

MARCH 14, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Van Ness R. Butler, Jr., Vice-Chairman Randall Infinger, Commissioner Joel Paul, Jr., Commissioner Herman Walker, and Commissioner Gene Ryan. Ms. Shirl Williams, Administrative Supervisor, Attorney Jonathan Walker, and Mr. Dan Bodiford, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order followed by pledging allegiance to the American Flag and the invocation by Commissioner Paul.

Ms. Suedelle Wilkerson, Finance Manager, appeared before the Commissioners and presented the Expenditure Approval List (EAL) consisting of the following bills for payment:

General Fund	\$636,960.44
County Transportation Trust	129,928.54
Fine & Forfeiture	533,991.33
Tourist Development Council	91,486.36
N.W. Mosquito Control	1,687.42
Walton-DeFuniak Library	13,100.87
Solid Waste	200,259.78
Section 8 Housing	121,926.21
Mossy Head Volunteer Fire Dept.	3,190.79
Liberty Volunteer Fire Dept.	16,545.30
Special Law Enforcement	4,490.00
Glendale Volunteer Fire Dept.	836.80
Darlington Volunteer Fire Dept.	1,728.00
Red Bay Volunteer Fire Dept.	721.56
Local Option Gas Tax	21,533.04
Multi Purpose Trust Fund	13,860.32

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment of bills as presented on the EAL. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$129.68 to Mr. Kenneth Jordan for duplicate payment of a building permit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve payment to Massey Industrial Oil, Incorporated, in the amount of \$1,110.20 for wastewater disposal. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Haynes advised that the invoice exceeded the original amount of \$465.00 previously approved by the Board due to the heavy rain in December.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve final payment to Edwards Paving Company in the amount of \$34,786.25 for EWP Project, CR-C2, District 3. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment to Murphree Bridge Corporation in the amount of \$62,461.96 for final payment on Yorkee Road and Long Road Bridges. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment #8 to Murphree Bridge Corporation in the amount of \$10,080.00 for work on

Sandy Ramp Road, Hub Presley Road, George Road, and Long Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0.  
Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve final payment to Bullard Excavating in the amount of \$50,384.19 for Long Road, George Road, and Hub Presley Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Bell advised that the repairs are covered under a one-year warranty period.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment #11 to Bullard Excavating in the amount of \$11,479.80 for repairs on Sandy Ramp Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment #2 to North Florida Construction in the amount of \$63,796.95 for repairs on Allen Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment #3 to North Florida Construction in the amount of \$54,774.47 for repairs on Fish Pond Branch (EWP project). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment to Glenn T. Warren Company in the amount of \$145,594.58 for work on Long Road, Phase II. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye,

Paul Aye. Mr. Bell advised that this project is an EWP project, which has not yet been completed.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment to Glenn T. Warren Company in the amount of \$43,861.50 for work on Long Road, Phase I, EWP project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the purchase of two (2) air purifiers, from Ms. Hilda Coursey, in the amount of \$1,397.00 for the Walton County Library. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the purchase of 1000 gallons of Permethrin/PBO 4-4 from Clarke Mosquito Control Products in the amount of \$23,000.00 for the North Walton Mosquito Control. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of a 30-gallon cabinet for flammable material in the amount of \$611.00 from Sunnymax. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept the recommendation of Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, and approve the rental of a steel wheel roller with trailer in the amount of \$1800.00 for one month. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the purchase of 14,050 cubic yards of riprap for Mullet Creek Park (DSR project). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of one (1) 4 X 4 truck in the amount of \$20,100.00 from Orville Beckford Ford/Mercury, low bid, for the Tourist Development Council (TDC). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of a mini-van for TDC in the amount of \$24,578.00 from Triangle Chevrolet, DeFuniak Springs. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Haynes advised that Triangle is the only company who met all of the bid specifications.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the purchase of one (1) HP Photo scanner for TDC in the amount of \$678.54 from JIL Computer Solutions. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the purchase of a JIL Revelation Business Power PC for TDC in the amount of \$5,551.81 from JIL Computer Solutions. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Haynes advised that bids were received and the cost includes software, setup, and configuration for the Beach Management Coordinator.

Mr. Haynes presented bids for the purchase of fence material to be used by Public Works on various road projects. Various bids were received, however, in order to

acquire the appropriate materials, Mr. Haynes requested the following two bids be awarded.

