

For Builders

License Fee Schedule Set By Sumter Board

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BUSHNELL — A fee schedule for licenses was adopted by the Sumter County Contractors Competency and Licensing Board at its first meeting recently.

The board, headed by John Knight, of Bushnell, and Walton T. Locke, vice-chairman, set a fee of \$25 for a general contractor; \$12.50 for a building contractor and \$5 for a residential builder.

Also adopted was an examination patterned on the one used by Zephyr Hills.

Competent builders will be permitted to continue under the old system until the new rules become effective July 1.

THE COMMISSION agreed to underwrite its expenses in getting started and authorized

printing licenses, stationery and postage, not to exceed \$100.

All members of the board serve without compensation.

Robert Oatman, of the Lake County Zoning Board, appeared before the new commission and explained the steps necessary in setting up a building code that would take care of the needs of the county.

He said a graduated scale of license fees would enable the operation to become self-sustaining after a few years of deficit financing.

Adoption of the Southern Building Code, National Electrical Code and Southern Code covering plumbing was agreed to.

MINIMUM requirements under the codes would be

upgraded when the department gains more experience.

Commissioners, clerk and board attorney toured the old Hester property in the Lake Okahumpka area.

George Wayson, of the Continental Camper Resorts, Inc., explained the company's plans for the acreage.

The development would give all consideration to the ecological aspects of the area

Pointing out that there were four world record trees on the property, Wayson said the company had already altered some plans to preserve as many of the trees as possible.

A total of 1,300 quarter-acre spaces are being planned for campers in the completed project.