

RESOLUTION NO. 96-71

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING AND RE-STATING THE INTENTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING EXTENDING THE COUNTY SEAT BOUNDARIES AND UTILIZATION OF THE SALES TAX MONIES.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, has adopted a Resolution extending the County Seat Boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has committed to the expenditure of monies for the renovation and restoration of the Nassau County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted a sales tax for eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all the citizens to restate and clarify the Board's actions and intent.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 8th day of April, 1996, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners has committed to restoration and enlargement of the existing Courthouse building by:
  - a. Choosing and contracting with said architectural firm to renovate and enlarge the Courthouse on August 8, 1995.
  - b. Providing the first draft plans to the Judiciary's expert commencing in December, 1995. Judiciary review of all plans is required before construction can commence. The judiciary's expert, Mr. Daniel Wiley, has given tentative approval for the most recent draft plan and said approval was received on or about April

1, 1996. The Chief Judge and the Administrative Judge will now have the opportunity to review the plans recently approved by Mr. Wiley.

2. The Courthouse shall remain in Fernandina Beach and will be renovated and enlarged and will provide for the present and future needs of the judiciary as determined by the judiciary's expert.

3. The boundaries of the County Seat have been expanded to enable the construction of an administrative center that will provide for County offices and the main offices of the Tax Collector, Supervisor of Elections, Sheriff's Department, and the Property Appraiser, as well as storage of official County records.

4. The Administrative Center shall be centrally located to provide more convenient services for all the citizens of Nassau County. The central location will also provide for more secure storage of official county records off the barrier island. This is necessitated by the well founded concern regarding hurricanes, and the realistic possibility that the county's records could be lost and operations shut down if administrative offices were located on the island.

5. Satellite offices should be utilized wherever possible. This will include offices in Fernandina Beach and other areas.

6. The present jail is no longer adequate to house the number of prisoners that are housed on a daily basis, and that need will continue to grow. Failure to provide a new facility will result in legal consequences with the Florida Department of

Corrections.

7. The sales tax collection capped at eight (8) years. The funds generated for eight (8) years will only enable the construction of a new jail, with appropriate administrative offices for the Sheriff's Department, County Administrative Center, and satellite offices, as well as renovation and restoration of the existing Courthouse. The funds will not allow any other buildings or construction, which was the intent of the Board when the term was set at eight (8) years.

8. In addition, the Board provided in the Ordinance approving the sales tax that each project to be funded must be considered and approved at an advertised public hearing.

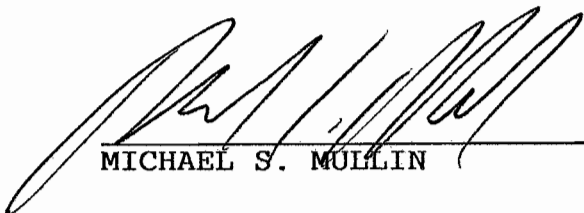
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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

  
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Its: Chairman

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