

# PENSACOLA BEACH

SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY

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Executive Director

## SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 23, 2008

1-3. A special Board meeting of the Authority was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, beginning at 5:04 p.m. Members in attendance were: Dr. Thomas Campanella, Ms. Tammy Bohannon, Mr. John Peacock, Mr. Vernon Prather and Mr. Fred Gant. Mr. Gant arrived at 5:33 p.m. Board member absent was Mr. Elwyn Guernsey. Dr. Campanella, Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of meditation. The Board Members moved to the Committee Meetings until Mr. Gant's arrival.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Upon motion of Mr. John Peacock, seconded by Mr. Vernon Prather, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda. (4-0)**

### 5. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Dr. Campanella had no comments at this time.

Item #1 – Discussion on award of resurfacing contract – Via de Luna shopping center parking lot. (Report by Chairman Campanella)

Dr. Campanella reminded the Board that the SRIA budget is tight. As such, he thought it would be prudent to revisit this issue. He believes the contract should be awarded to Roads Inc., thus saving \$15,000.00. Mr. Vernon Prather stated that after speaking with Commissioner White and learning that Roads, Inc. was on the County's approved vendor list, he opposed the motion for awarding the contract to Gulf Atlantic. Dr. Campanella stated that while SRIA did have a less than positive experience with extended wait times and multiple change orders, he feels that this is a small project that would not be difficult to complete in a timely fashion.

Mr. Fred Gant pointed out that there were multiple complaints by residents and Roads, Inc. did not respond to Board questions and comments in a timely manner. He saw no reason to change the Board's decision if the budget allows. Ms. Bohannon spoke with Commissioner Grover Robinson, who recommended

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writing down all of the complaints regarding Roads, Inc. She felt that the extra \$15,000.00 should be spent to ensure quality work.

Mr. Peacock stated that the SRIA Board was within its legal rights to choose the most qualified vendor. He felt that it would set a bad precedent to rescind the previous motion. He voted based on his past experiences with Roads, Inc.

Mr. Dave Hemphill pointed out that the Via de Luna project was a joint project between SRIA and ECUA. Many of the change requests were from ECUA and paid for by ECUA. The net balance for change orders by SRIA was very little, as most of the additional costs were for material costs. He felt the Board's criticism was time related not money related.

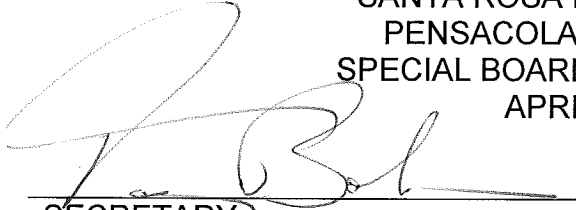
Mr. Prather submitted that there is a degree of difference between the Via de Luna project and paving a parking lot. With current budget cuts it would be prudent to save the \$15,000.00. There were issues on the larger job, but it was completed. Mr. Prather asked Mr. Lee if he was comfortable allowing Roads, Inc. to complete the resurfacing contract. Mr. Lee responded that it was such a small project it would be difficult to ruin. Mr. Lee stated he did speak to all of the companies who submitted proposals and informed them there would be no change orders, and the job should be completed in four (4) days.

Mr. Todd Harris, attorney for Roads, Inc. addressed the Board. He stated that Roads, Inc. has a good performance history with Escambia County. He provided the Board with a booklet that includes ratings of past performance. In his opinion it would be a disservice to the contractor and the SRIA budget to decline the Roads, Inc. proposal. He continued, Roads, Inc. has a good track record and he does not want to see it harmed because of one complicated job.

**Upon motion of Dr. Thomas Campanella, seconded by Mr. Vernon Prather, the Board voted to rescind the previous motion to award the resurfacing contract to Gulf Atlantic and award the resurfacing contract to Roads, Inc. This motion did not pass. The prior motion stands. (3-2) Tammy Bohannon voted in the affirmative, Fred Gant and John Peacock opposing.**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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