Melhorn's Mini Mart, Argyle, Florida - \$5,233.99  
Consolidated Ace, DeFuniak Springs, Florida - \$2,047.29

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept Mr. Bell's recommendation and award the low bids as stated. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the purchase of supplies for the Newspaper Recycling Contest from A-Z Specialty Company in the amount of \$11,690.00 to be paid out of the Recycling Grant Funds. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes requested approval to reassign four surplus vehicles from the Sheriff's Department to the following locations: #427 to Glendale Volunteer Fire Department, #441 to Courthouse Maintenance, #430 to Mossy Head Volunteer Fire Department, and #619 to EMS. The fire departments will be responsible for providing insurance coverage.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commission Ryan, to approve the transfer of surplus vehicles to the stated locations. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes requested authorization to submit an offer to Chelco on one (1) used Hi-Ranger Service Truck in the amount \$20,000.00. Mr. Haynes stated that the truck is needed for the Maintenance Department to assist in repairing traffic lights.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve for Mr. Haynes to submit an offer to Chelco in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purchase of

a Hi-Ranger Service Truck. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to award the low quote to Southern Engineering Products in the amount of \$1,750.00 for the purchase of an entrance awning for Central Purchasing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes requested the Board raise the limit from \$500.00 to \$3,000.00 on the purchase of inventory items only. Mr. Haynes stated that the shelving units will be installed in the Purchasing warehouse and need to be stocked.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to raise the purchase limit from \$500.00 to \$3,000.00 on inventory items. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. All purchases over \$500.00 will be reported to the Board.

Chairman Butler welcomed the newly hired Staff Attorney, Mr. Jonathan Walker, and introduced him to the audience.

Mr. Charles McMillian, Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Commissioners regarding needed repairs at Flowersview and Douglass Crossroads. Mr. McMillian advised that he has spent \$2,600.00 on repairs to the room, which houses the library at Flowersview. He stated to the Commissioners that residents are requesting repairs also be made to the remaining portion of the building, inside and out. Mr. McMillian estimated the repairs to cost approximately \$4,500.00 and an estimated cost of \$3,640.00 for the Douglass Crossroads repairs.

Discussion was held regarding ownership of the Flowersview Building, which is an old school. Ms. Williams stated that she and Mr. McMillian are attempting to locate proper ownership and will report back to the Board when they locate the information.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve expenditures for repairs at Douglass Crossroads at an estimated cost of \$3,640.00, approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,600.00 from Contingencies into Courthouse Maintenance Repairs to replace funds expended on the Flowersview Library, and authorize Courthouse Maintenance to complete the repairs on the inside of the library at Flowersview. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented and recommended for approval a maintenance agreement with the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) for the construction of a bridge on W.C. Currington Road.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept Mr. Bell's recommendation and approve the maintenance agreement with D.O.T. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a second request from Magdan, Incorporated, for an easement to get to their property. Mr. Bell stated that the property was previously thought to be owned by Eglin Air Force, however, the U.S. Forestry Service owns the property which is currently in negotiations with Walton County for a land swap. The Commissioners agreed to request the easement with the conditions that Walton County determines where the road will be placed across the property. Mr. Bell advised that Magdan owners have agreed to construct the road to D.O.T. specifications.



Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to request an easement from the U.S. Forestry Service into the property owned by Magdan Inc., contingent upon Attorney Miller's recommendation. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a request from Paxton School to provide funds to purchase chipped rubber to place on their playground at a cost of \$7,350.00 out of the Waste Tire Grant. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Rusty Floyd, Landfill Supervisor, advised that this is an allowable expenditure out of the Waste Tire Grant Funds.

Mr. Tom Moore, KOCH Pavement Solutions, appeared before the Commissioners offering to demonstrate his firm's Open Graded Emulsion Mix on Nellie Road, District 5. Mr. Moore stated that this is an alternative method to using the RACO Machine. Mr. Moore passed around a sample of material and explained the benefits and related costs. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to allow the process to be tested on East Point Washington Road, District 1 instead of Nellie Road.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to allow KOCH Pavement Solutions to demonstrate their Open Graded Emulsion Mix on East Point Washington Road (approximately one and a half miles) at a cost not to exceed \$98,035.50. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve to advertise for a contract laborer for the position of Mower Operator for District 1. Ayes 5,

Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. The position will be held from May through September 2000.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, approving to place a street light at the intersection of Coy Burgess Road and Millard Gainey Road. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Commissioner Paul stated that the Board might need to adopt a policy concerning the placement of streetlights.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve expenditures in the amount of \$804.00 for the installation of a transformer in order to place a street light at the intersection of Mack Bayou Road and Blue Heron Drive. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt an Interlocal Agreement between Walton County and Freeport High School to assist in placing fill dirt on the Freeport High School track. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve for Mr. Bell and Mr. Nelson Miner, County Engineer, to attend the Hurricane Conference in Tampa, Florida, during the month of May. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to reschedule the May 23, 2000, board meeting to Monday, May 22, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. due to the Commissioners attending the Hurricane Conference. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Infinger requested Ms. Williams and Chairman Butler meet to discuss revising the schedule for board meetings due to extremely lengthy meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment to CRA Architectural Firm in the amount of \$13,304.47 for services rendered on the Coastal Branch Library. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to place a night light at Portland Park, which is owned by the County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul stepped out.

Mr. Bell presented Amendment #3 of the ADS-EWP Cooperative Agreement NO. 68-4209-9-214 from Natural Resources Conservation Service. The contract reduces the County's in-kind portion from 25% to 15%.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve Amendment #3 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Agreement. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Commissioner Paul returned.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve a change order on Phase I repairs to Long Road, Glenn T. Warren Company, Incorporated. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve a change order on Allen Road for an increase of \$7,409.00 for an additional 310 square

yards of fabra-form. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that Mr. John Weeks, Realtor, has been notified by Great Northern, subsidiary of Georgia Pacific, that they are willing to sell 240 acres, located near the landfill, to the County. Negotiations remain ongoing, but the selling price will be between \$800.00 and \$900.00 per acre. Georgia Pacific is requesting to conduct the property closing on March 31 if negotiations are completed by that date. Mr. Bell advised that the funds are in the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to purchase 240 acres from Georgia Pacific. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Robert Lee of the Howard Group appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the extension of the sidewalk at Silver Sands. Mr. Lee stated that he spoke with the Department of Transportation's Pedestrian Coordinator, who is in favor of the project, however, there are no funds available. Mr. Lee advised that the project has an estimated cost of \$29,000.00 for an additional 600 feet of sidewalk, of which the Sandestin Homeowners Association is willing to pay one-third. Mr. Lee requested the County pay one-third and stated that Silver Sands storeowners will pay the remaining one-third.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to enter into a Joint Participation Agreement between Walton County, Silver Sands, and Sandestin Homeowners Association to fund the cost of the sidewalk. The County's portion of funds will be paid from Recreational Impact Fees, if allowable, and will not exceed

\$10,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to readdress the issue of an easement for Ms. Donna Florence, resident of Grayton Beach. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Florence spoke to the Commissioners and stated that she has contacted Mr. Miner regarding access to her property on DeFuniak Street, District 1. Ms. Florence stated that she needs access to her property in order to build her home and she advised the Board that she is willing to pay to have a ten-foot easement constructed to county standards. Ms. Florence requested if vehicular traffic could be discouraged once the easement is constructed. The Board agreed that signage could be installed stating that the easement is for pedestrian use only.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve for Ms. Florence to fund the cost of establishing a ten-foot easement to her property and allow county staff to direct Ms. Florence of the required specifications. Approve for Staff Attorney, Mr. Jonathan Walker, to work with Mr. Bell and Mr. Miner in drafting an agreement with Ms. Florence with the understanding that the easement can be taken over by the County at any given time.

Mr. Gap Haynes, resident of Grayton Beach, voiced his opposition to granting an easement to Ms. Florence. Mr. Haynes stated that he feels the easement should remain a public pedestrian easement and not be granted to Ms. Florence for private use. The Board informed Mr. Haynes that the easement would remain open for pedestrian use.

Mr. Don Crim stated that he would like to see the easement become a vehicle access to the beach or would like to see a walkway leading to the beach for handicap accessibility.

Chairman Butler called for a vote on the motion. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Col. Chapman of the Walton County Sheriff's Department, appeared before the Board and informed them that the chiller is in bad condition with the possibility of breaking down. Col. Chapman requested authorization to advertise for bids for a new 60-ton chiller, which is large enough to cover the jail and administrative building. The Commissioners were advised that a 160-ton chiller will be installed during renovations and then the 60-ton chiller can be used at the South Walton Governmental Center.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve to advertise for bids for the purchase of a 60-ton chiller for the Sheriff's Department. In the event the chiller breaks down during the bidding process, they may obtain phone quotes in order to make an immediate purchase. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed from 3:05 p.m. until 3:20 p.m.

