



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Board of County Commissioners
Committee of the Whole**

Board of County Commissioners
Stephen P. Clark Government Center
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Thursday, September 10, 2009
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**CLERKS SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole in the County Commission Chambers on the Second Floor of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW First Street, Miami, Florida at 1:00 p.m., September 10, 2009, there being present upon roll call: Chairman Moss, and Commissioners Bruno Barreiro, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin D. Rolle, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa and Javier Souto; (Commissioners Audrey Edmonson, Natacha Seijas, Carlos Gimenez and Jose "Pepe" Diaz were late); (Commissioners Joe Martinez and Sally Heyman were absent). The following staff members were present: Mayor Carlos Alvarez, County Manager George Burgess, County Attorney Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney James Kracht, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM) Director Jennifer Glazer-Moon; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jill Thornton.

Chairman Moss opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Moss noted today's Committee of the Whole meeting was being convened to continue discussions on issues relating to the County's proposed FY 2009-10 Budget. He also noted that additional meetings may be necessary in order to reach consensus before the September 17th Budget Hearing. Chairman Moss advised of today's procedures, and of his intentions to complete discussions pertaining to the budget cuts and restorations proposed by each Commissioner, to determine some justifiable numbers for those recommendations and to discuss those numbers not agreed on by the Administration and Commission Auditor. He opened the floor for opening statements from individual commissioners.

Commissioner Sorenson recommended the Board begin today's discussions by considering the \$17 million difference between the Mayor's budget proposed and the proposed budget with millage rates set by the Commission at the 1st Budget Hearing (09/03); decide how much of the \$17 million should remain in reserves, and then consider each Commissioner's recommendations for reductions and buybacks to balance the budget and have those numbers verified by the Administration and the Commission Auditor.

Commissioner Jordan suggested the Board move this process forward by narrowing down the priorities and having each commissioner state their recommended cuts or buybacks for the Board to vote them up or down. She noted staff was supposed to vet many of the commissioners' recommendations and advise the Board of their impact.

Commissioner Barreiro noted at the last BCC meeting, he recommended some substantial cuts that would allow the Commission to restore funding for Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Culture and Elderly programs and other areas. He stated he felt the Board should determine the needed cuts. He recommended that culture and elderly services be restored as a priority, and that the Independent Review Panel (IRP) be restored to some level, if not completely. Commissioner Barreiro asked the County Administration to provide him with a

report within the next week reflecting the figures corresponding to the cuts he recommended for various county departments.

Chairman Moss noted he hoped the Administration and the Commission Auditor had reviewed and quantified the recommendations of each commissioner so that the Board could consider implementing those savings. He reiterated comments stated by Commissioner Jordan that the Board needed to determine the priorities and decide the funding sources using the Mayor's proposed budget as a starting point. Chairman Moss explained that at the last Committee of the Whole meeting (09/08), he requested the Administration and the Commission Auditor review together the recommendations of each commissioner and assign a value to them in order to shorten this process. He noted the Board would then discuss those recommendations not agreed on by the Administration and the Auditor.

Commissioner Seijas noted she was unable to attend the September 8th Committee of the Whole meeting because she was attending a meeting of the Early Learning Coalition, which she noted succeeded in retaining \$156 million for the children. Regarding funding reserves, she noted she understood that Wall Street ratings were needed to preserve the County's reserves. She asked the County Manager if a 5% interest rate was sufficient to maintain the reserves.

County Manager George Burgess noted the preferred rate was somewhere between 5% and 7%, and 5% was certainly a good rate; however, the County was currently below that rate.

Commissioner Seijas recommended the Manager consider reducing every County Department supported by the Countywide and the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) General Fund by a fixed percentage or perhaps the proposed 5% as the most equitable way to restore the reserves. Referencing Appendix K of the Human Service Budget Project, page 620, Commissioner Seijas suggested the Board and/or the County Manager consider recapturing the \$8 million plus funds designated for Community Service Intake/Treatment and Alternative Treatments for Street Crime, and redistributing those funds among the Elderly Care services.

Commissioner Sosa expressed appreciation to the County Mayor, Manager and the Administration for responding to her requests for informational reports. She noted she requested a budget presentation that combined the Commissioners' proposed recommendations with the following scenarios: 70% restoration of cuts or 75% restoration of cuts with 100% elderly services restored. She acknowledged receiving reports from the Administration indicating the cost savings using salary scale and furlough options, and noted she would be prepared to make some decisions as soon as a budget presentation was provided with the requested scenarios.

County Manager George Burgess noted staff worked through last evening on an array of requests made by Commissioners, and hoped to provide that information by this afternoon if not sooner. He noted he wanted to ensure the report presented by staff was one that staff could defend.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she had previously submitted her recommendations in writing, and requested staff look at the savings that could be achieved by reducing county departmental advertisements aired on major television networks during prime time, particularly the 311 Call

Center, which she recently saw advertised several times on major networks during prime time. She said she was waiting to see the 'cost savings' figures that could be realized by eliminating or reducing county department advertisements.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he proposed some additional recommendations, of which some would capture the additional capacity of libraries. He suggested that educational programs such as the 4-H Club and after-school programs be transferred from the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation's Budget to the Miami-Dade Library's District Budget, and that Miami-Dade Library provide CBOs with grants for providing educational programs within the Library District. He pointed out the services of Miami-Dade Libraries would not need to be reduced as a result of its additional capacity. Commissioner Gimenez further noted he was prepared today to consider a list of proposed reductions and restorations vetted by the Commission Auditor and the Administration; however, he was advised by the Commission Auditor that he had not received the list yet. Commissioner Gimenez suggested postponing today's meeting until tomorrow (09/11) in order for the list to be completed and vetted.

Commissioner Souto pointed out that this process of balancing the budget was a difficult exercise and likened to sailing uncharted waters, since the County had never been confronted with the inability to raise taxes. He noted he did not see a happy future. He also noted that he had not seen or heard from any of the Collective Bargaining Unions in this process and would like their input. He said he believed that unless the unions were actively involved in this process and working with the County to find solutions, the Board could face problems in the future and might regret its actions.

Commissioner Diaz noted he believed this was a complex process for all parties involved that should not be taken lightly. He also noted he believed the County was facing a crisis that was worldwide and basically left with two choices: either to negotiate with the unions and employees to accept lower wages, or to cut jobs and/or services and programs. He stated that no one knows better than the Administration, the department directors and the employees which cuts should be made, and all should work with the Commission to facilitate this process. Commissioner Diaz noted although he respected the will of the voters who did not want their taxes raised, he did not want to increase unemployment by reducing jobs or services as law enforcement, public safety and fire services; however, the Commission had a fiscal responsibility to reduce \$444 million from the County's budget. He also noted he supported the creation of a Budget and Policy Office that mirrored the State and Federal Governments' because he expected continual financial hardships in the future.

Commissioner Diaz further noted his respect for the unions, but expressed concern with a phone call he received from a union member that he considered offensive, and clarified to the unions that he represented the entire community. Commissioner Diaz mentioned that many constituents who paid county employee salaries through taxes were also losing their jobs and homes. He suggested the County mirror the actions of a business in District 12 whose employees took a voluntary pay cut just to keep its business doors opened. Commissioner Diaz advised that he could not be present at tomorrow's (9/11) Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Sosa noted usually when the Commissioners request information from the Administration, they receive it in writing. She expressed concern with the role of the Commission Auditor, and with the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) not performing to its fullest extent. Commissioner Sosa asked the Commission Auditor to prepare a written report identifying the recommendations of the Board members and the impact of restoring or cutting services using the various scenarios requested. She also asked the Commission Auditor to provide his expert opinion on the budget adjustments.

Chairman Moss explained his reason for requesting the Administration and the Commission Auditor to vet the numbers together was to have some continuity in this process and give the Board members confidence in the numbers. He reiterated the process was to have the Administration and Auditor agree on some figures and the Commission to discuss those numbers not agreed on.

Commissioner Gimenez concurred with Chairman Moss' comments. He noted the Board needed to consider recommendations with real numbers that both the Administration and Auditor agreed on in order to make some policy decisions. He asked how long would it take for the Administration and Auditor to provide those figures.

Mayor Carlos Alvarez noted the Administration had prepared a draft of its report using a detailed list prepared by Commissioner Sosa of recommendations made by the Commissioners at the last meeting (09/08). He also noted he asked the County Manager to review the final draft and ensure the numbers in the report were accurate before submitting it.

Chairman Moss pointed out that the numbers in this report still needed to be reviewed and verified by the Commission Auditor. He stated his desire was to have the Administration and the Commission Auditor review the recommendations together and agree on some figures in order to shorten the process and allow the Board to begin making some policy decisions on those issues; however, he believed this process had not occurred yet, and the Auditor had not been given the opportunity to respond to the Administration's report and make his recommendations for building a budget.

Mayor Alvarez noted the Administration prepared its report, but he was unaware of the status of the Commission Auditor's report, which the Administration needed to vet the numbers.

Chairman Moss pointed out that at some point in time, the Administration and the Auditor would need to combine their reports.

Following further discussion, Commission Auditor Charles Anderson clarified he indicated to Commissioner Gimenez that his office had not officially received the Administration's report. He noted he had already begun the vetting process by meeting with OSBM Director Jennifer Glazer-Moon and her staff to review each line-item together, but he still needed to review the list prepared by the Administration of each commissioners' proposals in order to vet those numbers and determine the service impacts. He noted he could not complete this process until he had a dialogue with the Administration and OSBM staff.

Commissioner Seijas stated she was unable to attend the last meeting and felt it was unfair that she had not received any calls or reports from the OCA. She asked how long would it take for the OCA to provide this information.

Mr. Anderson responded that as soon as he received and reviewed the Administration's report, he could provide his report, hopefully, by tomorrow.

Commissioner Jordan noted that this dialogue had become extremely difficult to listen to, and that finger pointing would not accomplish much in this process. She reminded everyone of the process that took nearly one year to hire the OCA staff. She pointed out the information needed by the Commission Auditor to vet the items must come from the Budget Office. She suggested the Board move forward today by considering recommended cuts and priorities instead of arguing the reports. She stated she was hopeful the Administration's report would be provided to the Commission Auditor soon so that he could complete his work.

Commissioner Rolle expressed concern with the Commission Auditor being fully blamed for the delay in this process at this late date. He noted he felt it was a waste of time for Board members to convene before the September 17th Budget Hearing unless the full Board was going to consider some proposals.

Chairman Moss explained his reason for calling all these meetings and requesting the Administration and the Commission Auditor to agree on some real numbers was to prevent disorder at the September 17th Budget Hearing. He noted the Board needed to know the real costs and savings relative to the proposed recommendations in order to have some dialogue and make policy decisions, which he had hoped would occur today.

Commissioner Sorenson suggested the Board proceed by considering those items listed on pages 47 through 62 in Volume I of the Budget Book, which were values presented during the Budget Conference Committees and agreed on by the County Manager and the Commission Auditor. She proposed to cut \$878,000 from the International Trade Consortium and redistribute those funds to the Elderly Meals, which she felt was a tangible proposal.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would support Commissioner Diaz proposal to create a Budget and Policy Office, when the motion was made. She noted she felt that placing OSBM under the jurisdiction of the County Commission next year would resolve the issues between the Administration and the Commission Auditor. She said she felt the Board lacked sufficient information to proceed today and should recess this meeting to allow time for the OSBM and the Commission Auditor to agree on some real numbers.

Commissioner Diaz said he felt an argument had been made to establish a Budget and Policy Office based on today's sentiments. He voiced his respect for the Commission Auditor and expressed concern regarding the issues between the Auditor and the Administration. He noted he was not blaming anyone, but jobs were on the line and he wanted the numbers verified before casting his votes.

Mayor Alvarez expressed concern with commissioners questioning the numbers provided by the OSBM Budget Director and her staff, and wanting to place OSBM under the Commission's jurisdiction. He noted he was happy to proceed with discussing the numbers agreed on as suggested by Commissioner Sorenson, and to meet with the Commission Auditor to vet the numbers not agreed on, but felt it was unfair for Board members to attack the professionalism of the Administration and OSBM's staff who worked very hard to complete this report late last night.

Commissioner Diaz clarified that he had great respect for the Budget Director and that his comments were not intended to be a personal attack against her or OSBM's staff, but that he had heard the Commission Auditor had not received OSBM's report yet and he only wanted the numbers verified. He also clarified that his proposal for a Budget and Policy Office would not take away from any of the County Administration's duties.

Chairman Moss noted he felt that this discussion was no longer productive, and that this meeting should be adjourned for the Administration and the Commission Auditor to vet the numbers together and come back with a joint report that would put the Commission in a better position to make some policy decisions.

