JANUARY 17, 2002

The regular meeting of the Santa Rosa County Fire Safety Administrative Board of Adjustments and Appeals was held January 17, 2002, at 4:00 p. m. in the Conference Room of the Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Department located at 6051 Old Bagdad Highway Room 202, Milton, FL 32583. Board members in attendance were Chairman John Reble, Vice Chairman Paul Hazucha, Warren Morgan, Dusty Rhodes and Steve Rowell.

Building Inspection Department Staff in attendance were Rhonda Royals, Office Superintendent; Tim Tolbert, Fire Official/Chief Plans Examiner; Tambre Weiland, Fire Safety Inspector; and Esna Cluck, Permit Analyst.

Mr. John Reble, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Agenda approval:
Royals asked the Board to add a variance request for Emerald Coast Pediatrics for a fire hydrant variance. There were no objections. Rhodes made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. There was a second from Hazucha. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Approval of minutes:
Rowell made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 20, 2001, meeting with a second by Rhodes. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Next meeting:
The next scheduled meeting is to be held on February 21, 2002, at 4:00 p.m.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
Variance Request:
True Grace Fellowship Assembly of God Church

Tolbert gave a brief description of the building and the reason for the variance. Tolbert stated that there is approximately 1050 feet to the most remote point of the building from the existing fire hydrant. Royals stated that they are proposing a new sanctuary next to an existing church building that is a wood structure.

David Denham Sr., with D and B Builders spoke as a representative for the Church. Denham stated that there would be approximately 21 feet between the two buildings. Denham stated that he had spoke with the Captain at the Skyline Fire Department. Denham talked about the capacity of the fire trucks located at Fire Station 22. He also discussed water flow. Denham proposed putting a hydrant on a three-inch line. Reble stated that DEP would not allow a hydrant on a three-inch line.

Denham discussed the cost of running a six-inch line from the existing line and installing a hydrant to meet the requirements as being approximately $21,000. Discussion ensued.

Reble ran calculations to determine amount of water needed to fight fire in proposed building. Reble stated that this situation might be something that the County Commissioners would be sympathetic to. Hazucha discussed possibly finding a way to not have to jack and bore under Martin Road. More discussion ensued.

Royals read the criteria under which the Board may grant a variance. Discussion ensued.

Rhodes asked if there was a rate cut on the insurance if the hydrant is in place. Duke Barrow, Pastor, stated that he had not discussed this with the insurance company. There was more discussion regarding possible help from the County Commission. Barrow asked for any help that the Board could give. Rhodes asked if the building would have a kitchen in it or if it would be used as a daycare. Barrow stated it would only be used during church services. Discussion ensued.

Hazucha made a motion to deny the variance request with a second from Morgan. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Variance Request:
Emerald Coast Pediatrics
Reble read the request for a variance of installation of a hydrant. Weiland showed the Board members a site plan with the location of the job and the existing hydrants. Weiland noted that each hydrant is located within approximately 400 feet of the sides of the property, but they would not meet the 500 feet to the most remote corner of the building requirement. John Loftis with Bontrager Builders Group, Inc., was present as a representative of Emerald Coast Pediatrics.

Reble ran calculations to determine the amount of water needed to fight fire in proposed building. Hazucha discussed applying to the City of Milton about the cost of running a water line. Discussion ensued.

Rowell made a motion to deny variance request with a second by Hazucha. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Public Forum:
Tolbert informed the Board of the new Fire Safety Ordinance and the few changes that were made by the County Commissioners.

Rhodes made a motion to adjourn with a second from Rowell. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.