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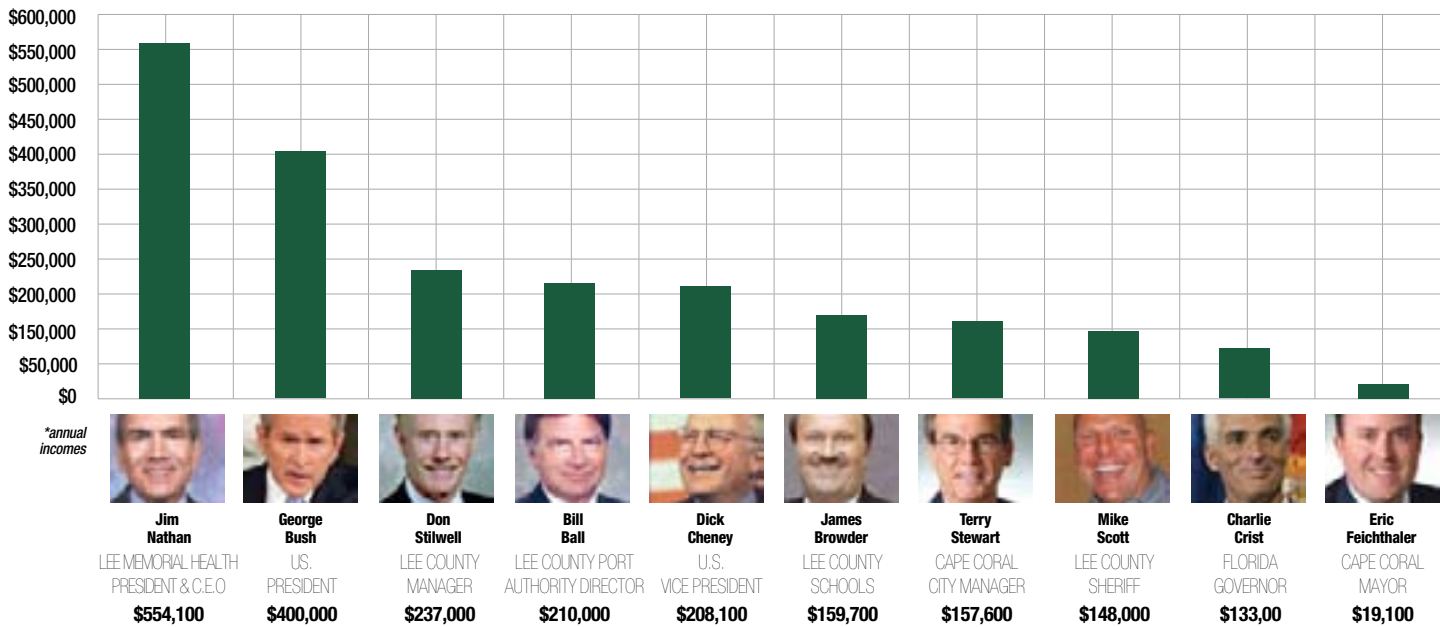
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## WHO'S MAKING WHAT

The low-down on what you are paying your public officials

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All over Lee County these days, people keep making money, and some people keep making it hand over fist. While housing prices may ebb and flow like the tides, new residents keep arriving, and businesses keep thriving.

Government agencies and non-profit corporations are businesses of a kind, too, even if their managers (elected or appointed) often seem to make less than those running similarly sized organizations in the private sector.

But that doesn't mean the people who manage public organizations here

are doing poorly. A glance at their salaries suggests public officials and managers in Lee County are not going to starve anytime soon.

They might not see their families anytime soon, either. For those at the top, their assistants say the 40-hour week is a fairy tale, and 60 to 70 hours per week is standard.

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an assistant county manager who has worked under Don Stilwell, the county manager, for 12 years. "He's always going to functions — that's not parties, that's functions, and it's work."

Lest you conclude that the top

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"I remain concerned with our ability to fund this. We need to look to private developers."

— Jeff Green, Fort Myers finance director

## River District development moving forward

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Fort Myers leaders will likely bow to private developers to revive the downtown waterfront.

"I remain concerned with our ability to fund this," said Jeff Green, the city's finance director. "We need to look to private developers."

Green was speaking to the city council on Monday, April 30 after a presentation by architects Bill Mudgett and Wiley Parker. The pair briefed council on their ideas of what should be done to make the River District a destination for shopping, dining and recreation.

"Our main point was based on the two biggest assets in downtown Fort Myers — the (Caloosahatchee) River and First Street," Mudgett told council.

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This aerial view from the Caloosahatchee River shows the area of the River District that will be developed into a walking promenade, additional boat docks, an open-air market and retail and restaurants, according to city plans.



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