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Agenda Item No. 5(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Public Safety and Healthcare
Administration Committee

DATE: December 13, 2011

FROM: Christopher Agrippa
Division Chief, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Public Safety and Healthcare Administration Committee:

September 13, 2011

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Public Safety & Healthcare Admin Cmte

Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12) Chair; Sally A. Heyman (4) Vice Chair; Commissioners Lynda Bell (8), Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. (13), Barbara J. Jordan (1), and Javier D. Souto (10)

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Lynda Bell, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Karen Harrison, Commission Reporter, (305)375-1296*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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111748 Citizen's

Joe A. Martinez

CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION PRESENTATION BY
MICHAEL PARKER REGARDING THE MIAMI-DADE
FIREBOATS

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing citizen's presentation for the record.*

Mr. Michael Parker, 806 NE 2nd Street, appeared before the Committee and spoke in favor of continuing the Fireboat Program. He presented a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation on the County's Fireboat Program. He urged the Committee members and the Mayor to re-evaluate the County's Fireboat Program, and noted this program was eliminated due to budget constraints. Mr. Parker noted he would not recommend eliminating the only emergency response unit available because it would require the crew to work both the land and waterways. He also noted the County's Fireboat Program was ranked number one in the recreational boating community and every major port in the country had fireboats.

Mr. Parker noted that elimination of this program would result in the loss of live sand properties and present a public safety issue. In addition, he noted the United States Coast Guard no longer provided this service.

Following the Mr. Parker's presentation, Commissioner Diaz noted the funding for fireboats had already been spent; however, it was important to maintain them. He also noted he previously discussed this issue with the Deputy Mayor.

Commissioner Souto emphasized the importance for the County Commission to spearhead efforts to maintain the fireboats.

Commissioner Jordan noted she shared her colleagues concerns regarding the fireboats, noting boats were housed at the Port of Miami, and she was also concerned about the amount of traffic at the Port. She asked if it was feasible to have the Port of Miami fund the fireboat operations since the boats were housed at the Port of Miami and those services were exclusive to their location. Commissioner Jordan noted the need to focus on the safety and security of surrounding homes that were not accessible via land.

Commissioner Jordan asked Mr. Chip Iglesias, Chief of Staff/Deputy Mayor, to prepare an analysis exploring the feasibility of charging a safety and security fee to owners who reside on the shorelines that would need to services from the Fireboats including the value of fireboats and the expense for docking them. Commissioner Jordan noted she would be willing to sponsor legislation to accomplish this.

Chairman Diaz asked the Chief of Staff and the County Attorney's Office to reevaluate this proposal and to come up with a recommendation for a small surcharge fee to be imposed on boat owners to fund fireboat program.

Commissioner Heyman expressed appreciation Mayor Gimenez for scheduling a town hall meeting in County Commission District 4. She noted, for the record, she had shown her support of Fireboat Program by allocating \$15,000 from her Discretionary Funds; and by use of fireboats confiscated by the police department.

Commissioner Heyman noted she was pleased with the support from the Mayor and her colleagues, particularly considering the amount of waterfront property surrounding this community and the County investment in marine activities. She commended Deputy Mayor Hudak and Deputy Mayor Iglesias for their involvement in identifying efficiencies before eliminating the program, and noted in terms of a local option, the State Legislature was currently reviewing the Florida statutes to identify any changes that could redirect monies or solicit public/private partnerships among the five major insurance carriers that insure boats, marinas, and docks.

Commissioner Heyman noted municipal authorities within the North Dade area as well as two other municipalities had offered to provide free dockage. Before imposing additional fees on owners of waterfront properties, she urged Committee members to consider the fact that 12 cities in County Commission District 4 were donors and ranked second in paying ad valorm taxes.

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111856 Special Presentation

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

MR. BRYAN KOON, DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RE:
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Presented

Report: *Following his introduction by Chairman Diaz, Bryan Koon, Florida Division of Emergency Management Director, noted touring the State of Florida and meeting with all County Emergency Operations managers were among his top priorities. He noted he needed to better understand the challenges and capabilities. Mr. Koon said he believed Miami-Dade County's emergency management (EM) program was one of the most innovative, progressive, and proactive programs within the State of Florida and could be used as a model.*

Expounding on the impact of hurricanes and other catastrophe weather conditions, oil spills, mass migration, terrorism, population density, elderly population, culture diversity, and lacking infrastructure, Mr. Koon noted Miami-Dade County and surrounding areas deserved special attention from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). He also noted that infrastructures had been created to offset these threats.

Mr. Koon noted collaboration and consolidation of efforts and partnerships among governmental agencies increased significantly since Hurricane Andrew as well as the number of people pursuing professional careers in EM and stronger building codes were in place to decrease the amount of property damage. He commended the County Commission for investing billions of dollars in mitigation programs over the past 19 years to ensure the County was prepared in the future. He noted the following improvements were made in the County:

- Emergency management response;*
- Coordination of efforts among all governmental agencies;*
- Business relationships and preparation;*
- The ability to leverage faith-based and neighborhood partnerships; and*
- Education and citizen engagement*

Mr. Koon noted he wanted the County's "311

Program" to be referred to as a best practices model at the state level. The month of September was National Preparedness Month, which increased awareness for future emergencies, Mr. Koon noted. He noted 65 shelters had the capacity to house 92,000 people and the County had implemented a local mitigation strategy to protect life and property, and to ensure that sufficient resources were available in the event of an emergency—beyond the local capacity.

Following further comments by Chairman Diaz and Mr. Koon, Commissioner Heyman expressed concern regarding the Department of Justice's (DOJ) decision relating to evacuation of shelters and the increase in the ADA compliance requirements, which would impact the County, particularly considering public schools were used as shelters.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's comments regarding Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) related issues, Mr. Koon noted he agreed with the system requirements and was aware of the economic impact of providing shelter to anyone regardless of the circumstance. He noted the importance of collaborative efforts among all counties to develop a long-term plan to meet the requirements and ensure a regional capability. Mr. Koon noted the County's EM Directors was currently working on a document, in conjunction with representatives from the State of Florida, to provide guidance on the development, in terms of sheltering and future plans. Mr. Koon noted resources such as special cots or medical supplies had been distributed throughout the State to help counties meet ADA requirements.

Chairman Diaz welcomed Deputy Mayor Chip Iglesias, whom he noted would be working closely with members of the PSHAC.

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111865 Report

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Presented

ORAL REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S INVESTIGATION OF OUR
JAIL SYSTEM AND CORRECTIONS HEALTH SERVICES

Report: *By request of the Chair, Assistant County Attorney Robert Duvall provided a brief overview of the foregoing report, which he noted involved an investigation by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) into the County's jail system. In 2008-09, the DOJ issued a report which found that the following violations in the County jail system: Inmate overpopulation, numerous violations relating to medical and mental health issues, lack of infrastructure, and excessive force. He advised that the Mayor had recently issued a transmittal memorandum, with an attached document listing the problems identified by the DOJ, and the measures that were undertaken in response to the various issues and recommendations that were contained in the document. Mr. Duvall further noted since the time of these findings both DOJ and the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation Services was in the process of moving forward with those recommendations with anticipation of negotiations with the DOJ. He said he met with the counsel for DOJ, and a meeting was tentatively scheduled in October to review the status.*

Additionally, Assistant County Attorney Duval noted he believed substantial improvements had been made that resolved many of these issues, and the final results would be presented to this Committee. Essentially, under the state statute, the charge of the DOJ was to identify serious systemic, constitutional violations; and the DOJ could file a federal lawsuit after the prescribed deadline expired, unless all parties involved reached a consensus.

*Agenda Item 1D5 Oral Report
Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Mr. Pedro Garcia, the County's Property Appraiser, responded to concerns regarding homestead tax exemption fraud in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Garcia noted in the past six months Miami-Dade Police Department provided two agents to work with his office to expedite the inspection of property liens, and revenues from

liens on properties had increased to \$5 million per year since he was elected as Property Appraiser in 2009. He also noted the Department had met with the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the Inspector General; and they all agreed that increased fraud investigations were necessary to reduce fraud. He noted that more agents from the Miami-Dade Police Department would be trained beginning next week; and that the proposal to increase fraud investigations did not originate from his office.

