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Memorandum

From: David S. Koppel, P.E., County Engineer

Date: March 7, 2007

Re: Agenda Item - March 21, 2007 BOCC Meeting

Temporary Ferry Service to Pigeon Key

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval to reject proposals and to re-advertise for the Temporary Ferry Service between City of Marathon and Pigeon Key.

ITEM BACKGROUND: The Old Seven Mile Bridge is in need of repairs and is scheduled to be closed by FDOT. Temporary ferry service will be needed to service Pigeon Key.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: BOCC granted approval to advertise for a request for proposals for temporary ferry service at December 20, 2006 meeting (item O-4).

BOCC also granted approval by Resolution to enter into a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to provide \$750,000 to fund a temporary ferry service from the City of Marathon to Pigeon Key at the February 21, 2007 meeting (item D18).

At the BOCC Workshop on March 7, 2007, staff recommended to reject bids and re-advertise, due to bid irregularities from all respondents. Also, we will meet with the Pigeon Key Foundation to change the scope of services to reduce the cost of the services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval as stated above.