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Please add to Item 41. Thank you.

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Chairman Veerkamp, Supervisors, CAO and others:

Please forgive the informality of this e-mail; however, I have just become aware of the urgency expressed in item 41 of your agenda for tomorrow Feb 23, 2015.

I am concerned that the budget issues are URGENT; however, urgency can lead to even greater calamities! I do not believe you should slash and burn any budget items tomorrow!

However, I do believe we cannot wait until the June budget hearings to get started on saving money! I believe that you should have hearings with the departments in a series of special sessions between now and the end of March! This would give you a better opportunity to review just what affects and impacts various changes in the budget might bring on the services to our County and its citizens. You could discuss in these public sessions just what the departments provide to the County and get a better feel for what you can cut and what funding needs to be held constant.

I apologize for this suggestion because I know that these can be long and agonizing meetings. But, such hearings will bring the County family to fully understand each other's needs and help prioritize the services that our citizens need and deserve and what they can afford. The County family is all of the County employees and the citizens! We have dug the hole together, lets help get out of it together.

Respectfully, Jack Sweeney

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