

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND THE
SANTA ROSA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2008 – 8:30 a.m.
Board Chambers, 221 Palafox Place**



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**John Broxson, Chair
Don Salter, Vice Chair
Tom Stewart
Robert Cole
Gordon Goodin**



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Mike Whitehead, Chair
Gene Valentino, Vice Chair
Marie Young
Grover Robinson
Kevin White**

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Call to Order
(PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE TO THE VIBRATE, SILENCE, OR OFF SETTING)**
- 2. Invocation – Commissioner Whitehead**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Commissioner White**
- 4. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?**
- 5. Opening Remarks - Chairman Whitehead**
- 6. Opening Remarks - Chairman Broxson**
- 7. Tanker Program – Steve Nodine, Chairman, Mobile County BCC / Leroy Barnidge, Northrop Grumman – 20 minutes**
- 8. Joint Resolution to Congressman Miller – Robert McLaughlin - 30 minutes**
- 9. Regional Transportation Finance Authority – Comr. Valentino – 30 minutes**
- 10. Scheduling of Second Joint County Meeting – Robert McLaughlin**
- 11. Adjourn**

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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DEPARTMENT: County Attorney's Office

THROUGH: Alison Perdue Rogers, County Attorney

FROM: Stephen G. West, Assistant County Attorney

DATE: April 25, 2008

ISSUE: Joint Resolution of Escambia County and Santa Rosa County Requesting Support from Congressman Jeff Miller to Sponsor Federal Legislation to Release the Restrictions on Conveyance of Properties on Santa Rosa Island.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt the attached Joint Resolution of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners requesting the support of Congressman Jeff Miller to sponsor federal legislation to release the restrictions on conveyance of property on Santa Rosa Island (SRI).

BACKGROUND:

The deed to SRI conveyed from the United States of America to Escambia County in 1947 permits the County to lease but not convey the property. Enlisting Congressman Miller's support is the first step in developing a plan and process to release the restriction and convey the County's interest in Navarre Beach to Santa Rosa County and the remaining portions of SRI to other persons and entities having a leasehold interest. The attorney for Santa Rosa County, Tom Dannheisser, has no objections to the form of the resolution.

APR:SGW/el

RESOLUTION R2008-___

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN JEFF MILLER TO RELEASE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON CONVEYANCE FOR PROPERTY ON SANTA ROSA ISLAND; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 15, 1947, the United States of America conveyed to Escambia County, Florida, a portion of Santa Rosa Island, more particularly described in that deed recorded in Deed Book 248 at page 161 of the public records of Escambia County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the deed recites that the property shall “always be subject to regulation by said County whether leased or not leased but never to be otherwise disposed of or conveyed”; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa County has an interest in the easternmost four miles of the property conveyed to Escambia County (Navarre Beach) pursuant to that certain Lease Agreement between the Santa Rosa Island Authority, an agency of Escambia County, Florida, and Santa Rosa County, Florida, dated February 11, 1956; and

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement contemplates that Escambia County will convey Navarre Beach to Santa Rosa County and that the parties will cooperate “in obtaining such conveyance and congressional and legislative approval therefore”; and

WHEREAS, Escambia County and Santa Rosa County agree that it would be in the interests of both counties to release the restrictions on conveyance to facilitate transfer of Escambia County’s interest to Santa Rosa County and other persons and entities having leasehold interests on Santa Rosa Island; and

WHEREAS, the counties wish to express their intent to cooperate in drafting proposed legislation to release the restriction on conveyances and developing a process to convey Escambia County’s interest to Santa Rosa County and persons and entities with a leasehold interest on Santa

Rosa Island, and to request the support of Congressman Jeff Miller to sponsor federal legislation to release the restrictions on conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the counties will direct their respective staffs and attorneys to cooperate in drafting proposed language for the legislation; and

WHEREAS, each County, through its Board of County Commissioners, has considered this Resolution at public meetings of their respective Boards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference in the body of this Resolution.
2. Escambia County and Santa Rosa County hereby request the support of Congressman Jeff Miller to sponsor legislation to release the restriction on conveyances for property on Santa Rosa Island, which shall be mutually agreed upon and drafted by the counties.
3. Each County's staff and attorneys shall cooperate in drafting the legislation, which will be approved by each of the Boards at future public meetings and subsequently forwarded to Congressman Jeff Miller for consideration.
4. The Clerk of the Board of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners shall furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to Congressman Jeff Miller immediately upon its adoption and execution by both counties.
5. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date last adopted by each of the Boards of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners on the ____ day of _____, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

D. M. "Mike" Whitehead, Chairman

ATTEST: ERNIE LEE MAGAHA
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form:

Escambia County Attorney

ADOPTED by the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners on the ____ day of _____, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

John Broxson, Chairman

ATTEST: MARY M. JOHNSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form:

Santa Rosa County Attorney