Mr. Ken Little, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, presented an update on the Classification, Compensation and Performance Evaluation Study. More than 60% of the employees have been interviewed, therefore, Dr. Marlowe of Analytica, is requesting the Board conduct several special workshops to discuss their findings.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to advertise to hold special workshops on April 13 and 19, May 3 and 17, each beginning at 8:30 a.m. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to allow Southern Earth Sciences, Incorporated to perform additional soil boring tests for the Coastal Branch Library in the amount of \$1,500.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little advised that Attorney Miller has completed negotiations with Watkins Engineers for the Construction Manager's Contract and it is ready to be signed

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the contract for Construction Manager for the courthouse addition, jail expansion, and other related buildings. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker stated that comments in previous meetings reflect an overlap of responsibilities and duties between the architect and construction manager. However, after further review, clarification has been made to assure no overlap in duties will occur.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the hiring of Mr. Johnnie Griggs and Mr. Ed Nelson, contract laborers, Mosquito Control, effective April 1, 2000 through October 2000. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve an annual salary increase from \$35,956.00 to \$37,035.00 for Ms. Lula Burnham, Section 8

Housing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Little explained that Ms. Burnham's position is Federally funded and those funds have increased allowing for a three percent increase.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve hiring Ms. Sara Rexroad as Information Specialist for TDC at \$8.00 per hour due to prior experience. Approve to hire Ms. Jennifer Cox as Information Specialist for TDC at \$7.75 per hour. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve hiring Mrs. Melody Hughes, effective April 1, 2000, to fill the vacancy at the Soil Conservation Office due to Mrs. Evans' retiring. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Dan Owens, Acting Library Director, appeared before the Board and presented the names of the newly elected Library Board Officers: Mr. Jack Dennis, Chairman; Mrs. Barbara McLellan, Vice-Chairman; and Karen McGee, Secretary.

Mr. Owens also presented the new By-Laws as adopted by the Library Board.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept the new By-Laws as adopted by the Library Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve advertising to inform the public that the Walton-DeFuniak Library will be closed from March 29, 2000, through April 1, 2000, for the purpose of conducting inventory on the contents of the library. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.



Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve travel expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for Mr. Dan Owens to attend the Florida Library Association in Tampa, Florida, April 25 – 27, 2000, as approved by the Library Board. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Owens informed the Commissioners that members of the Library Board voted to change the name of the Walton County Library to the “Walton County Library System.” The new term will be used for all libraries within Walton County. The Freeport Branch will be changed to the “Freeport Public Library” and the North Walton County Branch will be changed to “Gladys N. Milton Memorial Library.”

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the requested name changes for the library system, Freeport Library, and North Walton Library. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Owens advised the Commissioners that the City of DeFuniak will have a representative on site to assist with the inventory and determine who owns what portion of the contents contained in the library.

Ms. Martha Ingle, Budget Officer, presented the following Interdepartmental budget amendment for approval: Transfer \$74,000.00 from General Fund Contingencies into Insurance and Bonds to cover the premiums for the Property, Automobile and General Liability Insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve

the Interdepartmental budget amendment in the amount of \$74,000.00 as requested by Ms. Ingle. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to adopt a resolution (2000-12) approving a budget amendment in the amount of \$139,167.00 for unanticipated revenues from Hurricane George for: Yorkey Road; Long Road; Sandy Ramp Road; and Hub Presley Road, and unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$93,591.00 from EWP projects on Bob Sikes Road and Allen Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed at 3:40 p.m.

The Commissioner reconvened their regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. and Chairman Butler called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Mrs. Luverne Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a small-scale amendment for Islands South, Incorporated. Mr. Daniel Alford of Islands South is requesting an amendment to the Future Land Use Map on .3125 acres be changed from "NPA/Infill" to "Village Mixed Use." The property is located on the first lot south of Highway C-30A on the west side of the E.Z. Service in Inlet Beach. No one voiced any opposition to the proposed change.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the small-scale amendment request for Islands South, Incorporated. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the Gibson small-scale amendment request by Joseph and Martha Gibson. The Gibson's requested a Future Land Use Map amendment on ten acres currently zoned "Conservation Residential" be changed to "Heavy Industrial."

Mr. Tom Hollowell, Tradewinds Development, explained to the Commissioners that it is his intent to construct a small Industrial Park and requested the zoning be changed to "Light Industrial", not "Heavy Industrial."

