

The Creation of Broward County

THE STRUGGLE TO CREATE BROWARD COUNTY, 1914-15

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"Board of Trade (Ft. Lauderdale) Committees"

At the Board of Trade meeting held on Dec. 7, 1914, the following were appointed chairman of committees, said chairman to fill in such members of committees as will work in harmony with them and report make-up of committee to Secretary of Board of Trade.

Civic	W. P. Snyder
Agricultural	W. H. Marshall
Health	All doctor members of Board of Trade
Educational	C. D. Kittredge
Transportation	W. C. Kyle
New Enterprise	W. J. Reed
Entertainment	R. J. Reed
Finance	Ralph J. Horton
Roads	F. A. Bryan
Equalization	H. G. Wheeler
Parks	Frank Stranahan
Insurance & Fire Deputy	S. L. Drake
Real Estate	C. C. Ausherman
County Division	F. A. Bryan
Membership	W. H. Marshall
River & Harbor	T. M. Bryan

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"County Division Far From Being a Dead Issue"

County division is a long ways from being dead, according to advice from Ft. Lauderdale, where recently an important meeting was held between the directors of the Board of Trade and Frank A. Bryan, who is chairman of the County Division Committee. The business contracted has been kept sub-rosa, but Mr. Bryan, who was in Miami this morning acting in his capacity as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners [Dade], admitted that the report is true.

It is understood that many conferences on the subject have been recently held, and there is strong indication that an effort will be made to bring up the matter at the next session of the legislature. Two years ago the division of the county was defeated after a hard fight.

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"Does Ft. Lauderdale Want Pompano's Aid? (In Currie's Megaphone)"

While the people of Ft. Lauderdale are making plans for a strenuous fight to establish Everglades County with Lauderdale as the County Seat at the coming session of the Legislature, they should not forget that they will need the support and influence of every other town that will be in the county.

It will be no easy matter to wrest from Dade and Palm Beach counties valuable portions of their territory, and if the fight should be won, and Everglades County established, it is going to be necessary for the citizens of all the towns living within the territory proposed to be incorporated into the new county, to put up an undivided front.

Palm Beach County is not going to willingly let go of the valuable territory lying in the vicinity of Pompano, but when the legislature comes to consider the matter and decide with which county Pompano is to be allowed to cast her lot, it will largely depend upon the attitude of the people living in that section, and their wishes will be largely respected by the law makers in Tallahassee.

Ft. Lauderdale, more than any other town in the section proposed to be placed in Everglades County, desires the creation of that county, because she will benefit more from it through being made the County Seat, than any other town, and right now if the people of Ft. Lauderdale want the support and good will of the Pompano people, is the time for the citizens of Ft. Lauderdale to begin to show an interest in what will one day, with the continuation of the present growth, become a suburban town.

The Megaphone Man [George Currie], while a resident of Palm Beach County, and who is counted one of its greatest boosters, owns valuable property at Pompano, and therefore pretty nearly "on the fence" in regard to the proposition for there is no doubt whatever but that Everglades County when created will be one of the richest in the State, and the fortunes of Pompano and other towns in the county would increase in a corresponding ratio.

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"Editorial: A New County Will Not Increase Taxes"

Some few think that the establishment of a new county would increase taxation. The truth of the business is, it should not require so much tax money as we now pay. The officers are paid by fees, and they are paid by those doing business with the respective officers. For example, the officers would not take as much as they do in large counties. But there would be no trouble to find men who would sacrifice themselves to accept the various positions.

A new county would enhance the value of all the property in the county. By using the old school house here for a courthouse we would not have to build one for ten years and this saving would enable us to use it on roads and road improvements.

The closer you bring government to the people the less chance you have for graft. Then the convenience of having the records office and school department near you, will be worth a great deal. It is easier to ride fifteen miles to meet the Board of County Commissioners than it is thirty miles.

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"County Division Will Be Asked For"

A county division with Ft. Lauderdale as the county seat will again be brought before the approaching session of the legislature when that body convenes in Tallahassee in April, unless something unexpected should turn up at the last moment.

Petitions are out and a canvass, which has been started by competent men, until every voter has been visited. It is hoped that those interested will come forward without waiting for a committee to call. Favorable reports have been received and a large majority of citizens living in the territory are in favor of division.

The new county will embrace a portion of the northern territory of Dade County and a portion of the southern confines of Palm Beach County. It will extend along the East Coast just south of Hallandale in Dade to a point north of Boca Raton in Palm Beach County, and from the Atlantic Ocean to the western borders of the present counties.

A petition will also be sent to the Governor to call a special primary for the purpose of ascertaining the choice of the voters for the officers of the new county. Upon the result of which primary, the Governor is requested to appoint the respective officers.