

Executive Session

April 11, 2013

Mr. Collins noted that former Administrative Assistant Mary Barnett-Johnson had contacted him recently about vacation time and accrued sick time she felt was due. Mr. Collins informed Ms. Barnett-Johnson that he would take it before the Board of Commissioners. He explained that during his internal investigation (after the news of Mrs. Johnson's pleading guilty to theft of Social Security Funds and her resignation from the Authority), Mr. Collins determined that there were several unauthorized charges on her airport credit card - mostly for rental cars. Mr. Collins pointed out the total of the unauthorized charges is nearly equivalent to a two-week pay check for Mrs. Johnson. Discussion ensued about sick time, fairness regarding vacation pay, the credit card usage, and what is printed in the personnel policy guide. Commissioner Chesney stated that he was against approving any sick time and all agreed due to Mrs. Johnson's time away from the office during the year. Mr. Collins noted that according to the personnel policy guide, an employee with five years service is indeed eligible for two weeks vacation time. However, Mr. Collins suggested that due to the unauthorized credit card charges, he did not recommend paying vacation time until the matter is investigated further. Commissioner Chesney recommended tabling the request until after the official audit is conducted. All agreed this would be the proper way to handle the request. The Authority desires to be fair to the former employee but must protect the taxpayers.