

RESOLUTION NO. 92- 70

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA DENYING A REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY PAY COURT REPORTER OVERTIME COSTS AND OBJECTING TO ANY LEGISLATION IMPOSING SUCH A BURDEN ON ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County (County) has been requested to agree to pay court reporter overtime costs previously paid by the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, the County is in the seventh month of its fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the 1991-92 County budget was set after many lengthy public hearings, much staff time, and much public input;

WHEREAS, the budget reflects allocation of the limited funds available to the County after many difficult, gut-wrenching decisions;

WHEREAS, unallocated funds available to the County for unbudgeted items, unforeseen expenses, and emergencies are extremely limited;

WHEREAS, the budget includes no allocation for court reporter overtime costs;

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is considering legislation which would shift financial responsibility for court reporters' overtime to the County permanently;

WHEREAS, the County has objected in the past to the State's imposing financial burdens on the County without providing any funds to meet those burdens;

WHEREAS, the County strongly objects to any legislation requiring it to assume financial responsibility for court reporters' overtime costs, either temporarily or permanently; the cost of administering the State courts should be paid by the State, not the counties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Section 1. The County denies the request that it assume financial responsibility for court reporters' overtime costs, and strongly objects to passage of any legislation imposing such a burden on it.

Section 2. The Clerk shall cause certified copies of this Resolution to be forwarded immediately to the County's representatives in the State Legislature as follows:

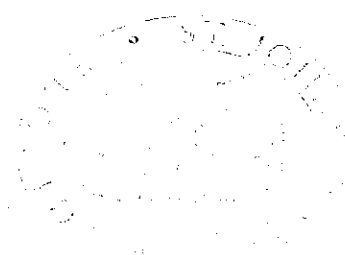
The Honorable W. G. "Bill" Bankhead, State Senator  
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Passed this 14th day of April, 1992.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Fred B. Bluff  
Its Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: Yvonne Carter  
Deputy Clerk