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First of 2 impact fee workshops being held today

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The first of two workshops about the proposed Clay County road impact fee will be held Friday.

Commissioner Rob Bradley will lead a 9 a.m. session on how the fee ordinance will address economic development. The second session, lead by Commissioner Harold Rutledge, will be held at 3 p.m. Monday with the building and development community.

Both workshops will be held on the fourth floor of the County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs: Bradley's session in the conference room, Rutledge's in the commission meeting room.

As currently proposed, the impact fee would be charged to all new development, both residential and non-residential property. The revenues would help fund \$448 million of road improvements needed by 2020, particularly in the heavily populated and growing northeast area of the county.

Initially, the fees ranged from \$2,442 to \$5,362, depending on the type of development, but the range was recently revised to \$4,271 in the southwest portion of the county and \$6,473 in the northeast portion of the county.

Also, county officials have changed the point of payment by builders or developers from when they pull building permits to when they obtain certificates of occupancy.

A commission vote on the fee will likely take place in late January or early February.

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