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## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS . COLUMBIA COUNTY

October 26, 2012

MEMO

TO: Marlin Feagle, County Attorney

FR: Dale Williams, County Manager

RE: Economic Development Application – Nettles Sausage

Please find attached the above referenced application with a cover letter from Doyle Crews, Property Appraiser. I am sending this to you for further discussion with Jesse Quillen, Economic Development Director. As you are aware, I have declared a conflict of interest in this matter due to the family relationship.

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XC: Board of County Commissioners
Doyle Crews, Property Appraiser
Jesse Quillen, Economic Development Director
Nettles Sausage Economic Development File

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

## J. Doyle Crews



## PROPERTY APPRAISER - COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA



October 24, 2012

Board of County Commissioners Dale Williams, County Manager 135 NE Hernando Avenue Lake City, Florida 32055

**RE: Nettles Sausage Economic Development Applications** 

Dear Mr. Williams,

My office received two applications submitted by Nettles Inc. for Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption on October 24, 2012. It appears one application is for a new business and one is for an expanding business, neither application has been dated. The Statute clearly states that March 1 is the deadline for filing an application of that tax year. Also, behind each application submitted is a letter from Nettles Sausage and Nettles Cow Plant to Commissioner Ron Williams, dated March 10, 2010, these letters were not signed.

The Property Appraiser's office has filled in the required sections. These numbers reflect the taxable impact to the County due to them already being assessed and certified to the Tax Collector for collection for 2012. These numbers reflect the new contruction only because they are currently assessed on property with existing buildings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at 758-1083.

Sincerely,

J. Doyle Crews, Property Appraiser

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Signature, Property Appraiser

March 10, 2010

Mr. Ronald Williams, Chair Columbia County Board of Commissioners P O Box 1529 Lake City, Florida 32064

Dear Commissioner Williams,

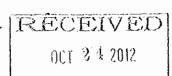
Nettles Cow Plant is planning a new business to be constructed on US 41 at Watermelon Park in the near future. Plant will have a capacity for 50 plus head of cattle a week and will be the only USDA beef plant in Columbia County. It will perform custom slaughtering, cutting and wrapping of cattle for the citizens of Columbia County and Youth Fairs from all over Florida, therefore bringing in revenue and jobs to Columbia County.

Nettles Cow Plant will result in building new space of 4,200 square feet and a capital investment of \$450,000.00 consisting of \$300,000.00 real property and \$150,000.00 in personal property. The expansion will result in an addition of 10 jobs paying an average of \$ TBD.

On behalf of Nettles Cow Plant, I would like to request tax exemption on the new business being developed by Nettles Cow Plant. Please let me know what additional information would be required to result in Nettles Cow Plant receiving the tax abatement provided by Columbia County for new or expanding business.

Sincerely,

Billy Nettles
President
x/c Jim Poole, IDA Executive Director



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION Chapter 196.1995, Florida Statutes

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Signature, Property Appraiser

March 10, 2010

Mr. Ronald Williams, Chair Columbia County Board of Commissioners P O Box 1529 Lake City, Florida 32064

Dear Commissioner Williams,

Nettles Sausage has been in operation in Columbia County for over 65 years providing not only the best sausage product around but jobs for our citizens and a place to purchase meat products. We also distribute meat products in Florida, Georgia and Alabama returning the revenue and jobs back to Columbia County. We are pleased to be expanding our business to provide the same quality products and services that Nettles has been known for since 1945. We are the oldest family owned manufacturing plant and one of the oldest businesses in Columbia County.

The expansion of Nettles Sausage will result in an increase space of 13,500 square feet and a capital investment of \$1,200,000.00 consisting of \$1,000,000.00 real property and \$200,000.00 in personal property. The expansion will result in an addition of 10 jobs paying an average of \$ TBD.

On behalf of Nettles Sausage, I would like to request tax exemption on the expansion part of Nettles Sausage. Please let me know what additional information would be required to result in Nettles receiving the tax abatement provided by Columbia County for new or expanding business.

Sincerely,

Billy Nettles
President
x/c Jim Poole, IDA Executive Director

- (9) Purchasing Change Order #002 Peter Brown Construction, Inc. Fort White Library \$18,933.13 (deductive)
- (10) Purchasing Changer Order Hughes Well Drilling & Pump Service Ellisville Water Well Project \$6,978.64
  - (11) Human Resource Position Description Radio/Communications Technician
- (12) Authorization for Engineering Services by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. Florida Department of Environmental Protection Operational Permit Renewal & Ellisville Waste Water Treatment Plant Evaluation \$72,000.00
  - (13) University of Florida Preliminary Population Estimate 67,303
- (14) Community Development Block Grant Application Florida Department of Community Affairs Fiscal Year 2009 Federally Funded Subgrant Agreement Housing Rehabilitation, \$537,500 Temporary Relocation, \$4,000 Water Hookups, \$96,000 and Administration, \$112,500
- (15) Annual Contract State of Florida Department of Health/Columbia County Board of County Commissioners For Operation of the Columbia County Health Department Fiscal Year 2010-2011 \$153,784.00
  - (16) Utility Permit AT&T SE Florida SW Sherlock Terrace
- (17) Florida Enterprise Zone Program Enterprise Zone Development Agency Signature Authorization Form

### Nettle Sausage - Application for Tax Exemption

Supt, 2010

The County has received a request for tax abatement from Billy Nettles, President of Nettles Sausage for an expansion of their operation. The County Manager said that there is no Economic Development Statute that would be applicable, but it is possible that this business could qualify for tax abatement according to the guidelines of Florida Statutes 196.1995(5). The County Manager said that guidelines and standards need to be adopted that can be applied to these various applications as they are presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Bailey to schedule the matter for discussion. Second by Commissioner Frisina.

County Manager Williams noted that Mr. Billy Nettles is related to him by marriage. Therefore, the County Manager said that he would not be involved in setting standards, parameters, etc. that may apply to Mr. Nettles' business.

Commissioner Weaver asked that the criteria and guidelines relating to rebates of local option sales taxes be provided to each of the commissioners for review. He noted this would be helpful and a good starting point for setting parameters and guidelines.

The motion carried unanimously.