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County puts deadline on transportation impact fees

Submitted by Robby Douglas on Tue, 11/02/2010 - 8:27pm.

On Election Day, the Citrus County Commission put a final deadline on the suspension of transportation impact fees.

While Citrus County voters were out casting ballots, the county commission decided to set the fee deadline for June 1, 2011. That means transportation impact fees, suspended since 2009, will be reinstated at that time.

The county had suspended the impact fees in the hope that the lower fees would attract more businesses to the county and stimulate building. Neither businesses nor housing showed a significant effect as a result of the lowering of the fees.

The county first lowered the fees on Jan. 25, 2007, said Development Services Director Vince Cautero, and again in 2009. Cautero added that there was no increase in business nor housing.

County Commissioner Joe Meek too issue with those conclusions, noting that the declining economy also had a suppressing effect in those areas.

County Commissioner Winn Webb said, "We're not going to spend our way out of this." He said that Citrus County, for the first time, had homeless families living here. "Roads are important," he said, noting the need for the impact fees to resume again. "Let's face it, impact fees are taxes. We need to set something in stone and pray for the economy."

County Commissioner Dennis Damato said the fees were necessary for work on County Road 486, and that he would not favor extending the suspension of the fees.

Meanwhile, the county staff must have a revised impact fee ordinance ready for commission approval by June 1, 2011. If the commission approves it, it will take three months to take effect from that date.

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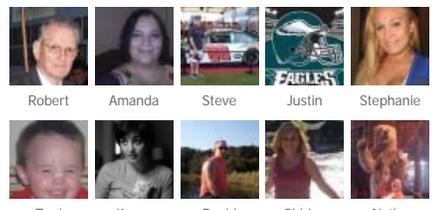
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2010 Citrus County Festival of the Arts set for Nov. 6, 7...

It's that time of year again. The weather is cooler, the humidity has dropped, and the days are just about perfect. That means it's time for the annual Citrus County Festival of the Arts.

The 39th year of the Festival will again be staged around the Courthouse Square in Inverness the first full weekend of November.

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November dubbed National Hospice/Palliative Care Month...

The Citrus County Commission recently proclaimed November as "National Hospice/Palliative Care Month in Citrus County.



During National Hospice Month, the county recognizes the dignity hospice care can provide to patients who need it most, and the professionals, volunteers, and family members who bring peace to individuals in their final days.

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Due to technical difficulties, Progress Energy's plan to close a lane on County Road 486 at 491 has been postponed until the night of Nov. 8.

The work could continue over into the next night if not finished the night of the 8th.

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County names 34-year veteran as top employee...

The Citrus County Commission's administration recently named John "Buddy" Crump as its Employee of the Year.



Crump, a 34-year veteran of the county, was congratulated by commissioners at the Oct. 26 commission meeting after Administrator Brad Thorpe told the commission Crump had been chosen from all the Employees of the Month, a program Thorpe began in September 2009.

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