

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners met this date in Special Session for the purpose of reviewing a proposed ordinance establishing franchise fees for utilities and telephone service.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman  
James Dillard  
Monroe Cox  
Truman Grant  
Ellis Melvin

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk  
Bill Corbin, Attorney  
Broward Vickery, Deputy

Jimmy Strength representing Amerigas was present to discuss the proposed tax on L.P. Gas. After some discussion the Board agreed to drop the Natural and L.P. Gas from the ordinance.

Attorney Frank Bondurant representing West Florida Electric and Fla. Public Utilities stated that after reviewing the ordinance he felt the Board did not have the authority to set the fee. Attorney John Roberts stated he was of the same opinion.

Mr. H. W. Norris representing Gulf Coast Electric read a letter opposing the ordinance without further legal information.

Attorney Bill Corbin stated the Board's authority was under self government Ch. 125.42 F.S. and had drafted the ordinance after one was in effect in Escambia and Leon Counties, which are non Charter Counties as Calhoun.

Chairman Whitfield recommended to the Board that the Public Hearing set for September 19, 1990 be cancelled, and a budget hearing be Monday September 17, 1990 to cut the Budget. He also stated cuts of Fire Protection, Health Care, County Extension Office and the Library Service.

Commissioner Cox stated that he concurred with Chairman Whitfield.

Commissioner Dillard stated that 6 of 10 persons in his district were for the ordinance so he agreed to cancel the hearing.

Mrs. Audrey Elofoson stated that all budgets should be cut by 10%-20% in order to fund some of the services that were to be cut.

Chairman Whitfield stated that in his recommendation that the ordinance be put on the November ballot and if it passed by 50.1% of the vote, the ordinance would be put into effect.

Motion by Dillard to proceed with the Public Hearing passage of ordinance will depend on the November Election outcome, plus being approved by the court system.

2ns Commissioner Cox, carried 5-0

Chairman Whitfield reminded the Board that there was a Special Board Meeting set for Monday, September 17, 1990 at 1:30 P.M.

The meeting did then adjourn.

ATTEST:

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD, CHAIRMAN

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK