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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Gomillion, County Administrator

FROM: Roger A. Blaylock, P.E. County Engineer *Roq*

DATE: July 6, 2016

RE: Navarre Beach Fishing Pier Mobile Restrooms

Discussion:

The Board of County Commissioners directed staff to gather information on portable restrooms to be located on the Navarre Beach Fishing Pier. Staff contacted several restroom vendors, NB pier design consultant, and representative from Florida Department of Environmental (FDEP) Beaches, Inlets & Ports Program. We received the same information from Atkins Global, our pier reconstruction/design/permit consultant, we received from FDEP several years ago. Port-o-lets or wheeled portable restrooms are not allowed under current department rules. FDEP said that there has been an extended discussion within the Department about port-a-potties on piers among FDEP staff attorneys, FDEP state lands staff, and FDEP northwest district staff. Their determination is that a port-o-let is not a "water dependent structure" and therefore is not allowed under the current rules. They would treat it like a permanent restroom which are also not allowed. FDEP representative was hopeful that the pier's lease could be modified to allow for port-a-potty use within defined constraints (wheeled out during certain hours, maintenance schedule, removed ahead of storms, etc.) but that isn't the case.

FDEP researched their records and in 2011 the MB Miller pier which utilizes a mobile restroom had a lease inspection. At that time a port- a-potty was not seen or noted in the inspection report. The MB Miller in Panama City pier will probably lose their wheeled restroom during their next lease inspection.

FDEP mentioned that Santa Rosa County could apply for a lease modification through the beaches office in Tallahassee but the same group referenced above would be the ones to make the decision. Representative stated if the County were to apply for a lease modification a STRONG legal argument for a port-a-potty must accompany the application or rules/statutes need to be changed to allow for a restrooms on piers.

Findings:

The following cost estimates were provided by restroom vendors:

Mobile/wheeled air conditioned restroom (PL2) similar to MB Miller pier - \$25,000.00

Requires potable water supply - Existing

Requires 240 volt electrical -

Permanent Portland Loo restroom - \$135,000.00

Requires potable water - Existing

Sewer connection on pier -





