August 13, 2008

The regular meeting of the Santa Rosa County Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals was held August 13, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Department located at 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton, FL 32583. Board members present were Mr. James "Larry" Hall, Chairman; Mr. Frank Harold, Vice Chairman; Mr. William J. Blackman and Mr. Charles "Pete" Southerland.

Building Inspection Department staff in attendance was Mrs. Rhonda Royals, Deputy Building Official; Mr. Skip Tompkins, Compliance Division Superintendent; Mr. Randy Jones, Compliance Investigator; Mr. Bobby Burkett, Compliance Investigator and Mrs. Robyn Leverton, Administrative Assistant I.

Mr. Tom Dannheisser, County Attorney, was not present for the meeting.

A court reporter was not present for the meeting.

Mr. James "Larry" Hall, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:
There were no amendments to the agenda. Mr. Blackman made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Southerland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes:
Mr. Blackman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2008, meeting. Mr. Southerland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:
The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in the Building Inspection Department Conference Room.

New Business –Appeal of Building Officials Decision to Not Consent to a License Reinstatement
Jessie T Farrington d/b/a Farrington Enterprises, Inc #RR0067731
Rhonda Royals gave some background on Mr. Farrington's license. He has held a license in SRC since 2003. The license expired on October 1st of 2005. The license was subsequently suspended due to nonpayment. The ordinance does allow the Building Official the authority to review documentation, from the contractor, showing proof of active contracting in order to allow reinstatement without retaking the test. Mr. Farrington did submit some information to the Building Official. In his review, the Building Official denied the reinstatement request. Mr. Farrington submitted a listing of permits, but Mr. Tolbert was concerned that we had many that lacked inspection records. He also received information that there were possible pending cases against Mr. Farrington in Escambia County.

Mr. Farrington addressed the Board. He said he is working to clear up his open/expired permits in Escambia County. He also said that he has proof that he is paying his (3) judgments. He said he is still in good standing with Escambia County, but hasn't pulled any permits within the last year.

A discussion amongst the Board and Mr. Farrington ensued.

Mr. Blackman made a motion to deny reinstatement. Mr. Harold seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business – Probable Cause
Eileen Nohava vs. Michael Keith Ellis d/b/a All Metal Construction
Randy gave a case update stating that the code violations and the corrections on the roof have been completed. Randy believes Mr Ellis has satisfied the complaint portion of this case. There is still a leak and the permit hasn't yet been finaled; more time is needed.

A discussion amongst the Board and Randy ensued.

Mr. Southerland made a motion to table the case until the next meeting. If all is handled by the next meeting, no additional meeting on this case would be required. Mr. Blackman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business – Probable Cause
Santa Rosa County vs. Brad A Davis d/b/a West Coast Metal Roofing
Randy Jones provided a case update. Randy said the County and the owner is satisfied.

Mr. Harold made a motion to dismiss the case. Mr. Southerland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Open Forum
A draft of possible fines, for penalties against the contractors, was presented to the Board members. Rhonda stated that our maximum fine that we can impose at the local level is $5,000; we have $10,000 listed on the draft.

A discussion amongst the Board and Rhonda ensued.

The following questions came up:
Where would the funds go?
Can the Board levy a fine against a State Certified contractor?

Mr. Blackman made a motion that the Board review fees and return to the next meeting for further discussion. Mr. Southerland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Blackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr Southerland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.