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Are you here? Will you come?

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Enclosed please find copy of the 9 items covered by the call for the Bond Election proposed by the Dade County Commissioners, which will be held shortly.

You will please note that fully 90% of the expenditures are to be made in the immediate vicinity of Miami. Also that there are nine separate items - each to be voted for or against separately.

Regarding the Tamiami Trail, please let me say that Lee County, early in May, voted favorably on a bond issue for \$1,650,000 worth of bonds - approximately \$500,000 of which will be spent on a contract which has already been let by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, to construct an asphalt or macadamized road 16 feet wide through Lee County, to the Collier County line.

I beg to advise that while Collier County now has road funds in hand derived from taxes, for construction work on the Tamiami Trail, that the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County have called an election to be held in the various voting precincts of their county, on the 14th day of July, to authorize a bond issue in the sum of \$350,000.00; \$275,000.00 to be used for the construction of paved, macadamized or other hard surfaced highways in Collier County, of which the Collier County part of the Tamiami Trail is one.

That part of the Tamiami Trail running through Monroe County has been provided for by a road Bond issue for \$200,000; bonds have been sold and work is proceeding at the rate of one mile or more per month on the Dade County end of the Tamiami Trail. (The Chevelier Corporation is under bond to Dade County, to complete their part of the Tamiami Trail through Monroe County.)

I am also enclosing a copy of Chapter 8730- Laws of the State of Florida, which provides for the raising of \$50,000.00 to connect the Collier-Monroe County road, and Time Warrants have been authorized, and taxes have been levied and collected to provide for this connecting road.

Thus you will see that funds are in hand or have been provided for the Lee-Collier-Monroe County's part of the Tamiami Trail, and each of these counties are prosecuting this work vigorously, and should have their part of the Tamiami Trail in condition for travel and traffic surely within a year.

Item 4, of Dade County's proposed Bond issue, provides for \$120,000.00 for Dade County, to re-surface its part of the Tamiami Trail to the Monroe County Line. Should this issue be approved - which I believe will surely be the case, it will take at least ninety days before the election to validate and sell the bonds, and perhaps six months longer to let the contracts and do the work, thus Dade County has no time to lose to prepare its part of the Tamiami Trail to connect with the parts now under construction by Monroe, Collier and Lee Counties.

I am writing you this letter for the reason that I can truthfully subscribe to about 95% of what President Sewell has said in his communication to the Press, but I feel that he nor you were in possession of the above facts, and I much prefer to embody them in a letter to you, rather than to convey them through the medium of the newspapers.

I would like to hear from you after you have read the above, If you desire a conference on the same I will be most happy to fill any engagement you might make.

I have the honor to be

Yours very respectfully,

DADE COUNTY PROPOSED BOND ISSUE FOR 1924

VOTE ON EACH ITEM SEPARATELY.

Item 1 - East Dixie Highway leading to Miami	\$300,000
" 2 - West Dixie Highway leading to Miami	247,000
" 3 - Southwest Eighth St Coral Gables West Miami	160,000
" 4 - Tamiami Trail - To Miami - re-surfacing	120,000
" 5 - Causeway Viaduct - In Miami and Miami Beach	600,000.
" 6 - Railway tracks on causeway - Miami and Beach	248,000
" 7 - Highway bonds (nearly half around Miami)	438,000
" 8 - Fair Ground. All in Miami	100,000
" 9 - Armory (At Miami)	100,000
Total - - - - -	<u>\$2,313,000</u>

SEPARATE ITEMS

ALL BUT ABOUT \$200,000 - less than 10% OUTSIDE OF MIAMI DISTRICT.

Item 7 - Highway Bonds divided as follows:

