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Capt. J. F. Jaudon,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Capt. Jaudon:

Your letter of the 27th instant received and in answer to your rather blunt request for me to send you \$1120.71 I beg to inform you that I do not have the matter of sending out any County funds. I only act as an advisor to the Board of County Commissioners of this county.

I believe that I was in pretty close touch with the situation and I remember quite distinctly that there was some bill or claim that you would have against Alexander, Hemsey & Kerr for expenditures made during the time you had the contract for the construction of the Tamiami Trail but I never knew anything whatever about the amount until many months afterwards and if you had a bill or statement of the account at the time of the conference at which Mr Collier was present you did not present it so that I could see it, nor neither the Clerk, nor any member of the Board present at the time has any recollection of having seen your bill.

I expected that you would have some bill to reimburse you for machinery parts, etc., that you had incurred or for moneys expended in connection therewith, but I did not dream for a moment that you would have a bill for any such amount and for the items that you later included therein.

I assure you that the Board of County Commissioners of this County would be only too glad to pay you any amount that may be due and owing to you that is honest, fair and just but our engineer cannot and will not, so he has informed the Board, approve your bill in its entirety, and my opinion is that he will approve of only a very small part of it.

All of Special Road and Bridge District No. 3, except a very, very small part, consisting of a little better than a township will be in Collier County and no part of the road will be in Lee County, therefore Lee County will not retain jurisdiction of the District or any part except for the purpose of paying its bonded debt.

I do not know, of course, just how well you will fare with Collier County, but I do not believe our board will go beyond the recommendations of our County engineer. I am

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Very truly yours,

*Walter O. Sheppard*