Ms. Patra Liu, Assistant Inspector General, noted the Office of Inspector General's (OIG's) had been involved in the past with homestead exemption fraud investigations and some cases led to accrual prosecution, but currently not as involved although cases were referred to the Property Appraiser. She noted in 2001, OIG had fully investigated 14 fraud cases and presented them to the State Attorney's Office (SAO) for prosecution that had an estimated value of liens were approximately \$300,000. However, the cases were remanded to the Property Appraiser after the SAO failed to prosecute, Ms. Liu noted. She also noted the OIG's past involvement was reflected in a report of total and permanent disability homeowner's tax exemption fraud in 2008, which was separate from the standard homestead tax exemption, wherein 42 cases with survivors of homeowners who passed away continued to benefit from this exemption, which was also presented to the SAO for prosecution. Ms. Liu noted OIG's current involvement in referring cases to the Property Appraiser and that the OIG met with all the leaders in this County a month ago and would continue to provide assistance

Following Chairman Diaz's comments on his rationale for requesting this presentation, Mr. Miguel Exposito, Chief of Miami-Dade Police Department, noted their partnership with the Property Appraiser's Office (PAO) started in March 2011; and that two fully trained police officers worked closely with the PAO in this effort. He said additional officers would be trained to assist.

Mr. James Bernardo, a retired Police Major, appeared before the PSHAC and explained his role in the Economic Crimes Unit Pilot Program in January 2011. He noted since this program was implemented, \$750,000 had been recovered within six months. He also noted that, through the collaborative efforts of the officers in training, the

PA received approximately 4,000 complaints. Miami-Dade County was in the lead regarding the investigation of homestead exemption fraud, which had become an epidemic. He suggested the County initiate a comprehensive public campaign and give the public an opportunity to correct fraud violations without penalty.

Mr. Lazaro Solis, County Deputy Property Appraiser, concurred with Mr. Bernardo regarding the overwhelming number of fraud violators reported; however, only three of every ten cases were determined to be actual fraudulent and of those, many were determined to be unintentional.

Following further explanation by Mr. Solis, Chairman Diaz clarified that the goal was to recover the monies owed to the County as a result of homestead exemption fraud, not to prosecute offenders. He emphasized the importance for the County to launch a public awareness campaign going forward, as suggested by Mr. Solis.

Property Appraiser Garcia noted penalties could be imposed retroactively for the past ten years for homestead exemption fraud in addition to 15 percent interest per year. He noted his department had taken a direct approach to recover monies owed to the County.

In response to Commissioner Souto's question as to whether homestead exemption fraud was committed by people who rented a room or efficiency in their home, Mr. Garcia noted the amount paid to rent any area within the house should be deducted from the respective homestead exemption.

Following further comments, Commissioner Souto emphasized the need to revisit the legal constraints to eliminating fraud and other illegal activity in this community, noting some of the loss revenue to Miami-Dade County was a result of fraud. He also noted the County was becoming the nation's fraud capital growing in Medicare, Medicaid, and in banking institutions.

Discussion ensued among the Committee members regarding the Property Appraiser's, the OIG's role in assisting with fraud investigations, and law enforcement agencies roles in investigating homestead exemption fraud.

Mr. Garcia commended on the work efforts of the

Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) and other agencies that provided assistance; however, he noted the process needed to be handled carefully because most leads were from domestic complaints.

Commissioner Heyman recalled her past concerns regarding write-offs for delinquent taxes, creating years of collections based on the Florida statute. Commissioner Heyman explained her three areas of concern resulted from feedback regarding the return of the tax rolls. She described her concern with the State Attorney's Office declining to prosecute fraud cases and expressed the need to request a representative from the State Attorney's Office to appear before this Committee.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's question regarding the process, Ms. Liu noted that a 2004 Statistics Report indicated that two homestead exemption fraud cases were brought up for criminal prosecution. She noted four total and permanent disability exemption fraud cases were prosecuted in 2008. Ms. Liu stated that several cases were brought to the State Attorney's Office with open investigations; but failed to prosecute. She noted that the fully investigated cases were referred to the Property Appraisers Office.

