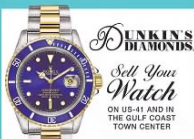


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ALTA RESOURCES CORP.

Lee call center may add 800 jobs

\$21M office building planned near airport

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More jobs for Lee County — an estimated 800.

A new \$21 million, 90,000-square-foot Class A office building at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Those are two big takeaways from call center Alta Resources Corp.'s expansion plan that moved two steps closer to reality on Tuesday, when:

Lee County commissioners unanimously voted their support for the company's application for the Florida Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program; and

Separately, citizen-advisers to commissioners on airport matters endorsed a proposed ground lease for Alta Resources at RSW's Skyplex commerce park. County commissioners sitting as the port authority board are expected to make the final call on that lease at a Thursday,

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Marshall dies at 75

Penny Marshall died Monday at age 75 of complications from diabetes. She became a successful director

and Hollywood royalty, but for millions of Americans she remains Laverne DeFazio of "Laverne & Shirley." 14A

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ISLAND COAST HIGH EDUCATOR WINS LEE TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Island Coast High School digital media technology teacher Jeffrey Becker is congratulated Tuesday by Lee Schools Superintendent Greg Adkins after being selected as Lee County Teacher of the Year. Becker will be nominated for Florida Teacher of the Year. ANDREW WEST/THE NEWS-PRESS

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When Jeffrey Becker was a copier salesman, he had a nagging feeling he should have been doing something else with his life.

"I was making a ton of money and having fun with friends and stuff like that, but I just felt like there was more to life," said Becker, 35. "There was more that I had to offer and my specific skill set and the way that God created me was to do more than

just sell copiers."

Becker received confirmation Tuesday his gut feeling was right. The Island Coast High video production teacher was honored as the Lee County school district's 2018 Teacher of the Year.

Becker's family, Superintendent Greg Adkins, some school board members and others gathered in Island Coast High's auditorium Monday morning to surprise Becker with the news. They all quietly

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Lee commissioners approve 60-foot Big Carlos bridge



Lee County engineers and consultants say the 60-foot, single span replacement for the failing Big Carlos bridge will be a lot cheaper than a lower model preferred by some neighbors. LEE COUNTY RENDERING

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The Lee County Board of County Commissioners voted Tuesday to approve a fixed span bridge with a 60-foot vertical clearance over Big Carlos Pass, despite requests from some nearby residents and local representatives to delay the vote or pick a smaller alternative.

The motion to approve county staff's recommended alternative passed 4-1, with just Commission Chairman Larry Kiker opposed. Kiker represents the district

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Motion to restore Estero bridge name fails to get vote, 3A

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