

Decision delayed on stronger power for administrator

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NEW PORT RICHEY — The Pasco County Commission Tuesday delayed a decision on an ordinance which would strengthen the powers of Pasco County Administrator Richard Kelton.

Last week Commission Chairman Mike Olson proposed an ordinance which would give Kelton a number of budgetary and agenda writing powers now delegated to Circuit Clerk Miller Newton.

Olson said Tuesday he has some amendments to make to the ordinance, but has been unable to draft the additions to the document in time for the meeting.

The amendments apparently deal with the time schedule for Kelton's assumption of some of the duties, especially budgetary matters.

The 1975-76 county budget preparation process already is under way, under Newton's direction.

Kelton said last week it would be difficult to change directorships in mid stream without creating difficulties.

The commission also:

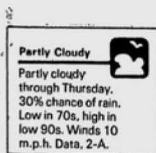
✓ Approved spending \$6,000 for a design study for a microwave communications system for the county. The system, expected to cost between \$125,000 and \$150,000, would solve problems with long distance telephone and radio communications.

✓ Agreed to proceed with plans to make Paradise Avenue from West Main Street in New Port Richey to Beach Drive in Port Richey an alternate route for north-south traffic west of U.S. 19. The upgrading of Paradise Avenue and connector roads with U.S. 19 is expected to cost more than \$22,000.

✓ Adopted a garbage ordinance which establishes minimum equipment standards to be used by commercial haulers, and which requires haulers to obtain county permits.

✓ Agreed to investigate on a priority basis the drainage problems at the intersection of U.S. 19 and Green Key Road.

✓ Rejected an effort by Commissioner Matthew Prahasky Jr. to install street lights on School Road leading to the Gulf Junior High School.



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