Miami Canal Highway. Leading to Miami	\$39,193	
Extension of Everglades to Miami	20,830	
Miami Ave. Extension Vicinity Miami	40,000	
Red Road Vicinity of Miami	30,250	
Flagler St. Extension Vicinity of Miami	52,470	
Kendall-Miami Road	30,030	
All in Vicinity of Miami	<u>\$212,763</u>	\$212,763
Ingraham Highway to Miami, Peters to Black Point	49,838	
Snapper Creek Bridge Leading to Miami	30,000	
Burkhart or East Ingraham Highway to Miami	15,000	
Road in Section 7-57-40- Homestead District	2,500	
Road in " 12-57-39 Redland District	17,500	
Road in " 19-57-39 Florida City District	10,000	
Homestead to Bay - Homestead & Naranja District	30,000	
Road from Florida City to Key Largo. To Miami	25,000	Through road
Oiling of roads now built (most around Miami)	15,000	
Road East from Naranja to Goulds, new road to Miami	20,000	
Repairing Ingraham Highway - Fla. Fed. Womens Clubs	10,000	
OUTSIDE OF MIAMI VICINITY PROPER	<u>\$214,839</u>	
Road in 3-57-39 Main Miami Highway, Redland	10,598	
TOTAL NOT STRICTLY AROUND MIAMI	<u>\$225,237</u>	<u>\$225,237</u>

AGGREGATE OF ITEM 7

\$438,000

Thus it can be clearly seen that EACH ITEM IS TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY and that only about 10% of the ENTIRE BOND ISSUE IS to be spent outside of the IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF MIAMI - ALTHO about 20% of the taxes are paid outside of the vicinity of Miami.

BONDS TO BE SOLD AS FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR EACH ITEM.

This will make a total bond issue outstanding against all Dade County of only \$_____ while bonds have been issued and sold against the Cities of Miami and Miami Beach in excess of \$_____. The County Commissioners have done ALL AND MORE THAN ANY ONE COULD ASK. MIAMI as a whole cannot afford to do anything but approve.

VOTE ON EACH ITEM SEPARATELY.

LAWS OF FLORIDA

CHAPTER 8730 (No. 335)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF Florida.

SECTION 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, is hereby authorized and empowered, within its discretion to improve, grade, hard-surface and construct bridges and culverts on that certain road which may be located and surveyed out to commence at a point of connection with the road as now surveyed and located in Special Road and Bridge District Number Three, of Lee County, Florida, at a point approximately two miles Easterly from Turners River, and running thence in a South-easterly direction to the south line of Lee County, to connect with a road to be constructed in Monroe County, Florida.

SECTION 2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, is hereby authorized and empowered, in its discretion, and for the purpose of raising and procuring funds for the afore-said work, and to further improve and hard-surface the road in Special Road and Bridge District Number Three, of Lee County, Florida, as now surveyed and located, being a part of the Tamiami Trail, to issue time warrants for and on behalf, and as the obligation and liability of said Special Road and Bridge District Number Three, to an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand (\$50,000,000.00) Dollars, in such denominations, as shall seem most advantageous, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed six per centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, maturing at such time as to the Board shall deem best, but not event shall any maturities exceed ten (10) years from the date thereof; that such Time Warrants may be sold at private sale for not less than par, and may be sold to the highest bidder for the same, after duly advertising the sale thereof, for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, published in Lee County, Florida, provided that in no event shall such Time Warrants be sold for less than ninety-five (95) cents on the dollar; and that the net proceeds of all such Time Warrants as may be sold, shall be used only for the purpose as herein authorized.

SECTION 3. That prior to the issuance of any such Time Warrants, said Board of County Commissioners shall pass a resolution determining the amount which in their opinion, will be necessary to be raised annually by taxation for interest and sinking fund, with which to meet and pay the interest and principal of said Time Warrants, and said Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized, empowered and required to levy annually a sufficient tax against the taxable property within the said District with which to provide for the payment of said interest and to provide and maintain such sinking fund for the payment of the principal and of said Time Warrants at maturity.

SECTION 4. That the failure or inability of the Board of County Commissioners to sell said Time Warrants in accordance with this Act, such failure or inability shall not invalidate any levy or assessment made pursuant to this Act, provided, however, that the levy and collection of such taxes shall not exceed the sum of Fifty Thousand

(\$50,000.00) Dollars; and in case such Time Warrants or any of them shall not be sold, the moneys derived from the collection of taxes for the payment of interest and providing for the sinking fund for the retirement of such unsold warrants and shall be used for the purposes authorized by this Act, and unsold Warrants to such amount shall be cancelled.

SECTION 5. This Act shall be construed as and for the raising of additional funds for the construction of roads and bridges in said District, over that authorized by the General Law.

SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this law be, and the same are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 7. This Act shall become a law upon its passage and approval thereof by the Governor, or upon its becoming a law without such approval.

Became a law without the approval of the Governor.