

Collier County agrees to make impact fee cuts retroactive

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NAPLES — Developers and residents looking to improve their Collier County properties are to keep a combined approximate \$2.5 million in their pockets due to the Board of Collier County Commissioners' decision Tuesday to make impact fee reductions retroactive.

Commissioners had decreased Collier County School District impact fees by about 50 percent and transportation impact fees by about 32 percent in separate decisions made in previous meetings.

Developers had requested to make those reductions effective on permit applications not yet approved but that had already been submitted to the county prior to the decision to reduce those impact fees.

Both the school and transportation impact fees were to be effective Oct. 8. However, the commission's decision allows applicants with pending permits to request a recalculation.

The costs to recalculate the fees, which could take up to five days, are \$50 for single family homes and \$250 for multi-family or commercial construction.

There are 42 commercial permits and 61 residential permits pending that if recalculated would lead to a loss of \$1.9 million in road impact fees, \$503,000 in school impact fees and \$44,086 in parks impact fees, reported Nick Casalanguida, the county's growth administrator.

In other business, the commission:

- Awarded a contract to Taylor-Pansing, Inc. in the amount of about \$1.4 million for the construction of the North Collier Recycling Drop-Off Center at the North County Water Reclamation Facility.
- Agreed to spend up to \$75,000 to appeal the Federal Emergency Management Association's floods maps for two of the 12 basins in Collier County.
- Approved the fiscal 2011 contract with the Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Collier County Health Department in the amount of about \$1.6 million, which is a 5 percent reduction from the 2010 budget.

- Approved an online auction of Collier County and Marco Island surplus property, which includes busses, trucks and lawn mowers, to be held no later than Nov. 17 by auctioneer Atkinson Realty & Auction, Inc.



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