

R E S O L U T I O N 77-215

WHEREAS, the Constitution Revision Commission as created by the 1968 Constitution of the State of Florida has been appointed and is now in the process of considering matters brought before it for review and recommendation to the people of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this body that one of the items being presented for consideration to that Honorable Commission relates to the duties, functions and election of the clerk of the circuit court as it now exists in the Constitution of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, this body, due to its experience and active participation with the clerk of the circuit court of this county, finds it to be in the interest of the people of this county to express its position regarding any proposed change in the duties, status or election of the office of clerk of the circuit court from what presently exists in the existing Constitution of the State of Florida.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

1) That the clerk of the Circuit Court, as provided in Article VIII, Section 1(D) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, functions as the county treasurer, county auditor, recorder, and ex officio clerk to the board of county commissioners of this county, and as such, his duties

involve a tremendous variety of legal and administrative responsibilities essential to the efficient and effective operation of local government.

2) That the clerk of the circuit court reflects an independently elected check and balance at the local government level which has worked effectively and to the interest of the people for many years in this county.

3) That any amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to the status, duties or methods of selection of the clerk of the circuit court would impose an unneeded and unnecessary change in our system of local government which has worked to the benefit of the people of this county in the past.

4) That the opinion and expression of this Board as contained herein should be and is hereby directed to be submitted to the Chairman of the Constitution Revision Commission as an expression of the interest and desire of the people of Nassau County as transmitted through its duly elected board of county commissioners.

DONE AND RESOLVED THIS 8th day of November, 1977.

Douglas Hodges
Vice-Chairman, Board of County
Commissioners

Attest: Boody
Ex-Officio Clerk

*Certified copy sent to
Barbara Nettles
Assn. of County Clerks*

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, D. O. OXLEY, Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 77-215, adopted by said Board on the 8th day of November, 1977, as same appears on record in Minutes of November 8, 1977 Meeting of said Board held on said date.

DATED this 9th day of November, 1977.

Ex-Officio Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Nassau County, Florida