Commissioner Gimenez concurred with Chairman Moss's comments and felt it was important to follow the Chairs' lead, which would make this process more efficient. He noted this process needed to be completed regardless of the number of meetings needed to do so. Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that a Change Memorandum needed to be submitted by the September 17th Budget Hearing.

Chairman Moss inquired whether the Board preferred to continue today's meeting to tomorrow (9/11) or meet as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, September 14, 2009.

Commissioner Seijas advised that she could not be present at tomorrow's (9/11) meeting.

Commissioner Diaz noted he preferred to conduct a Committee of the Whole meeting on September 15th, 2009, the same day as the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regular meeting. He asked if the September 15th Regular BCC meeting agenda contained any "must pass" items.

County Manager Burgess noted he believed the September 15th BCC agenda included two time-sensitive items: one pertaining to a line of credit for the Seaport Tunnel, and the second pertaining to a financing item that involved a recommendation to replace the bond insurer. He advised that the Board needed to take action on the Seaport Tunnel line of credit item by the end of this month. Mr. Burgess also noted the September 15th BCC agenda contained three bargaining union impasse items as well.

Commissioner Diaz suggested the Board consider only those five items on Tuesday (9/11), followed by a Committee of the Whole meeting, and that the remainder of the BCC agenda be carried over to the next BCC meeting.

Chairman Moss asked that the Administration proceed with the agenda review for the September 15th BCC regular meeting and meet with him to discuss the "must pass" items. He noted, if needed, the Board would consider the must pass items on Tuesday (9/15) and devote the remainder of the day to the Committee of the Whole meeting. He directed a question to the County Attorney regarding whether a Committee of the Whole meeting could be scheduled as part of a Regular BCC meeting.

County Attorney Robert Cuevas advised that a Committee of the Whole could not be scheduled as part of a Regular BCC meeting, and its actions should be separate.

Commissioner Sosa reminded Board members of the Executive Meeting that was continued to Monday, September 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., and the Zoning meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009.

Chairman Moss advised that the September 17th Zoning meeting was canceled.

In response to Commissioner Seijas' inquiry regarding whether the Board could defer action on the three union impasse items to the next BCC meeting, County Attorney Cuevas affirmed that those items could be deferred and set on whatever date the Commission desired to consider them.

In response to Chairman Moss' inquiry regarding whether the union impasse items would have an impact on the Board's actions at the September 17th Budget Hearing, Mayor Alvarez noted he believed the Commission would want to know the outcome of the impasse items before the September 17th Budget Hearing.

Chairman Moss asked the Administration to meet with his office to discuss the "must pass" items. He reiterated his request for the Administration and the Commission Auditor to get together and vet the numbers pertaining to the recommendations and provide this Board with a joint report by the September 15th Committee of the Whole meeting.

In response to Mayor Alvarez' request for clarification, Chairman Moss affirmed that the items to be discussed between the Commission Auditor and the Budget Director were the recommendations of each Commissioner. He advised that tomorrow's (9/11) Committee of the Whole meeting would be cancelled.

Commissioner Sorenson recommended her colleagues review pages 62 through 74 of Volume I of the Budget Book, which contained items with numbers agreed on, and be prepared on Tuesday (9/11) to cast straw votes on needed cuts or buybacks.

Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that all the budget cuts listed on pages 62 through 74, Volume I of the Budget Book, were part of the Mayor's proposed budget.

Commissioner Jordan commented that she believed Commissioner Sorenson requested the Administration make some recommendations on the additional \$17 million budget gap. She noted the Board began discussing the list of priorities and agreed that elderly services should be

restored. She pointed out the amount needed for elderly services was approximately \$17 million, including the Meals on Wheels program. Additionally, Commissioner Jordan noted she would like to conduct a Sunshine meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 with Commissioners Sosa, Diaz, Seijas and any other interested parties to discuss the Head Start Program, immediately following the Executive Meeting. She noted she found another way in which to fund this program without using county resources.

Responding to Commission Diaz' inquiry regarding whether the Board needed to make a motion to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, County Attorney Cuevas advised that it was not necessary for the Board to make a motion to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday (9/15), but the meeting should be scheduled immediately following the BCC Regular meeting, and its date and time should be confirmed with the Clerk and properly advertised.

Chairman Moss cautioned everyone that the focus of the budget process and its issues should not be on the Administration or the Commission Auditor, but on the Board's decisions to cut or restore services. He expressed appreciation to his Colleagues, the Mayor and the Administration for being present at today's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.



Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners



REGULAR MEETING
Board of County Commissioners
September 10, 2009

Prepared by: Jill Thornton

EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	09/10/2009		Order of the Day
2	09/10/2009		Memo from Commissioner Sosa explaining her absence from today's BCC Committee of the Whole meeting
3	09/10/2009		Memo from Commissioner Heyman explaining her absence from today's BCC Committee of the Whole meeting
4	09/10/2009		Memo from Commissioner Martinez explaining his absence from today's BCC Committee of the Whole meeting
5	09/10/2009		Memo from Commissioner Gimenez regarding a Discussion of CORF
6	09/10/2009		Memo from Commissioner Gimenez re: his 2009/2010 Budget Recommendations
7	09/15/2009		Memo from Chairman Moss re: Recap of September 15, 2009 Straw Votes
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**Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
ORDER OF THE DAY
Committee of the Whole
Thursday, September 10, 2009**

EXHIBIT

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SEP 10 2009

Committee of the Whole

2:00 pm

Call to Order

Roll Call

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman's Opening Statement

**Board of County Commissioners Members
Opening Remarks**

**FY 2009/10 Budget Priorities Proposed
Recommendations**

Adjournment



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Committee of Whole

**MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
District 6**

TO: The Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members of the Board of County
Commissioners

DATE: September 9, 2009

FROM: The Honorable Rebeca Sosa
Commissioner, District 6

SUBJECT: Absence from Committee of the Whole
Meeting

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Committee of the Whole Meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2009, due to a previous commitment. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

CLERK OF THE BOARD
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MIRIAM M. GONZALEZ, CLERK

cc: The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Denis Morales, Chief of Staff, Mayor Carlos Alvarez
George Burgess, County Manager
Robert Cuevas, County Attorney
Diane Collins, Clerk of the Board
Diane Davis, Agenda Coordinator



MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONER SALLY A. HEYMAN
DISTRICT 4

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Committee of Whole

TO: The Honorable Chairman Dennis
C. Moss and Members of the
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 9, 2009

