

## Pasco impact fees meeting delayed

By RONNIE BLAIR | The Tampa Tribune

A joint meeting of the Pasco County Commission and the school board, scheduled for Tuesday, is being postponed so that officials from municipalities can be invited and will have time to prepare.

The meeting was planned after the county commission began discussing making drastic cuts to impact fees on new construction. Money collected from a school impact fee goes into the school district's capital fund.

Among other impact fees that the county commission is considering cutting or eliminating are fees that pay for parks, libraries, fire stations and hurricane shelters.

After the joint meeting date was set, but the location was still being discussed, it was determined that municipalities in Pasco also should be involved because they are part of an interlocal agreement on school concurrency, school board attorney Dennis Alfonso said Thursday.

Concurrency is a growth management concept intended to make sure that the needed schools are available to serve existing and new development.

Postponing the meeting will give city commissions time to hold their own meetings in advance and discuss any issues they might want to bring up at the joint session, Alfonso said.

A new date for the joint meeting hasn't been set.

Even though the joint session with the school board is on hold for the moment, county commissioners still plan to hold a workshop Tuesday to discuss a mobility fee system that would allow them to cut transportation impact fees nearly in half.

The school board also is holding its own meeting Tuesday and will discuss impact fees.

---

Reporter Laura Kinsler contributed to this report.

[rblair@tampatrib.com](mailto:rblair@tampatrib.com)

(813) 259-7065