

**13. FIRST READINGS****A. COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE FEES FOR CIVIL CASES**

Since 1990, we have assessed a \$2 fee for each criminal and traffic case for construction, renovation and maintenance of the courthouse and jail. The enabling legislation provides that the \$2 fee may also be imposed on civil cases. Accordingly, I have prepared a draft ordinance which includes the fee on all civil cases for a first reading this evening.

**MOTION REQUIRED:** If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to advertise a public hearing on the attached ordinance at your August 24 regular session.

**B. EXEMPTION FROM ROLLBACK TAXES ON FAMILY SUBDIVISIONS FAILING TO MEET MINIMUM ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Subsequent to our adoption of the Land Use Taxation ordinance in 2005, the General Assembly adopted legislation enabling localities to exempt family subdivisions that fail to meet the minimum acreage requirements from the rollback tax requirements. As an example, suppose a 40-acre farm is divided into 5 8-acre parcels while settling a family estate. Under our current ordinance, because the parcels fail to meet the minimum 10-acre requirement, they are no longer eligible for participation in the land use program. The exemption would allow them to continue in the land use program provided they are not sold within 60 months, are not rezoned to a more intensive use, and the use of the property (agriculture) remains unchanged.

**MOTION REQUIRED:** If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to advertise a public hearing on the attached ordinance at your August 24 regular session.