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As I walked in I noticed it was very organized with the way they <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~ handling community's issues. A few topics I would like to mention in this report are; the Advisory Board and what they do, the economic conflict that occurred inside the conference room, and What a County Commissioner does as an individual that separates him or herself from the rest of the pack.

So the first topic on the agenda is the Advisory Board. An Advisory Board is a body that advises the management of a corporation, organization, or foundation. Unlike the Board of Directors the advisory board does not have authority to vote on corporate matters, nor legal fiduciary responsibility. With that being said, all an advisory board can do is advise. In the Commissioner's meeting I attended, the advisory board had followed the guidelines from the previous meeting. These things were: increase team sports, A non resident fee for Parks and Rec. of fifteen dollars. Another topic that was on the other agenda was the movement of two of the disc golf holes at O.T. Sloan Park. They wanted separation of activities; taxpayers to pay for a new dog park and the commissioners approved that as well.

The fourth revision was defeated. That means that new upcoming businesses were to be required to have up to twenty-five employees and thirty-five hours a week per worker. Other commissioners believed that the number was merely unreachable by a small business. The investment they were trying to reach was around twenty-five million dollars. They believed that if you set the bar high, that it would attract bigger companies. They decided to use this method as a last resort and do not want to shut down all of the

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opportunities. 'EDC needs policy from this board'- a commissioner stated. He stated that raising thresholds makes differences and attracts big businesses. At the end of the dispute they lowered the investment number to fifteen million with ten to fifteen employees.

What a County Commissioner does as an individual that separates him or she from the rest of the pack is that they have the authority to pass or veto the activity that has been presented to the floor. They have the final say so in everything. Our Lee County Commissioner Chairman Mr. Charles Parks is an excellent asset to the team in my opinion. I believe this because he knows what a community needs to succeed. He tries to set the ground up so our people can have the building blocks they need to succeed in this economy.

So in this conclusion I leave to you the Advisory Board and how they work. I leave you with the conflict and resolution of the business ordeal and how a County Commissioner works and provides. "Leadership is a trait, not a position."