

# Supervisors Fight Over Audit Plan

ACCUSATIONS are flying between two members of the county board of supervisors following the grand jury's order last week for an audit of the county planning department.

Supervisor Gary Patton, who described the \$30,000 audit as "outrageous," said that Grand Jury member Darlene Forbus, daughter of Supervisor Dan Forbus, was behind the grand jury's order for an audit.

"Forbus loses arguments on the board over planning issues," said Patton, "and now his daughter is helping to stimulate the audit on the planning department."

"He's out of his mind," Forbus responded. "It's an insult to people's intelligence that one person can sway the whole grand jury," he added, referring



A thoughtful Dan Forbus.

to his daughter's presence on the jury.

"I've been trying for the last two years to streamline

the permit process," he said. "Supervisor (Wayne) Moore and I were the only ones who cared if anybody got a project through the department."

Grand Jury Foreman Warren Gilbert said the audit was necessary because of the large number of complaints about the department that he and his colleagues received from contractors, developers and property owners.

"It wasn't any one person who made the decision on the audit," said Gilbert. "Mr. Patton often speaks out of turn," he added. •

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