

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 10, 2016**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN, CHAIRMAN
THOMAS G. FLOWERS
DENNIS JONES
DARRELL MCDUGALD**

**MATTHEW FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPROLLER
ANGIE SMITH, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
SARAH WILLIAMS, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
JOE WOOD, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Brown at 5:00 p.m., CT.

PETITION TO VACATE PLAT FOR RIVERSIDE AT CHIPOLA

Ms. Melissa VanSickle, attorney for St. Joe Land and Development Co., presented a petition on behalf of St. Joe Company to vacate the plat for Riverside at Chipola. She stated that after the filing of the plat a portion of the property was transferred to the Department of Transportation as a right of way, so DOT has joined in on the plat as a property owner. Attorney VanSickle stated she has the original petition with the necessary exhibits attached and the original resolution to be provided to the Board of County Commissioners in the event that they recommend vacation of the plat.

Attorney Matt Fuqua stated everything is in order, and it is up to the commissioners' discretion whether to recommend accepting the petition to abandon the plat. The plat would revert from residential to agriculture in the event the plat is vacated. There was further discussion regarding the vacation of the plat.

Chairman Brown raised the question of what the financial loss to the county would be if the plat is abandoned. Commissioner Flowers stated that there would be a \$20,256.71 loss to the county through the reduction of ad valorem taxes. The split would be approximately \$12,000 to the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners, \$8,000 to the Calhoun County School District, and \$45 dollars to the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

Attorney VanSickle stated St. Joe Company believes they have met their burden under the statutes and are entitled to have the plat vacated. There was further discussion on vacating the plat.

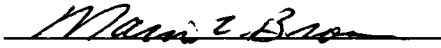
There were several questions asked that need to be answered before the Board reaches a decision. Mr. Frank Snowden and Commissioner Jones asked, what are the intentions of St. Joe Company for the property in the event it is vacated? Attorney VanSickle, speaking on behalf of St. Joe Company, stated the preliminary step is to resolve the issue related to the plat. Commissioner Flowers asked if St. Joe Company is in the process of vacating any more plats in any other counties, and if there is a pending sales contract contingent on the plat being vacated?

The Board of County Commissioners were not prepared for a motion on the issue of abandoning the plat. Attorney VanSickle stated she will gather more information to present to the board at a further meeting.

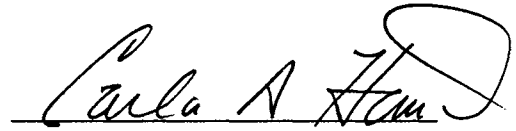
- ❖ A motion was made by Chairman Brown to table the issue and revisit abandoning the plat on June 14th at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Flowers seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1. (Commissioner McDougald opposed)

The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m., CT.

ATTEST:



MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN, CHAIRMAN



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK