# **Gadsden County Citizens Planning and Zoning Bill of Rights Meeting**

August 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Anthony Matheny, Planning and Zoning Director

#### 1. Introduction

Mr. Matheny gave an introduction and welcomed everyone for the Citizens Planning and Zoning Bill of Rights Meeting. He said the purpose of the meeting is to receive public comment regarding changing the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code to allow solar farming as a Class I action or use by right in Agriculture Zones. If this goes forward and gets Planning Commission and Board of County Commission approval, it will go forward and become a part of the Comprehensive Plan via an amendment. This is a county initiated project. This forum is not a debate; it is to take public comment only. He said that he put on the agenda 3 minutes, which is BCC policy, but he would not adhere to it at this meeting. He invited public comments at this juncture.

# 2. Public Comment

# Marion Lasley, 5 Dante Court, Quincy, FL:

It seems a little presumption to be doing this, it seems that if Gadsden County is not selected for this project this is not a necessary procedure. Is that correct?

### Matheny:

This has nothing to do with this project. This is about Solar Farms and the County in general going forth.

# Lasley:

We were giving handouts of the specific sections of the Comprehensive Plan that you have proposed to amend is that correct. Is that the only amendments that you propose?

### Matheny:

We don't have an agenda with specific all the specific Comp Plan and LDC Changes, again this is just a meeting to listen to the public opinion on Solar Farms and Agricultural Areas in the County, that's all it is.

# Lasley:

Do you expect the projects to be on existing Tomato Farm Lands, Mining Lands, Sugar Culture Lands do you things those will be included.

### Matheny:

No properties have been selected yet, so I have no idea where the Solar Farms are supposed have proposed to put them.

### Lasley:

In your announcement in the paper you mentioned Ag 1 and Ag 2 and Ag3 the current project that's on the table is requesting 200 acre sites and I'm wondering why Ag 1 and 2 are listed there.

# Matheny:

Well there are some Ag 1 and Ag 2 that are huge sites.

### Lasley:

200 Acres

### Matheny:

I haven't researched that, I'm sure there are. We haven't researched that.

# Lasley:

Well I know the rest of the Ag 1 and Ag 2 properties for being able to be located on Solar Farms less than 200 Acres, is that correct?

# Matheny:

It would mean that any Solar Farm right now, way the Commissioners have asked this to be presented, Solar Farms to be allowed by right. I don't believe David, there is a minimum of 200 Acres, some that are 20 Acres right.

#### **David Gardner:**

No, what they are saying there ideal property is roughly 200 acres, which would have 110, 120 acres possible flip, based on the designs they are working with right now.

I guess there was an Ag 1 or 2 areas that were big enough that was land use designated that was Ag 1 or Ag 2, I guess it would be eligible.

#### Lasley:

Well, the way you proposed in the paper, any 5 acre Ag 1 site will be contender for Solar Farm, if you deem it.

### Matheny:

I guess if they could fit, some type of solar operation on that, I guess it would be under the right balance.

### Lasley:

We again, it's very hard to, I wrote a letter to the Commissioners stating that I was in favor of the opportunity to be considered and it's really hard to write that because, nobody knows what's going on. Here you are asking us, what we think about this and nobody knows, none of the citizens know what the project is going to look like, what the facts are going to be.

### **Gardner:**

This is what National Solar sent, this would only represent their project, it wouldn't represent what anybody else does, but this is what they sent as an example of the design.

### Lasley:

Something else, the power lines that are involved that are not showed in that picture at all, so again I think you guys have a good picture, but it hasn't been presented to the public and yet hear you are wanting our input. That seems, something seems a little odd there. I am in support of the Solar Project; I'm not in support of Citizens Right's being abandoned. I don't think the citizens have to give up their rights. I'm not in favor of the Planning Director being able to make decisions on what solar companies and what locations will be used for these projects. I think this writing in the paper as it is, is not acceptable I can't support this.

### Matheny:

Thank you, would anybody else like to get up and comment or do you have any opinions. David did bring a fact sheet that I asked him to bring tonight and think we passed them out. We do have a Solar Operation looking at Gadsden County, but this would not only apply to this Solar Operation but any future, so it's a long term, again we are testing the waters with the public, getting public feedback right now. One of the things, the first speaker alluded to too; we don't have enough information right now. Well it's not a lot of information, there will be more information when we go the Planning Commission and they send their recommendation to the

County Commission on whether are not to make these changes, so there is two Public Hearing opportunities coming up, which you can be heard and you stand for it or against it, whatever you like. This is just the first part the Citizen's Bill of Rights Meeting that we are required to have before we do this, we are doing one Thursday Night in Havana, we are have a Property Owner change hopefully change the property out there to commercial to rural residential, everybody does it and where doing it here because it's not tied to a specific parcel it's a Ag county wide, at least that's what's before right now. Sorry Ed.

### Ed Allen, Lake Talquin:

I agree with Marion about the Solar Farm. The question I have is, if they're going through a type one review. Does that not void the Citizen Bill of Rights? Ag 1 review goes directly to the Planning Commission period.

#### Matheny:

It will then.

#### Allen:

So in other words, if we go along with that it voids the Citizen's Bill of Rights.

# Matheny:

Well actually it's because there is going to be a probable a site plan required on it because of the acreage, the storm water and the access required. We would still have to go through the Citizen's Bill of Rights review, if wouldn't have to come through here on special exception approval.

### Allen:

But, who would approve it, The Planning Commission.

# Matheny:

In would be eternal, it would be approved or denied eternal.

# Allen:

I'm not for that I'm for the Citizen's Bill of Rights to go forth. In addition to that, 4,200 of the Comprehensive Plan there's a list type with the allowances on the Ag 3 zoned, has that not just been added to that list. I've gone through all the Comprehensive Plans and does that come up separate.

Well to add to that list and the Comp Plan and the Land Development Code, its Class 1 allowed, for like of better word by right, that's what you have to do now. The utility use is a special exception, it has to go through that process, so if you add it to that list, what didn't have to go through that process, yes you could do that, but you would have to change the Comp Plan and Land Development, which is what we are talking about here. We are talking about making those changes where this use does not have to go through the special exception process, so yes we could. If we added like you're talking about where it's allowed it that district without type 2 review, type 2 being Planning Commission and County Commission, then yes it would be an internal Class One Review.

# Bob Fulford, Tallahassee, FL:

I just came over to get information; I had not planned to speak. It may not be appropriate for me to speak because; I'm not a Gadsden Resident. I live in Tallahassee. This whole notion of Solar really excites me. The first I heard about this particular project was a letter that Mrs. Lasley had written to the paper, so I emailed her and asked her to pull me in on it and she gave me some information. I was in another meeting and Stew Parsons was there, he was talking about this wonderful project. Here again I thought wow, that's cool, but neither of those people or anybody else I talk to could me any information, so went to the computer as I went through what I found on the internet, I've look this, I just keep coming up with more and more questions. I really don't have anything to do with were you put because what I thought we were talking about putting anywhere, I don't think any would object to it. This is my question where can I get some information, for instance it says here, that it would generate a certain amount of stuff. It going to require a certain amount of land, then there statements on here like minimal environmental impacts, what does that mean? Is there some place I can go, I don't expect you to provide citizens with all that information, but there ought to be some way I could find out or anybody else could find out. It would be a workforce of up to 400 people to build this, I would have to tell you this, one of the things I discovered, about National Solar partners is 4 guys and Warehouse down in Brevard County, they have never done one of these sites, if they were to do this it would be a very first one. I just think the right concern, I come up against the right activism so many existences where project after project was bad, this one looks like it's really a great idea, except there are so many unanswered questions. I just would like to know the specific question. Fellow just handed me a photograph of a solar parade it's absolutely nothing on there that says bright ideas. He said that these people gave it to him, what is that? That's the kind of thing I'm concerned about. I'm confident that if all this goes before the public and is answered properly that this won't create a big problem. Thank you for your time.

# Matheny:

Thank you, sir. Let me answer a couple of questions about why it's considered can of a green industry or an industry that doesn't have a lot offsite impacts. What they are is noise, pollution,

major impact to your storm water, those kind of things, all those would be very minimal impacts with a Solar Ray, basically you're not changing a lot of your primeval surface, it stays the same, the rain hit the panels and the way it falls off circular perks in the ground right around where it hits. It's not hitting concrete in the traveling large distances to run off somewhere, it comes right off those panels and hit the ground. The ground water soaks it up, so your storm water and run off impacts aren't as much, you obviously don't have any noise with Solar System, you have some problems with the glare different times a day, but which you would require or what we would require, just like with any major development is a buffering, that prevents something impacting the neighbors and homes nearby. It's a quiet industry and I'm not coming up here as an advocate for it, for or against it. I'm just telling you some of the facts that I've learned through meeting with David working on one project that were working as a team on. David may want to say something on this too, he has gathered a lot of information, and he has become quite a bit knowledgeable about Solar Farms over the last over the last 6 or 7, 8 months by dealing with these folks. He may reference warehouse, He would have to answer that, because I don't know anymore about that. The reason that they are not here answering specific questions is this meeting is not geared toward that that one company, where talking about Solar Farms going forward in the future any Solar Farm. What we hear tonight is very valuable, after we get this input we may it may be decided that they are more appropriate in not all three Ag Districts, maybe their appropriate in just Ag 3, I will not that we will put those comments, where we need to put those comments in our Planning Commission Agenda Item and they will consider and you all are welcome to come to that meeting and their recommendation, which will probably be a long meeting that night. The Planning Commission Recommendation on to the County Commission who I'm sure will debate very well.

#### **Michael Dorian:**

Will the Solar People be at the Planning and Zoning Meeting?

### Matheny:

They should be, again it's not tied, they may be able to answer some general questions, remember this project is not under review, it's allowing Solar Farms as a Class 1 use, not having to go through the Planning Commission and County Commission approval process allowing them, for lack of a better word, by right in Ag Districts, they are not the ones under examination, they might come to provide some more information.

#### Dorian:

Everyone here to ask questions and no one is here to answer our questions.

# Matheny:

We answered a certain number and David's pretty knowledgeable if you have any questions.

#### Gardner:

I spoke to President and again, I can only speak for National Solar as a prospect, but I will continue to look for solar opportunities, that doesn't go away and other counties are doing the same thing.

### Matheny:

Well tonight too, is another chance for you to bring your concerns, we are recording those concerns, where we can take those forward and we can get with David and find out how we can get some additional answers. That's one reason we may have to put the Planning Commission Meeting off a little longer, so we can meet and talk about the pros and any cons or perceived cons of having the Solar Project here. We want to be truthful and get all the facts out there. I hope I answered some of your questions, what it looks like, what are the impacts, there is not a lot of negative impact, some people don't like the settings, understand there is so ways to litigate that with proper buffering and placement of the isolated areas where it's not going to be regularly seen. It could be seen for the area but, not generally forms the roads assuming, I can't guarantee that I'm not the expert. I'm just here to receive public input.

### **Fulford:**

Your answers are good answers, let me go back to the beginning this whole notion of Solar Power generation, I think that's going to be the thing. I think based on what I know about it, which is probably more than the average person, this could as good a place as any forum, but when I see a general statement like the one we were just talking about, if it says minimal environmental impact, I like to know more about it than that. I know that those things are just are just on buildings or on lakes wherever and the water runs off, but does it run off on a pave road or ditch, where does it go? What I'm trying to find out is not the details, but who can give me details, because I can't get the company to answer any questions. I just thought since, the company is over here, they talked to somebody, perhaps this fellow David can help me.

#### Gardner:

I'm not prepared to talk about it, right now.

### Matheny:

I didn't know if you had other sources you can direct them to. I wouldn't ask you to be the expert on it.

### **Gardner:**

That information will be forth coming. As for a National Solar Partners it will be vegetation to working with the University of Florida on that issue right now. They don't plan to use any kind of gravel or concrete any kind of hard surface, it will be vegetation. That's only that project. This I understood about the Solar Farm, this will be first one that they have done. If questions are answered properly, getting approval should not be a problem.

That's what I understood about the Solar Farms in general, that generally you had natural surface underneath and when you had the rain runoff it was very minimal impact on storm waters, you're not causing a lot of erosion. I give you an example, I'm not saying this is a bad example; I'm just giving you a traditional example of a structure. The New Casino and Race Track in Gretna, that takes up a lot of terminal surface being built, so you have to have the proper storm water controls in, which are very extensive after the engineer cost \$10,000.00 if not \$100,000.00 in engineering for the storm water system, to not put excess run off on your neighbor's property, which is illegal, you can't carry sediments into your streams, lakes and ponds, so you have a big problem. From my understanding again I'm not a expert on the Solar process at all, you're not going to have that problem with the panels, it's going to hit the panels and go off on the ground and pretty much be in the ground and you don't have the noise, pollution again you might have some glare, but until we have more information on it, want be able to tell you.

#### **Fulford:**

And that's what I want, more information.

### Matheny:

I think it's just one of those things for right now, you have to research on your own.

# **Fulford:**

Surely the County could research this.

### Matheny:

No Sir, we have not.

#### Fulford:

You have research it all.

#### Dorian:

That's not totally true.

### Matheny:

We are not at the stage; we are at stage were all the County Commission asked us to go forth and purpose a scenario, which I've explained tonight. What we are doing here is hearing public input, you're here to give us your concerns. We want to hear your concerns and examined those going forward. This is far from being approved, we have to go through the two public hearings, the process to do it and it may be two readings on the Comp Plan and LDC. I can't remember

right off the top of my head; it may be 3 public hearings. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, but without the Attorney here I'm trying to remember that. So there is no lot to examine on this, there is a lot to discover. We are not there yet, we are just seeking public opinion.

#### **Fulford:**

Are there any of these groups currently in use in the State of Florida, where is the closest one.

# Spires:

Arcadia right now is the largest facility that I know about.

#### **Fulford:**

Arcadia would be a wonderful place for that sort of thing, the one that's there now that you can go look at. Is there anybody here that can tell if this company put it there or did some other company put it there?

### Matheny:

I don't think we have that information.

### **Fulford:**

My information is that they did not. My information is that they are about to make a decision. Of the several counties that are dying to get it, they are about to make a decision, somebody is about ready to get it.

### **Byron Spires:**

This is pertaining to the process that we are here to meet today and that's to make a decision and to get information I assume that's where we want to go, special exception or if you want to make it by use. Am I correct, we are talking about whether you want to go the point to see whether by use is the way you want to go?

# Matheny:

Well let me answer that, not really, let me see if I understand what you are saying. What we are here to do is get public input on what you think about that, this is the initial baby step, first part.

# **Spires:**

My question from that is what we are doing right now, from due process. Comparing what we are doing right now through this process, special exception for the 1 degree we might or might not get, which is quicker.

Without going through special exception would be a lot quicker.

### **Spires:**

Is that making the decision about the forever or the land use, she said that whenever you make this decision about land use by allowing the solar panels for this company to come and other companies should they decide.

### Matheny:

Well it's forever unless the Commission decides; you are changing the Comp Plan and the Land Development Code, which is where rubber meets the road. I think it gives you General Policy and objectives, Land Development Code gives you actually procedure for which carry to carry those out. Exchanging that again to allow solar operations, to locate in agricultural areas right now, it all could change, without having to go through special exception process, which requires minimal of a couple of public hearings, maybe 3 public hearings. It would be a lot quicker easier for the company and one of the advantages. The advantages and disadvantages are perceived different by everybody in this room, but one of the possible advantages is speeding up the approval process, so a company can come in and feel like they have a safe haven and a business friendly environment without having to go through the public hearing process, for lack of a better word more red tape. Other people don't see that as an obstacle and that's fine, that's why we are here to talk about it, some people see as positive and others don't.

### **Commissioner Taylor:**

Would the process eliminate, I want to make sure I understand you, would any companies still have to go through Planning and Zoning or Commission approval.

### Matheny:

No

# **Commissioner Taylor:**

If we decide now to approve it, they would not have to go through Commission approval.

#### Matheny:

We are not deciding anything tonight; all you're doing is making comment. We are receiving public comment tonight, that's all we are doing. We are going to put some of those comments, that Willie's back there taking notes on, recording. We will take those to the Planning Commission and put that in the agenda items. A section of our agenda will say we held a Citizens Bill of Rights Meeting some of the concerns that came up where.

### **Commissioner Taylor:**

The only thing is that the Planning and Zoning Commission or Board would take those in consideration and make a recommendation.

### Matheny:

Actually, that's the change the Comp Plan and Land Development Code so what we are trying to do what the County Commission ask us to explore, going forward if the County Commission decides to make it a Class 1. That means no public hearings, its internal review for my office, me and my staff. If they decide to make a Class 1 review instead of Class 2, then some of our operations would only have to come in and meet certain site requirements. Like access, storm water, easement those kind of things that we look at.

### **Commissioner Taylor:**

And that would be my concern, to make sure that there is regulation that they would have to follow regardless.

# Matheny:

Correct, it's just a lower threshold. Again, that get's kind of complicated in our Comp Plan and Land Development Code and that's not what we are here to discuss. We are just here to discuss whether are not folks think this is a good idea to allow them to come in without that oversight, if you do, it would make us more business friendly to solar operations. They make look at Gadsden County and say let's use Leon County, has a more contingent review process than we do. Instead of maybe choosing Leon County or another county, that would choose Gadsden County, because they presume that it could get through a quicker approval process, that's what we are really talking about. We are here to hear all the good, bad and ugly.