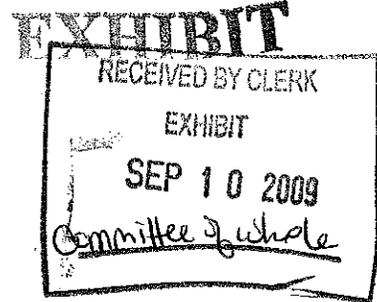
FROM: Sally A. Heyman
Commissioner
District 4

SUBJECT: Absence from Committee of the Whole
Meetings and the Executive Session on the
Budget

I regret I cannot be at the recently called Committee of the Whole Meetings, scheduled for September 10 -11, 2009 or the Executive Session meeting scheduled for September 10, 2009. An out of town commitment, twice postponed for county business (baseball and budget meetings) was confirmed for this week, between budget hearings.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Cc: Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
George Burgess, County Manager
Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Special Assistant/Director OSBM
R. A. Cuevas, County Attorney
Abigail Price-Williams, First Assistant County Attorney
Honorable Pedro J. Garcia, Property Appraiser
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor
Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk of the Board
Diane Collins, Acting Division Chief



JOE A. MARTINEZ
MIAMI DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 11

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: Commissioner Joe A. Martinez 

Date: September 8, 2009

Re: Thursday, September 10, 2009, Budget Meeting

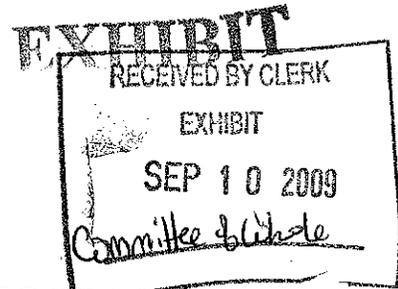
Due to the meeting of the Budget Conference Committee of the Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee on Friday, September 11, 2009, I rescheduled my prior commitments for Thursday, September 10, 2009. Unfortunately, this is now in conflict with the decisions made at today's Committee of the Whole. As such, I will be unable to attend the Budget meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009.

I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

cc: Carlos Alvarez, County Mayor
George Burgess, County Manager
R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
Diane Collins, Clerk of the Board

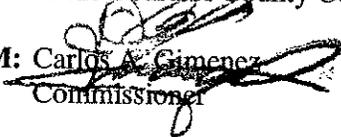


MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONER CARLOS A. GIMENEZ
DISTRICT 7
Memorandum



TO: Honorable Dennis C. Moss and Members
of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 9, 2009

FROM: 
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Discussion of CORF

I would like to request that the Committee of the Whole have a discussion item for Friday, September 11, 2009 to have a full and open discussion on the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund (CORF).

The Commission Auditor has been able to identify roughly \$17 million of projects where construction has not yet commenced. I would like for the Committee to have the Administration clearly explain and identify the funding sources of each project delineated in next year's budget; explain and identify the funding sources of each debt service payment delineated in next year's budget, and evaluate the Administration priority of projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

c: R.A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
Alina T. Hudak, Assistant County Manager
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor
Diane Collins, Clerk of the Board



MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONER CARLOS A. GIMENEZ
DISTRICT 7
Memorandum

TO: Charles Anderson
 Commission Auditor

DATE: September 9, 2009

FROM: *Carlos A. Gimenez*
 Commissioner

SUBJECT: 2009/2010 Budget Recommendations

On September 3rd, the Board of County Commissioners passed preliminary millage rates that are the same as last year's rates. This requires the Board to find an additional \$17.368 million of reductions in the Countywide General Fund (CWGF) from the Mayor's proposed budget.

Millage Rates	LAST YEAR 2008-2009	MAYOR 2009-2010	BCC PROPOSED 2009-2010
CW	4.8379	4.9201	4.8379
MDFR	2.1851	2.1847	2.1851
LIB	0.3822	0.2570	0.3822
UMSA	2.0083	2.0083	2.0083
CW Debt	0.2850	0.3900	0.2850
MDFR Debt	0.0420	0.0420	0.0420
TOTAL MILLAGE	9.7405	9.8021	9.7405

We have been reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget for weeks and have identified adjustments that not only maintain last year's rates, but just as importantly, preserve public safety and restore essential services to seniors. These alternatives use the Mayor's proposed budget as its base, but changes priorities in regards to reductions and enhancements.

COUNTYWIDE

- Commissioners' budgets should be reduced by 15%, which is an additional 5% cut from the Mayor's proposed 10% reduction. This would yield an additional savings of \$906,000, with \$643,000 from the CWGF and \$263,000 from the UMSA GF.
- County Attorney's Office should also reduce their budget by 15%, which is another 5% from the Mayor's proposed 10% reduction. This would generate another \$652,000 in savings for the CWGF and \$266,000 for the UMSA GF.
- County Executive Office should reduce their overall budget by 25% (10% proposed + additional 15%), recapturing a total of \$1.119 million in total with \$851,000 from the CW GF and \$348,000 from the UMSA GF.
- Executive Benefits total approximately \$5.8 million. All executive benefits should be reduced by 20%, elected officials included. Recipients should be given the ability to decide how to distribute their reduced amount. This reduction would generate overall savings of \$1.16 million. Fifty percent, or \$580,000 would be to the CWGF.
- Executives and high paid employees earning more than \$100,000 should have higher reductions. For those earning between \$100,000 and \$150,000, the salary reduction should be 7.5% (5% proposed reduction + additional 2.5%). For those earning between \$150,000 and \$250,000, the reduction should be 10% (5% + additional 5%), and for those higher than \$250,000, the reduction should be 15% (5% + additional 10%). These reductions should result in an *additional* \$7.8 million in savings. The assumption is that 50% is to the CWGF and 50% is to the other tax funds and proprietary departments. Therefore, \$3.9 million is restored to CWGF.
- The General Services Administration (GSA) has \$6.177 million budgeted for "Replacement Vehicle Purchases" (volume 2, page 172). GSA has been unable, or unwilling, to provide details despite numerous requests for more specific information about *which* departments need *what* vehicles. \$5 million should be cut from this line item leaving \$1.177 million to be expended at the Mayor's discretion. Using the same assumption as in the previous paragraph, 50% of the \$5 million savings, or \$2.5 million, should be to the CWGF. However, if the monies are in a Vehicle Replacement Trust, then departments should not have to pay into this fund for the coming year.
- Miami-Dade County currently has approximately 5,800 cellular phones at an annual cost between \$3.8 million to \$4.1 million. The number of phones should be reduced to 5000, and those employees should be provided with a flat \$40 monthly stipend only. That would reduce the yearly cost of phones to \$2.4 million and eliminate the need for staff to administer the phones. This would yield savings of at least \$1.4 million. Again, 50% of the savings, or \$700,000 would be to the CWGF.
- Tuition Reimbursement Program should be suspended. The program has a cost of approximately \$1.739 million. This should be reduced to \$539,000 for this year to provide funding to those employees who registered for the current semester based on the program. This would provide overall savings of \$1.2 million of which 50%, or \$600,000, would be to the CWGF.

