

## Commission Meeting Script

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Video	Audio
<p>Ambulances Griswold freeze Mason still, from right of screen, creates split screen</p>	<p>It all started with a dispute over county ambulance permits. When Lutz businessman Frank Griswold applied, Public Transportation Commissioner Ronnie Mason led the move to turn him down.</p>
<p>Wipe Mason to full screen, let him walk Ambulances</p>	<p>But then Mason resigned from the commission, filed for his own permits, and went into the ambulance business himself. Griswold sued the commission for damages. Today, a step toward reform. The PTC ruled that former commissioners cannot do business with the board unless they wait two years.</p>
<p>SOT: FRANK GRISWOLD</p>	<p>I THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE EXTREME OF PUTTING IT IN BLACK AND WHITE.</p>
<p>ON CAMERA</p>	<p>Griswold's lawsuit is costing the commission plenty in legal bills. To pay them, some commissioners want to hike the fees paid by ambulance, cab and limo companies.</p>
<p>Limos</p>	<p>The owner of Alpha Limousine—the oldest limo business in town—says he shouldn't have to pay more to help clean up the Mason mess.</p>
<p>SOT: ORLANDO CASTILLO</p>	<p>I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S FAIR BECAUSE ALL THIS FEE REPRESENTS MISTAKES THAT THEY HAVE MADE.</p>
<p>Cabs</p>	<p>Some commissioners oppose the higher fee for the industry, too, but for different reasons. They're afraid the cost would be passed along to riders.</p>
<p>SOT: JIM NORMAN</p>	<p>SO WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A CORRECTION ON A ONE-TIME HIT FOR PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO HAVE TROUBLE PAYING THEIR LIGHT BILL, MAYBE.</p>
<p>Meeting  Street scene</p>	<p>A public hearing and final vote are still to come. And the commission staff is considering five other funding options. One would have local taxpayers foot the legal bills. For NewsLab, I'm Deborah Potter.</p>