of letting the voters decide. So, we just need to go ahead and get that done. Get that on the next agenda, vote to put it on the ballot, and do as the people opposes the gas tax has said, almost 100 percent, I'm okay with the voters deciding, and let's do that. So at least do that and I guess we gotta go back and look . . .

Infantini: I disagree that it's 100 percent. I haven't heard anybody . . . now the circles that I travel in tend not to . . .

Anderson: Well, they can vote against it.

Infantini: Right, but (unclear) responsible government.

Anderson: But I have always been an advocate for letting the voters decide these issues, so let's do it.

Infantini: And I have not. I think that it's a wrong thing. They've elected us to make the tough decisions.

Anderson: And Commissioner Infantini, you can vote against it on the ballot. It only takes three votes to put it on. I know I've got two others on this one at least.

Infantini: I'm sure you do.

Anderson: So, we're going to do this.

Infantini: I would like to remind everybody what the sign says at the very beginning of walking into the Commission chambers. It talks about civility. The lack of civility, and you Commissioners' have agreed that you said you would never tolerate this on this Board. The person sitting to your right, Mr. Barfield, has no manners whatsoever. He has no professional etiquette, and I don't know, I don't understand how I have no redress, I have no support up here to have you not to talk to people the way you talk to them when they come up to us. It is, it's appalling your behavior. I just, I don't even understand it.

Barfield: All right.

Anderson: Can we get back to talk about roads.

Barfield: Let's talk about roads.

Infantini: Yes, his behavior is beyond talking.

Fisher: Yeah, you say anything to those people, it just make them go back (unclear)

Smith: Well, I would still like to, I would like to take, I would like to submit my recommendations for cuts and ideas and have us kick them around, and we can say yeah, Curt's really stupid or yea this will work, and so we can have, we can have probably 10, 12, 15 things, and if we agree on one, three, or 12 of them, we're going to make a statement that we are making an effort to cut where we think we can cut and if your ox, you don't want to gore your ox, and you don't want to gore your ox, and you don't want to gore yours, and I have one that I don't want to gore, then we're not going to agree on this; but there are some that we can hopefully agree on. How many votes do we need to agree, three?

Anderson: Right.

Smith: Okay, so I think that's where we start, and then let's evaluate where we are at that point and then we can go to the voters as you said, that's an option, but I think that's where we start. We start with these things. I've got a lot of

ideas from the public. I've sat down and I've talked to Stockton. I've talked to the Sheriff. I think there's some solid ideas.

Fisher: Good.

Smith: You guys may not agree, but I think that's what we owe the people.

Barfield: I think it's worth it.

Anderson: I don't mind. We go through that. We go through that process first and then.

Fisher: Something else you might want to consider, sir, is you might want to, what I thought, and I didn't realize how set the no votes were today, but you might want to consider doing three percent, three cents now and then maybe do another three cents in a couple of years, and that way you've got a gradual thing on the gas tax and do to six all the way.

Smith: For gas tax? Well, yeah that's a possibility but I would rather, I would rather do these numbers first because if we can get where we want to be with these ideas we won't need a gas tax.

Fisher: Okay.

Infantini: So, am I correct that it's not going forward on the 26th.

Barfield: Yeah, it's done.

Infantini: It's done. Maybe we could stop taking trips. I know Mary Bolin Lewis went to Singapore and New Zealand, so, and China, and so . . .

Barfield: I don't like China.

Smith: I won't even go to Lakeland next week for . . . what am I going for?

Anderson: What are you going for?

Smith: I don't even want to go to Orlando next week.

Fisher: Make sure you understand that on the 26th that you, no, it didn't you can still take a vote on the 26th if you come up with enough cuts, that you want to do it, so I wouldn't say it's not going forward.

Infantini: No. No, I think it's not coming back on the 26th because we already voted that we're not going to go forward.

Fisher: I think you need to leave your option open, but I think you ought to leave the option open.

Barfield: Well, we can always vote.

Infantini: Okay, I make the motion that what, no I can vote, they can vote to go forward but it won't go forward.

Whitten: You said they voted. They didn't vote. There's no motion.

Rosenberg: It was just a discussion.

Barfield: There's just discussion.

Infantini: There's two people and it's not going to win a vote but its already clear that it's not going to go forward because two people have said no.

Smith: That's why we're gonna take my suggestions. I hope you guys come up with some suggestions and then we go from there.

Knox: You know what? Let me make a suggestion of what you have to do anyway, if you're not going to have the hearing on this on the 26th, you have to move to cancel the public hearing on the 26th, and that will take care of it.

Barfield: Okay.

Infantini: I move to cancel the public hearing on the 26th.

Barfield: We have to move to cancel the public hearing on the 26th.

Anderson: Second.

Barfield: All in favor say Aye.

Infantini, Smith, Anderson: Aye.

Barfield: All opposed? Nay.

Fisher: Nay.

Barfield: So. Okay. It's done. That was 3:2 vote. Fisher and Barfield in objection. Okay, how are we going to get to these cuts? I mean how are we gonna look at them?

Smith: I can present them at the next meeting. Can I write up a list and disburse them to the other Commissioners?

Knox: You can.

Smith: And then when we come to the, we get to our meeting, we can discuss them?

Knox: Yes.

Smith: And we can have all of our ducks lined up, and say this is a great idea because, because, because. This is a stupid idea because, because. Okay, I'll get it done.

Barfield: Okay, Board reports. Mr. Whitten? I think that was a no report.

Infantini: I think nobody has reports, right? Anybody? Okay, thanks.

Barfield: Adjourned.