- Based on information provided by the Administration, there is budgeted approximately \$3.114 million for GF departments Travel and another \$1.270 million for Publications, Subscriptions, and Memberships for GF departments. Both budgets should be cut to \$614,000 and \$270,000, respectively, which can be expended at the Mayor's discretion. The combined savings to the CWGF from these is \$3.5 million.
- There appears to be close to \$319,000 budgeted for furniture in GF departments. Given that the Administration has proposed the reduction of 1,700 currently filled positions, there should be plenty of furniture that will be available for redistribution. This \$319,000 should be recaptured into the CWGF.
- According to Appendix I and Appendix J (Non-Departmental Expenditures) (volume 2, page 616 and 617), Employee Advertisement has budgeted \$355,000 in Countywide and \$145,000 in UMSA. Given the ongoing hiring freeze and proposed lay-offs, Miami-Dade County should be advertising few, if any, job openings, except internally. Additionally, the current use of the internet should continue to be expanded. Therefore, these amounts should be lowered to \$155,000 and \$45,000, creating savings to the CWGF of \$200,000 and \$100,000 to UMSA GF.
- Management Consulting has budgeted \$355,000 in Countywide and \$145,000 in UMSA. Given the BCC's continued criticism of consulting contracts, both should be eliminated and the full savings of \$500,000 go back to CWGF and UMSA GF, respectively.
- Outside Legal Services has budgeted \$1.349 million in Countywide and \$551,000 in UMSA. Although the Administration has not been able to clarify the purpose of these funds, they are believed to be for Federal and State lobbying contracts. Both can be reduced with \$349,000 returned to the CWGF and \$351,000 to the UMSA GF, leaving \$1 million and \$200,000, respectively, to pay for the current lobbying contracts.
- The Office of Community Advocacy is proposed to oversee and support five advisory boards, which each meet once a month. This function should be brought into the Office of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, especially since these boards were created by BCC actions. Duties and responsibilities could be integrated with existing Commission Support Staff for greater efficiencies. The proposed CWGF contribution of \$820,000 should be reduced to \$150,000, which could be incorporated with the Chair's budget, and the \$670,000 savings returned to the CWGF.
- The Office of Film and Entertainment's CWGF contribution should be reduced to \$202,000 with the \$100,000 savings returned to the CWGF. There are opportunities through partnerships with the cities of Miami Beach and Miami to maximize all of their potentials.
- The Administration has consistently asserted that the Office of Sustainability is funded through a Federal grant. Therefore, it should not need, nor receive, any CWGF subsidy. This would yield savings of \$516,000 to the CWGF. Further administrative costs could be reduced if this function were housed within GSA.
- Miami-Dade County's Air Rescue Unit consists of four helicopters. One is located at Kendall-Tamiami Airport, one is located Opa-locka Airport, and two are in

maintenance. In FY07/08, Air Rescue responded to 981 calls from Tamiami and 643 calls from Opa-locka for a total of 1624 calls. This averages out to 1.76 calls per day or one call every 13.63 hours from Opa-locka and 2.7 calls per day or one call every 8.9 hours from Kendall-Tamiami. Based on these figures, if the number of Air Rescue helicopters in service was reduced to one unit, with two back-up units and one extra, the average number of calls per day would be 4.45 calls or one call every 5.4 hours. It should be noted that the population of Miami-Dade County is approximately 2.5 million or one air rescue unit per 1.25 million people. By comparison, Los Angeles County has a population of 9 million and 3 air rescue units, or one air rescue unit per 3 million people, with a much larger urbanized area. Reducing the number of Air Rescue units from two to one could generate savings to the CWGF of approximately \$4 million, with \$6.784 million remaining (volume 1, page 170). This balance would provide an allowance for "call back" pay and for additional units to be placed into service on an "as needed" basis, such as during wildfire season.

- The Special Transportation Services (STS) currently provided by Miami-Dade Transit exceeds the Federal Mandate of providing service outside the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a main corridor. According to the Administration, if the service were restricted to the mandated corridor, Transit would realize savings of \$1.036 million, which could be restored to the CWGF.

Looking carefully at Appendix E in Volume 2, there are numerous examples where the Administration of departments grow, along with the GF contribution, while the overall department shrinks.

- Public Works: Administration goes from 32 to 30, but CWGF contribution increases by \$80,000. Traffic Signals increases by 5 positions, but CWGF contribution increases by \$3 million. Both of these amounts should be recaptured for a \$3.08 million savings to CWGF.
- Transit: Paratransit shows an increase of \$6 million, from \$36 million to \$42 million. Given the reduction of bus routes proposed, this item should also reflect a reduction. Customer Services shows a reduction of 7 positions, but the budget goes up \$900,000. This should be recaptured, along with an additional \$100,000 since there was a personnel reduction. The Transit Director Office's \$50,000 increase should be eliminated. These could result in savings of \$7.05 million.
- CAA: There is an overall loss of almost 500 positions, from 645 to 157, but only one comes from Administration. However, this is coupled with an increase of the CWGF contribution by \$500,000. Since there is an approximate 75% reduction in positions, the Administration budget should also be reduced by 75%, from \$1.738 million to \$430,000. This would yield \$1.3 million in CWGF savings.
- Human Services: The total positions in the department decreased by 297, from 709 to 412. However, the Administration only lost one position, from 34 to 33. The same budgetary cuts as CAA should apply. That is a 42% reduction in personnel, so the Administration budget should be reduced accordingly, from \$5.145 million to

\$2.98 million for a savings of \$2.16 million to the CWGF. In the Mayor's 07/08 Budget Proposal (Vol. 1, page 7), he suggested that CAA and DHS be consolidated "to better coordinate the delivery of social services in our community." I wholeheartedly agree and now more than ever, we need to find ways to do more with less.

