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## **Manager's Report** **02/19/21**

**Public Works Safety Program:** I want to give a special thanks to the crew at Public Works. We started a new safety program initiative in August of 2020. There has been **ZERO** reported injuries in the past 6 months. Great Job AMY and Crew!

**EDA Meeting** was held this week. The audit report has been completed showing the EDA is in great financial shape, free from any material findings, no incident of noncompliance that are required under the Governmental Auditing Standards and no findings or recommendations were made. Great Job to the Hardee County Clerk & Comptroller, Victoria Rogers!

In other action, the EDA Board approved the Utility Study for Bowling Green, Zolfo Springs, Wauchula, and Hardee County. A discussion was done on the upcoming infrastructure grants, which there is 3.9 million set aside. The four entities will present their current utilities infrastructure needs and estimated cost at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**AT&T Lease Renewal:** AT&T has retained the services of BLVCKDOT to negotiate a new lease agreement. I have been dealing with Joshua Bell. This has not really been a negotiation but more of a demand. They want the City to reduce the fee by 50% or they will pull their equipment out and go somewhere else. Evidently this happened in the past when the lease was up for renewal. This will be on the March Commission Agenda. We currently receive \$60,000 annually and they are requesting \$36,000.

### **Line of Credit with the First National Bank of**

**Wauchula:** The current effluent line construction project that is underway is funded by a reimbursement grant through SWWMD 75% and SRF 25%. The reimbursement may take months to receive according to Roger Homann, Project Manager with Pennoni. We will need to use this line of credit to pay vendors until we get reimbursed. Roger believes a \$300,000 line of credit will do the job. I contacted First National and found our current line of credit for \$200,000 has expired 10/2019. We will be submitting a new line of credit for \$300,000 secured by our \$395,000 CD with First National Bank. This will be placed on the March Agenda for approval.