Commissioner Heyman requested information on the State Attorney's Office's current criteria to determine whether to prosecute a fraud case, level of information required to effectuate prosecution, and rationale for failing to prosecute. She also questioned the penalties for this type of fraud and whether it impacted a homeowner's eligibility.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for pursuing homestead fraud cases.

Commissioner Heyman noted the Association of Counties that had a link to Vital Statistics that could address a pool of individuals who might unintentionally fail to make payments on the full value of their home to improve the system.

Deputy Property Appraiser Solis noted the system already had a link that automatically removed names from the homestead tax exemption list once released from the State.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry regarding who had subpoena authority, Assistant

County Attorney Sanchez noted the Inspector General (OIG), MDPD, and State Attorney's Office had the power to serve subpoenas; however, in this case it would be the OIG.

Ms. Liu noted that the OIG had offered assistance in serving subpoenas and she believed the MDPD officers had obtained information by using the subpoena power of the State Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Heyman asked whether the Property Appraiser's Office could work directly with the OIG for assistance, in an effort to shorten the process

Following discussion, Commissioner Bell recommended a three-way partnership be established between the Property Appraiser, OIG, and MDPD. She expressed disappointment in the State Attorney's Office's decision to decline prosecuting individuals who intentionally committed homestead exemption tax fraud. Commissioner Bell noted residents should be informed that they could access the 311 Call Center to report suspected homestead tax exemption fraud. She referenced her conversation with the Mayor regarding the ability to install a toll free number for reporting fraud as a way to resolve this issue.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding the total number of cases the State Attorney's Office failure to prosecute, Ms. Liu noted that in 2009, approximately eight cases were formally submitted to the State Attorney's Office for assignment of an investigative case number. She advised that the end result was a receipt of a close-out declination number.

Commissioner Jordan noted that the State Attorney's Office would have moved forward if these cases were valid for prosecution. She noted she concurred with the Property Appraiser's explanation that extenuating circumstances had occurred, considering the small number of cases

Commissioner Jordan commended the Property Appraiser for reviewing the entire perspective of each case rather than viewing it as a law enforcement case. She noted the need to carefully identify and address intentional violations of fraud in order to recover the County's revenue.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding a timeframe for homeowners to re-

certify their homestead exemption, Mr. Garcia noted the deadline was March 1st.

Discussion ensued among Committee members regarding the process for homeowners to re-certify the homestead exemption, and the approximate 10,000 letters received by the Property Appraiser's Office regarding senior exemptions.

Mr. Garcia explained that the annual recertification requirement applied to senior citizens once the homeowner had been certified.

Commissioner Jordan noted that predominant homestead exemption fraud involved cases in which the qualifier was deceased and recertification was not required. She noted that an annual or three-year recertification requirement would severely reduce the number of fraud occurrences.

Mr. Solis noted that, in the past, the Board decided to automatically renew the existing 442,000 homestead exemptions, in accordance with State Statute. He noted that, if this process was reversed, each homeowner would have to reapply annually, which would require additional staff to process.

Commissioner Jordan noted that requiring each homeowner to recertify his/her homestead exemption by signing a confirmation that residency status was unchanged, would reverse the process.

Mr. Solis advised that the automatic renewal of the homestead exemption required no action, in an effort to make the process simple; however, the senior exemption form had to be signed and returned annually. He noted that there were approximately 50,000 active senior homestead exemptions and that this would be a timely process and the added expense of following up with certified letters if the forms were not returned.

Mr. Solis agreed with Commissioner Jordan's comment that these changes would also be in violation of state law; however, without discussing it with the County Attorney, he believed the current statute read, once the automatic renewal

was received, property owners should send in a notification when they no longer qualified for homestead exemption. Prior to this, a courtesy renewal notice was mailed to provide a verification method along with a warning of severe penalties of committing fraud and violating the law. He offered samples forms to Committee members for review and possible revisions, pointing out that certain specific terms were required by law.