- Property Appraiser: Administration shows an increase in positions by 2 with an increased budget of \$900,000. Like the BCC, County Attorney, and County Executive Office, the Property Appraiser should also lead by example and therefore reduce their budget by 10% from last year's budget of \$5.024 million. That would yield an additional \$502,400 in savings above the elimination of the \$900,000 increase for a total savings of \$1.402 million to the CWGF.
- ETSD: The Administration positions grow from 23 to 42 with increases from the CWGF of \$460,000 and UMSA \$186,000. Both of those should be reduced to last year's figures. Also, the Office of Director increases by 5 positions and \$900,000 from CWGF and \$391,000 from UMSA, which should be recaptured. This results in \$1.360 million savings to CWGF and \$577,000 to UMSA GF. Overall, the department grows by 4 positions. Additionally, there is growth in the Telecommunications Network Division. That function should be explained and the additional positions justified.
- CW Healthcare Planning: The CWGF contribution increases by \$55,000. That should be recaptured.
- Grants Coordination: This office is reduced from 38 to 11 positions, which is a 72% reduction. However, the CWGF contribution for Executive Office increases by \$300,000 with 1 additional position. Instead, the Executive Office budget should be reduced by 72% to \$459,000, which yields savings of \$1.178 million.
- Legal Aid: The CWGF contribution is \$1.376 million. This is not a statutory requirement and can be eliminated returning \$1.376 million to the CWGF.
- Human Resources: Director's Office, the number of employees increases from 6 to 7, along with an additional \$100,000. That should be recaptured to the CWGF.
- CITT has an increase in their budget of \$500,000. While they do not use CWGF, this increase should be explained and justified.

The total savings to the CWGF from all of these adjustments would be \$40.532 million. (**Attachment 1**) Of this, \$17.368 million allows for the reduction in the Countywide millage rate leaving \$23.164 million to restore cuts proposed by the Mayor.

UMSA

Many of the reductions outlined above also provide savings to the UMSA General Fund. An additional \$2.05 million in savings can be restored to the UMSA GF. (**Attachment 2**)

COUNTYWIDE RESTORATION

- The priority in restoration of services must be the senior meals programs, including Meals on Wheels. These programs serve one of the most vulnerable populations in our community and must be restored. According to the budget book, these vital programs total approximately \$4.2 million (volume 2, page 620).
- Another essential restoration should be for victims of domestic violence and their families. Unfortunately, in difficult times the incidence of domestic violence increase dramatically. We cannot turn our backs on these victims, many of whom are children. From the savings identified, \$1.5 million should be restored for direct services to victims and their families only.
- There should be a restoration for programs that provide direct food assistance to needy families. These programs will be particularly vital as our local economy continues to slide and unemployment continues to grow. Again, from the savings identified, \$600,000 should be reallocated to such programs, particularly focusing on those that leverage these funds with federal and state dollars.

(See Attachment 3)

SALARY REDUCTIONS

The Mayor's proposed countywide 5% salary reductions is one of the more difficult issues, particularly among employees, this year. While certainly General Fund departments are greatly affected as GF revenues are down, proprietary departments, such as Aviation and Water and Sewer, are in a different situation. It is my understanding that their proposed budgets, with their corresponding fees and charges structures, were prepared with reserves to restore, if necessary, the Mayor's proposed 5% salary reductions.

Although I would not support restoring salary reductions to executives and high-paid employees in these non-General Fund departments, "front line and on the street" employees, bargaining unit members, and those earning lower salaries should be spared from these cuts. Additionally, the Administration confirmed that \$12.8 million placed into reserves at Miami-Dade Transit were there to restore, if necessary, the Mayor's proposed salary reductions (volume 2, page 152).

Also, many of my colleagues have spoken publicly about trying to restore, as much as possible, the 5% countywide salary reduction. I strongly believe that with the entire Board bringing forward ideas and suggestions, we will be able to address the pay cut to the "front line and on the street" employees, bargaining unit members, and those earning lower salaries in the General Fund-supported departments.

CULTURAL ARTS ADJUSTMENTS

- The Mayor's proposed budget includes another operating subsidy of \$5.179 million for the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center from the Convention Development Tax (volume 1, page 194). Of the new money, \$2.4 million is slated for an endowment fund, \$1.272 million is for Education/Outreach, and \$1.506 million in for a Maintenance and Operating Reserve. Additionally, the \$1.272 million for education and outreach at the PAC could be better utilized by organizations and facilities that are established and successful. Therefore, only \$1.506 million of new money should remain with the PAC to make sure the facility remains well-maintained and looking like new inside and out.
- The Department of Cultural Affairs there is an expenditure of \$5.325 million for the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center operational fund (volume 2, page 191). It is my understanding that the facility will not open until December 2010, at the earliest. Therefore, this amount should be reduced by half. While the Administration has yet to advise funding sources, or any possible restrictions, for this line item, this would yield approximately \$2.662 million for other uses within the cultural arts community.

CULTURAL ARTS RESTORATION & REALLOCATION

- These two adjustments make \$6.334 million available for the cultural organizations and facilities.
- Given the restricted uses of these funds, the first priority is the restoration, at least partially, of funding to the County's cultural assets, such as Vizcaya Museum and Gardens (\$250,000), Deering Estate (\$48,000-funding for one park attendant for day-to-day maintenance), and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (\$200,000).
- The Miami-Dade Sports Commission's funding can be partially restored from CDT funds (\$200,000).
- The remaining \$5.636 million can be utilized to fund the cultural arts grants eliminated by the Mayor's proposal, which represents a 50% restoration of funding.

(Attachment 4)

LIBRARY DISTRICT

- The Library District millage rate remains the same as last year, which will generate \$24.066 million more than the Mayor's proposed rate. Additionally, the Library District maintains sufficient reserves. This should provide funding sufficient enough to maintain all current service levels. No reduction in hours of operation and staffing

is necessary. In fact, in difficult economic times, library usage increases for families in our community.

- The Library District can also be utilized to preserve educational programs currently funded by the CWGF in those areas served by the District. For example, the Cooperative Extension Division of the Consumer Services Department can be transferred to the Library District, which would allow for the restoration of funding at last year's level (\$1.313 million) for programs such as 4-H. Additionally, the Parks Department eliminated \$1.297 million in after school programs, which could be restored through Library District funding in their service areas.
- A grant program of \$2 million should be established by the Library District for Community Based Organizations, on a competitive basis (criteria to be approved by the BCC), that provide educational programs within the Library District.

(Attachment 5)

CONCLUSION

- Every additional 1% across-the-board reduction in the Countywide General Fund yields \$12 million in additional savings.
- In the UMSA General Fund, every additional 1% across-the-board reduction yields \$4 million.

