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### ***Bay Commission Reduces Impact Fees***

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**Panama City, FL --** After a long discussion that included two failed motions, the Bay County Commission voted Tuesday to temporarily reduce some impact fees on new construction and to suspend one fee altogether for 18 months.

The commission voted 3-2 to reduce the fire protection, parks and recreation, and library impact fees by 50% and to suspend the transportation impact fee for 18 months.

Commissioner Bill Dozier brought up the proposal to reduce the impact fees, after complaints from local contractors about the negative effect the impact fees were having on the construction industry.

Commissioners Mike Nelson and George Gainer were in favor of suspending all the impact fees for 18 months, but Commissioner Mike Thomas rejected that idea, because he says the impact fees are necessary to provide infrastructure as the county continues growing.

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