#### Michael Dorian:

I want to start with thanking you having an open discussion. I feel real good about the way this meeting has been going. I feel like it has been following the Citizens Bill of Rights, this is the Citizens chance to discuss what is before us today. When we went before Planning and Zoning we don't have a lot of time, the citizens don't control the situation when we go before the Board of County Commissioners there are very strict with us and limiting us to 3 minutes. I really support the Citizens Bill of Rights and one of the main reasons is, we can have meetings like the one we are having right now. We can have give and take and we can ask questions and discuss it among ourselves. I feel like this is the Citizens meeting. It's not the County meeting, this is our meeting. Right now I have the ordinance for the Citizens Bill of Rights and we are diverting from it just a little bit. It says in here that the Developer's are suppose to be here and they are suppose to prepare a Citizen's Participation Plan and they are suppose to be here to answer our technical questions and we do have technical questions. I know a little bit about solar energy, I took some solar energy classes; I could answer some of the questions. I know that Mr. Gardner

can answer some of the questions and before I leave the Bill of Rights, I just want to say it states in Section B: The second Neighborhood Meeting could be held too and then maybe we could get the Solar Energy folks to come back to our Citizen's Committee. I would like to ask that when this comes before Planning and Zoning that it be the only item on Planning and Zoning, so we aren't rushed through it, so we don't have to feel like we have other things we have to discuss. I would like this Solar Energy Farm and the special exception that we are talking about to be the sole item on the Planning and Zoning Board that night. I'm not saying that for the County Commissioner's they have a lot of information to discuss. We have a second chance to discuss this again and I'm hoping that we can make a special section, where Planning and Zoning only the Solar Farm and this exemption is presented. Commissioners, David Gardner note that I have been lobbying for solar energy for many, many years. I am very pro solar energy. This county could use 400 jobs, sopping the yard for 4 or 5 years. It would be one of the best things for us, since Coca Cola. If you can prepare a tomato farm with the solar farm, a tomato farm it's going to 1,000 and 1,000 of gaps of water they are polluting the top soils, with pesticide and with chemical fertilizers. They put in the black petroleum plastic and let in disintegrate in the grass. There are no chemicals; there are no pesticides with solar energy. I think this is one of the best projects that the Chamber has every brought, to be Board of County Commissioners here in Gadsden County. That's my pro position, now my con position is that number 1.) My technical questions aren't being answered and 2.)I don't want to find out that a solar farm is going in a quarter mile from my neighborhood and had electric fences, what do they mean by electric fences? How much electricity is going to be going through the primary, the plenty different farms, there is 40 mega watts, that's a lot a lot of energy that's going to be going through the different lines, the big lines in our County. I'm not sure about saying you guys can come in and just be anywhere you want to. I think there has to be, if we are going to do this right, then we have to set up some real strict rules, it has to be a half-mile from some residents, it has to be half a mile from a neighborhood, it needs to be ¼ a mile the power lines that are going to the main distributer. The lines need to be a ¼ of a mile from a house or a neighborhood. That's about all I have to say. I am really for this project. I would really like to see if not National Solar Power, some other solar energy come to this county. When you look at bio-mass, coal fire plants, or nuclear power plants, they horrible, all 3 have horrible side effects, that you have to add in how much it costs, cause you're going to get scientific facts you are going to get lung cancer, emphysema, you're going to have side effects that have to be added to the cost. I hope that we can continue this meeting with the way that it has been going. I hope that we can discuss it among ourselves and that someone knows the answers to one of the questions, that they speak up and say what they know and hope that National Solar Power comes to the Planning and Zoning Meeting, so that they can answer some of the questions. Mr. Matheny I thank you for opening meeting up to more of a discussion than 3 minutes. Thank you.

# Matheny:

Thank you, Mr. Dorrian.

# **Commissioner Croley:**

Anthony, I want to read something into public record so that everybody can hear them out, I share it with the news media, I might want to say anything other than this or the benefit of everyone. This was a email that I sent following the Commission Meeting in which the instructions were given to the County Staff through the County Administrator and a copy was filed with the Clerk's Office and has been shared with the Newspaper and with the Chamber of Commerce, so I'm going to just read this and maybe it will help balance some of this. (Letter Read into record). I just wanted to get that out so that everybody had the same information and that some of the issues and concerns that everybody shares at least they are aware that Mr. Matheny and all of us are working on this, any questions?