Assistant County Attorney Tom Logue concurred with Mr. Solis' comments that this matter was dependent on state law. He noted he would have to look at the statute to identify a way to balance this approach. Reiterating that the County did opt to continue to automatically renew the exemptions; he noted he believed the state statute did not provide the type of middle ground being suggested today. Mr. Logue advised that a request to amend the statute could be submitted.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry as to whether this Board had a choice, Mr. Solis noted the automatic renewal of the homestead exemption was adopted by the Board and, according to the state statute, was binding. He noted that a couple of items were recently presented to the Board with similar exemptions wherein the provision in the statute allowed an automatic renewal. Mr. Solis noted this would not prevent the County Property Appraiser's Office's audit function, which he believed was part of this discussion on how to track violations and ensure compliance.

Assistant County Attorney Logue asked that he be allowed to review this matter and come back with confirmation on this information.

Commissioner Jordan asked what the ramifications would be if the County voted to terminate automatic renewals of the homestead exemptions.

Commissioner Souto noted the different types of fraud presented a clear and a serious case in this County that related to the law. He noted the need to send a message to the public to stop fraud in Miami-Dade County.

In response to Commissioner Bovo's inquiry regarding the percentage of possible fraudulent activity, Property Appraiser Garcia noted he believed that 35 percent out of 3,500 leads received involved true homestead fraudulent

activity. He noted that every person identified as having committed fraud was penalized 50 percent per year, which could cover up to 10 years.

Commissioner Bovo concurred with Commissioner Souto's comments regarding compliance with the law. He noted that he was mindful of certain fraud cases that were unintentional; however, if issues were examined to ensure people were aware, it would be necessary to proceed aggressively.

Chairman Diaz asked Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez to contact the State Attorney and asked that she send a representative or a letter to the October 25, 2011 PSHAC meeting regarding the status of efforts to investigate homestead exemption fraud.

Chairman Diaz noted that a resolution was forthcoming at the next County Commission meeting requesting the Mayor or his designee to provide more information, toll free numbers accessible to the community, and to help facilitate this matter.

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111922 Report

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Presented

ORAL REPORT BY THE MAYOR/OR MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REGARDING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FRAUD IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

1E

PUBLIC HEARING

1E1

111170 Ordinance Audrey M. Edmonson,

Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez
ORDINANCE CREATING A TASK FORCE ON SCRAP
METAL AND COPPER WIRE THEFT TO FORMULATE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS ON ENFORCEMENT OF
ORDINANCES REGULATING JUNK DEALERS AND
SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS, PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS, EDUCATION OF BUSINESSES AND
THE COMMUNITY ON THE EFFECT OF SUCH
ORDINANCES, AND THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL
SALES OF REGULATED AND RESTRICTED
REGULATED METALS

Withdrawn

Report: SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE No. 111900

1E1 SUB.

111900 Ordinance Audrey M. Edmonson,

Lynda Bell, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Sally
A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Sen.
Javier D. Souto

ORDINANCE CREATING A TASK FORCE ON SCRAP
METAL AND COPPER WIRE THEFT TO FORMULATE
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AMENDMENTS, EDUCATION OF BUSINESSES AND
THE COMMUNITY ON THE EFFECT OF SUCH
ORDINANCES, AND THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL
SALES OF REGULATED AND RESTRICTED
REGULATED METALS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER
FILE NO. 111170]

Amended

Report: SEE LEGISLATIVE FILE No. 111954

1E1 Amended

111954 Ordinance

Audrey M. Edmonson,

Lynda Bell, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Sally
A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Rebeca

Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Jean Monestime

ORDINANCE CREATING A TASK FORCE ON SCRAP
METAL AND COPPER WIRE THEFT TO FORMULATE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY
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ORDINANCES REGULATING JUNK DEALERS AND
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AMENDMENTS, EDUCATION OF BUSINESSES AND
THE COMMUNITY ON THE EFFECT OF SUCH
ORDINANCES, AND THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL
SALES OF REGULATED AND RESTRICTED
REGULATED METALS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER
FILE NOS. 111170 AND 111900]

*Forwarded with a favorable
recommendation as amended*

Mover: Bell

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed ordinances into the record. He noted an amendment of this proposed ordinance was submitted by Commissioner Edmonson as prime sponsor.*

Assistant County Attorney Sanchez noted that Chairman Diaz requested to be listed as co-sponsor for this item.

Assistant County Attorney Henry Gillman read the amendment of the proposed ordinance into the record located on Section #2 on handwritten page 6.

