

From: Commissioner Goodin
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:15 PM
To: Board of County Commissioners
Cc: Hunter Walker; Tom Dannheisser; Tony Gomillion; Roger Blaylock; Beckie Faulkenberry; Nancy Model; Ray Sansom (ray.sansom@myfloridahouse.gov)
Subject: Northwest Florida TPO

At our meeting two weeks ago, Commissioner Tucker and Commissioner Broxson asked FDOT for an explanation of the criteria to prioritize the TRIP funding process. It is being left to each TPO to develop their own criteria.

A follow-up question asked what criteria District 3 was using to prioritize projects, and who would select the projects that would receive funding. The individual answering was not aware of any criteria District staff would use. A committee of District staff and Secretary Prescott will meet and make the selections.

Another follow-up question asked if the selections would be made in public, similar to the meetings in the Sunshine the TPO's are required to hold. Commissioner Tucker received the attached explanation. So much for placing the TRIP funding process in the Sunshine! Makes you wonder if it is worth getting wrapped around the flagpole fighting for (and defending) our projects when District 3 can make their decisions with little oversight or accountability.

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From: Commissioner Cole
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:07 PM
To: Commissioner Goodin
Subject: RE: Northwest Florida TPO

Sound like how they decided to back up Avalon Blvd. Maybe there is a dart board somewhere we do not know about????

Sincerely,
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Chairman Santa Rosa County BOCC

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Sent: Wed May 31 14:07:22 2006
Subject: RE: FW: Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional Transportation Authority
Meeting

I'm not sure if we want to rescind anything or not. If they're going to
pick up their toys and go home every time things don't go their way-
then maybe they should stay at the house.

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From: Commissioner Cole
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 5:13 PM
To: Commissioner Goodin
Subject: Re: FW: Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional Transportation Authority
Meeting

How dose this effect the votes theyu have made since that date ?

From: Commissioner Goodin <CommGoodin@co.santa-rosa.fl.us>
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Sent: Wed May 31 17:30:17 2006
Subject: RE: FW: Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional Transportation Authority
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The RTA hasn't met since they withdrew their membership.

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From: Commissioner Cole
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 6:44 PM
To: Commissioner Goodin
Subject: Re: FW: Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional Transportation Authority
Meeting

There is to dam many authorities with no authority.

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Goodin said he felt the Board should realistically approach where this RTA is at. ~ He said the fact remains that they have no funding and they are limited statutorily in their abilities to create roads. ~ Goodin said in order to get funding they will have to get it from the local counties or get a revolving trust and borrow the funds. ~ He said it is unlikely this authority will find any funding unless this Board funds it. ~ Goodin said he felt the County will be better off pursuing this road (the North Bypass) themselves. ~ He said it is his opinion that viability of this authority will never exist. ~ Goodin said he does not have a problem withdrawing the County's membership from this authority. Stewart voiced his opinion with regards to Santa Rosa County withdrawing from this authority. ~ He said he is not at all pleased that this Board has an opportunity to sit down with Escambia County Board of Commissioners and discuss the future of both of our counties in terms of its northern portions; these portions are very critical to our two economies. ~ Stewart said Santa Rosa County is working on transportation plans for the future and obviously these plans will require lots of coordination between our two counties, irregardless of whether or not Escambia County has all of its rights of way donated and can move forward with their portion. ~ He said the opportunity to speak in public forum with the Escambia County Commission is being withdrawn; he said he can not talk to Escambia County Commissioners without violating the Sunshine Law unless these meetings are held. ~ Stewart said he will be voting no to this recommendation. ~ He said he was hoping this item could be tabled.

~ Salter said there are pros and cons both ways. ~ He said the Planning & Zoning Department supports having some type of Planning Authority to accommodate the Northwest Florida Regional Planning Authority; otherwise, the northern end of the County will go neglected. ~ Salter said he intends to listen to the Planning & Zoning Department and give them the tools they need to better plan the future of this County. ~ He said he was hoping to table this item as well until after the Board finds out what kind of transportation is available for local projects after the one cent sales tax vote. ~ Salter said he hopes any action will be delayed until after the September 5, 2006 election.

Goodin said nothing stops the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners from discussing anything with the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners; a special meeting can be called for discussion between these entities at any time

Goodin moved approval without objection to withdraw from the Escambia-Santa Rosa Regional Transportation Authority; Broxson seconded, and the motion carried by majority vote with Goodin, Broxson, and Cole in favor of the motion. ~ Stewart and Salter opposed. ~ (3-2).

Cole moved approval without objection to appoint Commissioner Stewart as Santa Rosa County's representative to work with Escambia County on the northern bypass road and have scheduled meetings with Escambia County to formalize recommendations and provide open discussion; Broxson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. ~ (5-0)