### Matheny:

Thank you, Commissioner. I also had seen that email when you sent it. That's one of the thing s that we are going to consider in our write up. We may include that email in our Planning Commission packet, when we originally received the direction from the County Commission to the County Administrator. When the County Administrator told us to go forward with this, it was the intent of exploring solar farms in all the Ag areas. Again, I mentioned a couple time earlier in this meeting that might change it's just Ag 3. That's something that the Planning Commission going to debate and obliviously as Commissioner Croley pointed out the county. The County Commission is going to discuss some things, so it's going to be under consideration. It's going to be actually how Commissioner Croley stated it will. Mr. Dorrian, I thank you for bringing up a lot of good points. I wanted to respond to one thing and then I would be happy to answer any more questions. You had stated in the Bill of Rights, and you are correct, that you can hold a second meeting if you need too. I'm going to talk to the County Administrator and we may need to do that. We may not get it too Planning Commission or County Commission until October or November. We need to time to get experts on solar operations to come in and answer questions. I'll talk to David and see if he has some, if not I may go to other places to find sources, but we didn't come prepared tonight because we are not solar experts, all we would be able to give you is what you can find.

#### Gardner:

The University of Florida Research Center and they are currently the leader in the state far as I know that they are working on some major projects with NASA. I will be more than happy to make some phone calls to see if we can tap into that.

# **Fulford:**

I had talked to solar energy folks. I had taken some classes in solar energy and these folks know what they are talking about. I would like to ask you, I know Ed Allen is sitting here for Planning and Zoning. I'd like to ask you guys how you feel about having a Planning and Zoning Meeting, just dedicated to this subject, would ya'll have a problem with that.

Maybe, I could probably do a compromise that would be acceptable to you. When it goes before the Planning Commission if we have anything else on the agenda, I would put other items on Agenda first. It would probably be heard very quickly and we can make sure that this is the last item, if we have other items there maybe some things time wise that we are working on that we have to address, I can put off. We can make sure we address those items, so that we have them out of the way and the rest of the evening but, the Solar Project. I'll talk to our chair of the Planning Commission to make sure she thinks that is a good idea.

### Dorian:

I know a lot of times they don't meet.

### Matheny:

You are right, sometimes in the summer it's very common to have a couple of meetings where we don't meet, people are on vacation. It's hard to get a quorum and some Development Activity is slower as well and then it comes in squirts. We may have 4 items on the next one, we may miss one and have 5 items on the next one, it's that way everywhere but, larger municipalities and counties where there is always something, Leon County is a good example of that, you probably have few times you have a meeting. Any other comment?

# Willie Brown:

I was just going to point out the Land Use Map.

### Matheny:

You have the big Land Use Map on the wall over here; it's a smaller version but the amount or the percentage of mile acres and percentage of acres in Ag Districts that are right there on the way that you can look at. It gives you an idea of how much, again if this is cut, if this just being Ag 3, 10,000 acres and 31% of the county is Ag3. That will be a big vast area in the county, 100 acres in a time, and 1,000 acres in some instances. That may end of being the appropriate last use category may just be Ag 3. Again the reason we didn't have the experts here is because without a decision being made on the project that Gadsden County is trying to locate here, it wouldn't be appropriate, to have those folks here, for this there is really nothing to do with their decision here. Obviously they what to see us, to make it easier for them in the future it will be something that would be favorable, it's by any act of the solar farm operation in the future coming into the county, not hat one project.

#### Allen:

I know you say that one project, National Solar, but obviously we are trying to get that into the county. Do they have a time limit that they are suppose to get an answer?

#### Dorian:

I would be real careful about discussing specific issues about National Solar. This was advertised as a separate meeting all together.

### Matheny:

That's why I mentioned over and over that this has nothing to do with National Solar. It's not Solar Farm's in general.

# Matheny:

Any other comments and concerns, I know Willie has taken a good load. We have a lot more things to think about, all the speakers had great points tonight and that's why we are here. We want to be sure we listen and get those comments and go back and consider those careful. We may have to have a second meeting. I will talk to the County Administrator about it and pick his brain a little bit and see what we need to do. We want to make sure we do it the right way. Any other comments, Commissioner Croley?

# **Commissioner Croley:**

I have no other comment.

# Matheny:

I thank ya'll for coming tonight, Thank you very much.

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