BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION FEBRUARY 9, 1983

The Board of County Commission met this day in special session with the following members present, to-wit: Jack Bowman, Chairman, Monroe Cox, Donnell Whitfield and Roy Bailey. Ronnie Hand, School Board member, was also present.

Deputy Clerk Gail O'Bryan was present and acting.

Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the lawsuit with St. Joe Paper Company.

Chairman Bowman asked if Mr. Frank Stone, Property Appraiser, had talked with St. Joe Paper Company about a settlement. Mr. Stone stated he had talked to Mr. Kent, attorney for St. Joe Paper Company, about a settlement. He stated the reason for his talking with Mr. Kent about a possible settlement was to try and get it settled and save the county attorney fees. He also stated he would not settle without first meeting with the Board of County Commission and School Board.

Chairman Bowman asked Mr. Stone if he had talked with Mr. Kent about settling for \$47,000.00. Mr. Stone stated that Mr. Kent had said he might settle for that amount.

Commissioner Cox asked Mr. Stone if he was still in favor of settlement since he had found out St. Joe Paper Company owed for 1980, 1981 and 1982 taxes in excess of \$155,000.00. Mr. Stone stated he was not in favor of settlement since he had learned the total amount owed by St. Joe Paper Company and after talking with Mr. Paul Sizemore.

Chairman Bowman recommended that the Board write Mr. Stone a letter advising him they were not in favor of settlement.

Mr. Ronnie Hand stated that on February 8, 1983, a School Board meeting was held and it was the unanimous consensus of the School Board that they collect the full amount of taxes owed by St. Joe Paper Company. He stated they were not in favor of compromise.

Chairman Bowman polled the Board on collecting the entire amount owed by St. Joe Paper Company with no settlement. Commissioners Cox, Bailey, Whitfield and Bowman voted ''yes''.

Mr. Stone stated he was in favor and in full support of collecting the full amount owed from St. Joe Paper Company.

There being no further business, the Board did then adjourn.

ATTEST:

WILLIE D. WISE

Clerk

VJACK BOWMAN Chairman