

SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 1, 2008  
9:00 A.M.

The Lafayette County Commission met on the above date and hour for a regular scheduled meeting. The meeting was held in the commissioner's meeting room at the Courthouse in Mayo, Florida. The following members were present: Commissioner Charles Driver, Dist. 1; Commissioner Thomas E. Pridgeon, Dist. 2; Commissioner Donnie Hamlin, Dist. 3; Commissioner Jack Byrd, Dist. 4; Commissioner Earnest L. Jones, Dist. 5; and Lafayette County Attorney Leenette McMillan.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE PURCHASING LAND FROM  
FLORIDA SUGAR CORP., INC.**

The board met to adopt a resolution opposing the State purchasing land around Clewiston, Florida from Florida Sugar Corp., Inc. On a motion by Mr. Driver and a second by Mr. Hamlin, the board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution and authorize Mr. Byrd to sign the resolution.

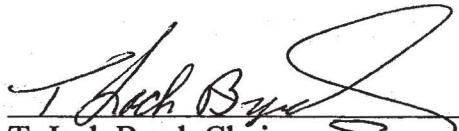
**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Pridgeon, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Attest:

  
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Ricky Lyons, Clerk



  
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T. Jack Byrd, Chairman

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OPPOSING THE PURCHASE OF US SUGAR CORPORATION BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida is currently in a state of emergency with regard to financial resources, to the extent Floridians are losing their jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, spending \$1.75 billion dollars will further cripple the State's efforts to preserve and appropriately allocate its financial resources; and

**WHEREAS**, closing the Sugar industry in South Florida will cause the loss of hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, closing the Sugar industry, in addition to displacing the local workforce, will have otherwise overwhelming effects on the economy across the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the U.S. Sugar Corporation will force Florida and the United States to import sugar, a basic commodity; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the U.S. Sugar Corporation will terminate efforts in the area to produce an alternative energy source; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** based on the foregoing grave concerns, that the **LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** is strongly opposed to this move by Governor Crist and the Water Management District to acquire the US Sugar Corporation due to the overwhelming negative effects this acquisition will most certainly have on the State of Florida and the United States.

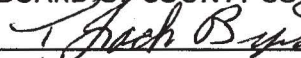
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2008.

ATTEST:

  
RICKY LYONS, CLERK



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
JACK BYRD, CHAIRMAN