There is no doubt that the upcoming budget presents some difficult challenges. However, we should keep in mind that the budgetary gap the Board needs to fill is \$17.368 million, which pays for the millage reduction passed by the Board. I am confident that through the Board's collective effort we will be able to reprioritize our resources and balance our budget while maintaining the total millage rate from last year.

c: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members
of the Board of County Commissioners
Mayor Carlos A. Alvarez
R.A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
George M. Burgess, County Manager
Diane Collins, Clerk of the Board

Attachment #1

Countywide General Fund Adjustments/Reductions	
BCC Budget Reduction of 15% (additional 5%)	\$ 643,000.00
County Attorneys Office Reduction of 15% (additional 5%)	\$ 652,000.00
County Executive Office Reduction of 25% (additional 15%)	\$ 851,000.00
Executive Benefits Reduction of 20%	\$ 580,000.00
Executives & High Paid employees 100K and UP	\$ 3,900,000.00
GSA Replacement Vehicle Purchases	\$ 2,500,000.00
Cell phone Reduction and Stipend of \$40	\$ 700,000.00
Tuition Reimbursement Program	\$ 600,000.00
GF Departments Reduction in Travel, Membership, Publications	\$ 3,500,000.00
GF Departments Reduction in Furniture expense	\$ 319,000.00
Employee Advertisement Reduction	\$ 200,000.00
Management Consultants Reduction	\$ 355,000.00
Outside Legal Services Reduction	\$ 349,000.00
Office of Community Advocacy Reduction	\$ 670,000.00
Office of Film & Entertainment Reduction	\$ 100,000.00
Office of Sustainability Eliminate GF Funding	\$ 516,000.00
MDC Air Rescue Unit	\$ 4,000,000.00
STS Federal Standards	\$ 1,036,000.00
Public Works Administration & Traffic Signals Reduction	\$ 3,080,000.00
Transit: Paratransit Reduction of increase	\$ 6,000,000.00
Transit: Customer Service Reduction	\$ 1,000,000.00
Transit Directors Office Reduction	\$ 50,000.00
CAA Reduction of Administration	\$ 1,300,000.00
Human Services Reduction of Administration	\$ 2,160,000.00
Property Appraiser Administration Reduction of 10%	\$ 1,402,000.00
ETSD Reduction of Administration	\$ 1,360,000.00
Countywide Healthcare Planning Reduction of the increase	\$ 55,000.00
Grants Coordination Reductions	\$ 1,178,000.00
Legal Aid Elimination	\$ 1,376,000.00
Human Resources Reduction to the Directors Office	\$ 100,000.00
Total Countywide General Fund Adjustments	\$ 40,532,000.00
Countywide Millage Rate Reduction	\$ (17,368,000.00)
Remaining Balance to Restore Services	\$ 23,164,000.00

Attachment #2

UMSA General Fund Adjustments/Reductions	
BCC Budget Reduction of 15% (additional 5%)	\$ 263,000.00
County Attorneys Office Reduction of 15% (additional 5%)	\$ 266,000.00
County Executive Office Reduction of 25% (additional 15%)	\$ 348,000.00
Employee Advertisement Reduction	\$ 100,000.00
Management Consultants Reduction	\$ 145,000.00
Outside Legal Services Reduction	\$ 351,000.00
ETSD Reduction of Administration	\$ 577,000.00
Remaining Balance to Restore Services	\$ 2,050,000.00

Attachment #3

Countywide General Fund Restorations	
Countywide General Fund Remaining Balance to Restore Services	\$ 23,164,000.00
Restore Elderly Meals Programs	\$ (4,200,000.00)
Restore Funding for Domestic Violence Victims & Families	\$ (1,500,000.00)
Restore direct food assistance to needy families	\$ (600,000.00)
Remaining Savings to Countywide General Fund	\$ 16,864,000.00

Attachment #4

Cultural Arts Adjustments/Reductions	
Performing Arts Center Trust Operating Subsidy (Endowment & Education/Outreach)	\$ 3,672,000.00
South Dade Cultural Arts Center Operational Fund	\$ 2,662,000.00
Total Savings	\$ 6,334,000.00

Cultural Arts Restorations	
Total Proposed Cultural Arts Savings	\$ 6,334,000.00
Restore Vizcaya Museum and Gardens	\$ (250,000.00)
Restore Deering Estate (Park Attendant)	\$ (48,000.00)
Restore African Heritage Cultural Arts Center	\$ (200,000.00)
Restore Miami-Dade Sports Commission	\$ (200,000.00)
Restore Cultural Arts Grants	\$ (5,636,000.00)

Attachment #5

Library Adjustments/Reductions	
Library Adjusted Millage	\$ 24,066,000.00
Restore to FY 08-09 Operating Level	\$ (16,022,000.00)
After School Program from Parks & Rec.	\$ (1,297,000.00)
Cooperative Extension (4H)	\$ (1,300,000.00)
CBO Educational Grant Program	\$ (2,000,000.00)
Remaining Balance to Restore Services	\$ 3,447,000.00



MEMORANDUM
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Date: September 16, 2009

To: The Honorable Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: The Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss 
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, District 9

Re: Recap of September 15, 2009 Straw Votes

Please see attached straw votes from the September 15, 2009 BCC Committee of the Whole meeting.

DCM/cjb

Cc:
Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk of the Courts
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Diane Collins, Clerk of the Board
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**BCC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

MOTION NO. 1

MOTION: To restore the FY 2009-10 for elderly services to the Department of Human Services and the Community Action Agency to \$17.831 million.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa	S	X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	M	X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		13	0	0

MOTION NO. 2

MOTION: To restore 75% of the funding for Community Based Organizations (approximately \$23 million), and to restore the necessary funding for staff oversight of Community Based Organizations for FY 2009-10.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson	M	X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman			X	
Jordan	S	X		
Martinez			X	
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson			X	
Sosa		X		
Souto			X	
Vice Chairman Diaz			X	
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		7	6	

MOTION NO. 3

MOTION: To restore the \$17 million that was transferred out of the County reserve funds to balance the budget on September 3, 2009, to the County reserve funds for FY 2009-10.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez	M	X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas			X	
Sorenson	S	X		
Sosa		X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz		X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		12	1	

**BCC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

MOTION NO. 4

MOTION: To restore 75% of the funding for the Head Start program (\$3.969 million) for FY 2009-10.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro				X
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman			X	
Jordan	S	X		
Martinez			X	
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson			X	
Sosa	M	X		
Souto			X	
Vice Chairman Diaz		X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		7	5	1

MOTION NO. 6

MOTION: To restore 75% of funding for the Mom and Pop program for FY 2009-10 (\$1.244 million).

