

1 for staff?

2 COMMISSION MEMBER DEWANE HAYES: They're
3 putting this up for sale; is that right, Celena?

4 MS. CELENA BOYKIN: That's correct, yes.

5 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Any other questions for
6 staff?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: We'll close the public
9 hearing at this point. Staff has recommended a
10 recommendation of approval to the County Commission. Is
11 there a motion to do so?

12 COMMISSION MEMBER DANIEL NANCE: Motion to
13 approve.

14 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Okay. There is a motion
15 to recommend approval to the County Commission. Is there
16 a second?

17 COMMISSION MEMBER DEWANE HAYES: I'll second.

18 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Okay. There is a second.
19 All in favor, say aye.

20 (Commission Members say "aye" in unison.)

21 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: All opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Unanimous carry.

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25 9 - PUBLIC COMMENT: BALDWIN COUNTY FLOOD HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN

26 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: All right. It looks like
27 we're -- do we have something on floods?

28 MR. VINCE JACKSON: Yes, and I'll explain.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Okay. It's the public
2 comment section.

3 MR. VINCE JACKSON: Yes. This is a -- this is
4 a public comment section. The staff has been working
5 with a consultant, Wood Environment and Infrastructure
6 Solutions, on a revision to the Baldwin County Flood
7 Hazard Management Plan.

8 The previous plan was adopted in 2000. This plan
9 actually should have been updated every five years, so
10 we're a little bit behind. And this -- this slide
11 explains why this is being done.

12 Baldwin County participates in the National Flood
13 Insurance Program Community Rating System. And having
14 fifty (50) repetitive loss properties, it's required that
15 you have a Flood Hazard Management Plan.

16 This plan addresses flood hazards and was developed
17 in accordance with the CRS requirements. This is a
18 single jurisdiction plan that geographically covers only
19 the unincorporated areas of the county. It does not have
20 any bearing on the municipalities.

21 We must review and revise the plan to reflect
22 changes in development progress and local mitigation
23 efforts and changes in priority and resubmit it for
24 approval within five years in order to continue to be
25 eligible for mitigation project grant funding.

26 This plan has been prepared to meet that
27 requirement. And this -- this has been prepared through
28 a grant. This is also important for our CRS program, the

1 Community Rating System.

2 At one point, we had a Class 6. With our most
3 recent cycle visit, we actually went to a Class 7. And
4 this is to help us get back to a Class 6.

5 Under the Class 6, what that means is better flood
6 insurance rates for the residents in the county that
7 participate in the flood insurance program.

8 That is not a document that would normally be
9 subject to review by the Planning Commission. But there
10 is a requirement for public comment. And so what we
11 wanted to do is use a scheduled public meeting as that
12 opportunity.

13 This document has been available for a period of
14 time on the Building Inspection website, so it has been
15 available for public review. There was a committee that
16 was put together to work to choose a consultant,
17 recommend a consult to the Commission, and work with the
18 consultant in preparing the plan.

19 So tonight we are having an opportunity for public
20 comment, a public review prior to this plan being
21 submitted to the County Commission for final adoption.

22 And that was why we had a sign-in sheet, so that we
23 could get a record of the people who were here, Planning
24 Commission Members, staff, public. You know, we wanted
25 that record to provide to the County Commission.

26 This is not something that requires necessarily a
27 recommendation from the Planning Commission, but it does
28 serve an important purpose; and that is, getting --

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1 meeting the requirements, making us eligible for project
2 grant funding, but also improving our flood insurance
3 rates, you know, which is a benefit to everyone
4 throughout the county.

5 If you would like to make an informal recommendation
6 of indorsement of the adoption of this plan, I think that
7 would be welcome by the County Commission.

8 So those are all the comments that I have at this
9 point. I will answer questions to the extent that I can.
10 I was not actually part of the committee, but I think
11 D. J. was. And, you know, she might be able to elaborate
12 on some things.

13 But this is an opportunity for public comment. At
14 this point, we'll answer any questions.

15 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Vince, is this just
16 bringing the County's plan up to current spec's?

17 MR. VINCE JACKSON: Yes, yes.

18 ATTORNEY DAVID CONNER: And as Vince -- Vince
19 mentioned, on these types of applications and grants,
20 there has to be a certain number of public hearings that
21 are held.

22 There's no specific action necessarily required by
23 the Planning Commission. But because we have a court
24 reporter that's present to take information and receive
25 public comments, all public comments can be reviewed as
26 part of the planning and adoption process prior to
27 adoption by the County Commission.

28 MR. VINCE JACKSON: That's correct. And one

1 thing that we had available also on the Building
2 Inspection website, there is actually a form where people
3 can go in online and make comments. So if -- if anyone
4 has made comments by that means, that information will be
5 provided to the County Commission as well.

6 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: I certainly think it's a
7 good idea for the County to keep the flood policy updated
8 to provide the best coverage at the lowest cost to
9 citizens that are in flood zone areas.

10 MR. VINCE JACKSON: Yes, sir. Our next cycle
11 visit will be in 2020. And so we're hoping, with this
12 new plan in place, that will give us more points, and
13 we'll able to achieve the Class 6.

14 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Anyone else want make any
15 comments as to your personal feelings on this?

16 COMMISSION MEMBER DANIEL NANCE: Just a
17 question: How quickly would we move from a 7 to a 6?
18 Have we got to wait until 2020, or is that immediate?

19 MR. VINCE JACKSON: It would be -- it would --
20 our -- our next cycle visit is -- is -- some of it will
21 be late 2020. I think usually it takes place in
22 December.

23 And there is a period of time after that where --
24 where the representatives have to review all of the
25 information that's submitted and determine how everything
26 stacks up against the points that are awarded in the
27 various categories.

28 So it takes a little while. The only way that it

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1 could happen faster than that would be to ask for a
2 revision before 2020, but that would take some time. And
3 so, really, the best-case scenario right now would
4 probably be 2021.

5 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Any other questions or
6 comments for Vince?

7 COMMISSION MEMBER DEWANE HAYES: Vince, if we
8 happen to have a hurricane this year, would that slow
9 this plan of action down?

10 MR. VINCE JACKSON: I don't think so.

11 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: If there are no other
12 questions Vince, we'll open the public hearing at this
13 point. There's no one signed up to speak for or against
14 or make any comments. But I'll make that available to
15 the audience at this point.

16 If anyone here wishes to make a comment, you can do
17 so now. Is there anyone out there wishing to make a
18 comment?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Okay. We'll close the
21 public hearing at this point, being no further comments
22 on that. We'll go to old business.

23 MR. VINCE JACKSON: Would you like to make a
24 recommendation to the County Commission?

25 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Would anyone care to make
26 that recommendation?

27 COMMISSION MEMBER KEVIN MURPHY: I make a
28 motion that the Planning Commission make a recommendation

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1 to the County Commission to continue to approve this
2 plan.

3 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Okay. There's --

4 COMMISSION MEMBER DEWANE HAYES: I'll second.

5 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: -- a motion to recommend
6 and a second. All in favor, say aye.

7 (Commission Members say "aye" in unison.)

8 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: All opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 SAM DAVIS: The recommendation is unanimous.

11 MR. VINCE JACKSON: Thank you.

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13 10 - OLD BUSINESS

14 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Move to old business. Any
15 old business?

16 MR. VINCE JACKSON: No old business.

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18 11 - NEW BUSINESS

19 CHAIRMAN SAM DAVIS: Any new business?

20 MR. VINCE JACKSON: I have just a couple things
21 to mention. This is -- There have been some discussions.
22 This is real preliminary at this point, but we're having
23 discussions about live streaming the Planning Commission
24 meetings. I think that's something that the County
25 Commissioners would like to see us do.

26 We used to televise the meetings a number of years
27 ago. They were -- they were -- they were taped and then
28 broadcast later in the same way as County Commission