Chairman Diaz opened the public hearing and called for persons wishing to appear before the Committee in connection with this proposed ordinance. After hearing no one wishing to speak, Chairman Diaz closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed ordinance be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell, and the floor was opened for discussion.

Commissioner Souto requested to be listed as a co-sponsor for this item.

Commissioner Bell noted that she supported the proposed ordinance, but she was concerned about the representation of the County as outlined in the proposal because it did not include the Southern part of the County, particularly Homestead.

Commissioner Edmonson, as prime sponsor, noted she would accept Commissioner Bell's comments concerning the need to reflect South Dade areas in this proposed ordinance as a friendly amendment.

Commissioners Bovo and Bell requested to be listed as co-sponsors.

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as amended.

1E1 SUB. SUPP.

111926 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE: SCRAP METAL
AND COPPER WIRE THEFT TASK FORCE

Report Received

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

111783 Resolution

Joe A. Martinez,

**Sally A. Heyman, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Bruno
A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK IN
DECEMBER AS "MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AIDS
AWARENESS WEEK"

*Forwarded with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Bell

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Bovo, Jr.

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the title of the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Souto requested to be a co-sponsor for the foregoing item.

Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee members proceeded to vote.

2B

111848 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto,
Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Rebeca Sosa, Dennis
C. Moss, Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS
OF THE MEMBERS OF NAVY SEAL TEAM SHOT DOWN
IN AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 6, 2011

*Forwarded with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Bell

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Bovo, Jr.

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read
the title of the foregoing proposed resolution into
the record.*

*Hearing no comments or questions, the Committee
members proceeded to vote.*

3 DEPARTMENT

4 COUNTY ATTORNEY

5 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6 REPORT

6A

111808 Report

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

FEASIBILITY REPORT OF JMH OPERATING
FREESTANDING PROVIDER

Report Received

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the title of the foregoing reports into the record.*

Mr. Carlos Migoya, CEO, and Mr. Mark Knight, Chief Financial Officer, Jackson Health Systems (JHS), appeared before this Committee and presented the foregoing reports.

Mr. Knight provided an overview of the written response forwarded to Commissioner Jordan regarding an analysis on whether Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) should operate with a single or consolidated provider number for federal reimbursement. He noted the findings reflected that it would be more financially beneficial for JHS to file as a consolidated entity, which meant one provider number assigned to the South and Main location of JMH in addition to reimbursement benefits for Medicare and Medicaid, and other governmental reimbursement programs.

Commissioner Heyman asked Carlos Migoya, CEO, Jackson Health System (JHS) to provide a monthly update regarding the application of the pilot program entitled "User Access Program" (UAP) to JHS Procurement Department; and to look at the feasibility of consolidating the Procurement Department with the County in order to receive county benefits in purchasing. She also requested an update on the ongoing negotiations with Miami International Airport (MIA) regarding placing medical clinic sites within MIA.

Commissioner Heyman commented on the inmate healthcare related issue, noting that the true costs or assets were not identified. She noted she believed this matter should be under the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, rather than JHS. She also noted that JHS has been maintaining a financial obligation to supervise the JMH personnel, and there was a fugitive healthcare cost totaling \$350,000 for inmates who were federal fugitives. Commissioner Heyman inquired on the County's obligations other than providing healthcare to inmates in order to recover funds used in providing medical assistance for both state, and federal, under

corrections.

Commissioner Heyman also requested that a report be prepared on the status of inmate healthcare for the next PSHA Committee meeting and to include a list of people who could offer assistance in changing the process, or reducing the number of hours of overtime in the Corrections & Rehabilitation Department.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's comments on bills forwarded to JMH that was a result of inmates who were sent to other hospitals by the Corrections & Rehabilitation Department, Ms. Alina Hudak noted the payment of those bills were allocated from the General Funds Budget.

Commissioner Bell commended the work efforts of JHS and the Public Health Trust, and she noted the improvement was visible.

Mr. Carlos Migoya commented on the work efforts made to move forward and he assured the Board members they would receive updated information on JMH in advance.

6B

111839 Report

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

JACKSON FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Report Received

7 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the PSHAC, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.*