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson	M	X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman		X		
Jordan	S	X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa		X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz		X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		12	1	

MOTION NO. 5

MOTION: To restore 100% of the funding for Community Based Organizations that provided services to the elderly (\$4,134,823 total) and that provided services to toddlers (\$500,000 in addition to the funds restored in motion no. 3) the for FY 2009-10.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro				X
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa	S	X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	M	X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		12	0	1

MOTION NO. 7

MOTION: To restore \$11.168 million to the Cultural Affairs Department for non-profit community-based cultural arts groups for FY 2009-10.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro	M	X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez				X
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson	S	X		
Sosa		X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz			X	
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		10	2	1

**BCC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

MOTION NO. 8

MOTION: To increase the FY 2009-10 funding level of the Parks and Recreation Department to 60% in order to restore some programs delineated on pages 202 thru 209 of the Budget Book Volume II.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson	S	X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez				X
Rolle	M	X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa		X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz				X
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		10	1	2

MOTION NO.

MOTION:

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro				
Edmonson				
Gimenez				
Heyman				
Jordan				
Martinez				
Rolle				
Seijas				
Sorenson				
Sosa				
Souto				
Vice Chairman Diaz				
Chairman Moss				
TOTAL				

MOTION NO. 9

MOTION: To restore the FY 2009-10 funding level for the Veterans Program to 100% or \$358,000.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa				X
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	M	X		
Chairman Moss	S	X		
TOTAL		12	0	1

MOTION NO.

MOTION:

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro				
Edmonson				
Gimenez				
Heyman				
Jordan				
Martinez				
Rolle				
Seijas				
Sorenson				
Sosa				
Souto				
Vice Chairman Diaz				
Chairman Moss				
TOTAL				

**BCC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

MOTION NO. 10

MOTION: To the restore the FY 2009-10 funding level for Disabled Program to 100% of the previous level.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman	M	X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa				X
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	S	X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		12	0	1

MOTION NO. 12

MOTION: To restore the FY 2009-10 funding level for the Anti-Venom Program to 100% of the previous level.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman			X	
Jordan	M	X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson			X	
Sosa	S	X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz		X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		10	3	0

MOTION NO. 11

MOTION: To restore the FY 2009-10 funding level for the Agriculture Extension Center and 4-H Co-op to \$1.1 million.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas	S	X		
Sorenson	M	X		
Sosa		X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz		X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		13	0	0

MOTION NO. 13

MOTION: To restore the FY 2009-10 funding level for the Sports Commission to \$500,000.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa		X		
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	M	X		
Chairman Moss	S	X		
TOTAL		13	0	0

**BCC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

MOTION NO. 14

MOTION: that the Agricultural and Cattle Show be restored in the amount of \$100,000.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas			X	
Sorenson			X	
Sosa		X		
Souto	M	X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	S	X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		11	2	0

MOTION NO. 15

MOTION: that the D.A.R.E., PAL and "Don't Let Alcohol Be Your Last Taste in Life" programs be restored at 100%.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro			X	
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman		X		
Jordan	S	X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas			X	
Sorenson			X	
Sosa				X
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	M	X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		8	4	1

MOTION NO. 16

MOTION: that the Independent Review Panel (IRP) be restored at 75%.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan	S	X		
Martinez			X	
Rolle		X		
Seijas			X	
Sorenson	M	X		
Sosa				X
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz			X	
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		9	3	1

MOTION NO. 17

MOTION: that \$48,000 in funding be restored to the Deering Estates for one park attendant; that \$200,000 be restored to the African Heritage Cultural Center; and that \$200,000 be restored to Viscaya Museum and Gardens :

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson	S	X		
Gimenez	M	X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson		X		
Sosa				X
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz		X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		12	0	1

**BCC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

MOTION NO. 18

MOTION: To restore the funding level for the Mosquito Helicopter/Spray services for FY 2009-10 to \$100,000.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson			X	
Gimenez			X	
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas			X	
Sorenson			X	
Sosa				X
Souto	M	X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	S	X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		8	4	1

MOTION NO. 19

MOTION: That savings realized by the Ethics Commission in the amount of \$200,000 be retained by that office.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro			X	
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman			X	
Jordan			X	
Martinez		X		
Rolle		X		
Seijas			X	
Sorenson		X		
Sosa				X
Souto	S	X		
Vice Chairman Diaz	M	X		
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		7	4	1

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MOTION NO. 20

MOTION: To restore funding level for the Department of Environmental Resources (DERM) environmental Community-Based Organization (CBO) for FY 2009-10 to 75% or \$700,000.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez		X		
Heyman		X		
Jordan		X		
Martinez				X
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson	M	X		
Sosa				X
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz				X
Chairman Moss	S	X		
TOTAL		10	0	3

MOTION NO. 21

MOTION: To restore the funding level for the Discretionary Reserve (the County services reserve) and the In-Kind Reserve for FY 2009-10 to a combine level of \$4.3 million from the previous level of \$7.1 million.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson	S	X		
Gimenez			X	
Heyman			X	
Jordan	M	X		
Martinez				X
Rolle		X		
Seijas		X		
Sorenson			X	
Sosa				X
Souto			X	
Vice Chairman Diaz				X
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		6	4	3

MOTION NO. 22

MOTION: To restore the funding level for weekly community periodicals (47 newspapers) for FY 2009-10 to 50% or \$300,000 from the previous level of \$600,000.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez				X
Heyman			X	
Jordan		X		
Martinez				X
Rolle		X		
Seijas				X
Sorenson			X	
Sosa				X
Souto	M	X		
Vice Chairman Diaz				X
Chairman Moss	S	X		
TOTAL		6	2	5

MOTION NO. 23

MOTION: To restore four (4) Program Officers positions for the Community Relations Board for FY 2009-10 at a cost of approximately \$600,000.

ROLL CALL	M/S	YES	NO	ABSENT
Barreiro		X		
Edmonson		X		
Gimenez				X
Heyman			X	
Jordan	M	X		
Martinez				X
Rolle	S	X		
Seijas				X
Sorenson		X		
Sosa				X
Souto		X		
Vice Chairman Diaz				X
Chairman Moss		X		
TOTAL		7	1	5