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to instruct the Planning Commission to readdress the Gibson request to consider "Light Industrial". Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the proposed Retail Center for 1000 Old Highway 98 East Corporation. The Edmonds Company is proposing the development of a 14,000 square foot retail building currently zoned "Coastal Center" and is located on the north side of Highway 98 between Geronimo Street and Miramar Drive. Approval is contingent upon the following ten-item stipulation agreement:

- 1) Exterior of the building will be soft stucco colors
- 2) Exterior building lighting will consist of wall sconce light fixtures only. (No neon)
- 3) Store front window system limited 11 feet and 4 inches of glass
- 4) Interior of storefront glass wall system will be void of fluorescent or neon lighting
- 5) Parking lot lighting specification will consist of a low intensity direct down view fixture illuminating minimal foot-candles of lighting to 2.83 F.C. per square foot. (No high glare fixtures)
- 6) Building signage will consist of face lit channel letters to flush mount on the building's entry tower façade. (No neon on the sign)
- 7) Pylon sign will be double-faced and internally lit, not to exceed 15 feet in height. A lower enclosure to match the building's stucco color will be

included. (There will be no neon or glaring lights.) Additional display area will be provided for rental tenants.

- 8) The local Destin landscape architectural firm of Reece, Hoopes, and Fincher is designing landscaping. Initial design has been completed with final design to complement neighboring properties.
- 9) Occupancy of the building will consist of the main tenant "Tropical Zone" utilizing 11,200 square feet. Their retail operation includes the sale of clothing and beachwear. Two additional rental spaces consisting of 1,400 square feet each will be marketed towards neighborhood needs such as a coffee/donut shop, yogurt/ice cream shop or a sandwich shop.
- 10) Building exterior façade will be similar to the visual watercolor rendering submitted at the 2/17/00 Planning Commission meeting.

There were no comments from the audience, therefore, Commissioner Infinger motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the proposed development of a Retail Center for 1000 Old Highway 98 East Corporation, seconded by Commissioner Paul. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the proposed development of Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase I, which consists of 29 lots. North Florida Consulting Inc. is proposing a master plan with a total of 110 residential units. Mrs. Camacho advised the Commissioners that approval is subject to receipt of state permits and final County Engineer approval and conceptual approval of Cypress Breeze Plantation Subdivision Phase II master plan. There was no opposition voiced toward this project.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase I and grant conceptual approval of the master plan, subject to the conditions as stated. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker

Aye, Paul Aye. Chairman Butler abstained due to his son working as engineer on the project.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve King, Williams, Shores, Inc., proposed development of Emerald Coast Business Center. The proposed development consists of a 16,000 square foot business office with storage on a parcel currently zoned "NPA/Infill". No one spoke in opposition to the proposed development.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the proposed development of Emerald Coast Business Center subject to submittal of all state permits. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the proposed development of Olde Oaks Center. Whites of S.E. Inc., is proposing a relocation of an existing small business onto property currently zoned "Commercial." The property is located on Highway 20 next to Shul's Store in Portland. No one voiced any opposition to the proposed relocation.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the relocation of an existing business, Olde Oaks Center, contingent upon submittal of state permits and Planning Department Technical Review approval. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the proposed development of Ponce De Leon Estates. Brian Raines, Dan Scupin, and

Patricia Scupin are proposing eight subdivision lots on two acres currently zoned “NPA/Infill”. No one spoke in reference to the proposed development.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve Ponce De Leon Estates subject to submittal of outstanding state permits and final County Engineer approval. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve a proposed layout revision with density bonus point plan and project density remaining the same for Maison Du Soleil. Mrs. Camacho advised that approval is subject to revision of the setbacks shown on the conceptual plan. No one voiced any opposition to the proposed change.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the proposed modification of Maison Du Soleil subject to revision of the setbacks shown on the conceptual plan. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve McDonald’s Corporation proposed project consisting of a 4,182 square foot fast-food restaurant on property currently zoned “Coastal Center Mixed Use”.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve McDonald’s Corporation proposed development subject to the Scenic 98 Technical Review approval. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow the neighborhood planning process to handle individual community problems as opposed to a countywide ordinance dealing with the building size constraint. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho advised that the Planning Commission is recommending the Commissioners place a moratorium on mixed-used projects in the "Village Mixed Use", "Coastal Center", and "Coastal Center Mixed Use" categories until allocation percentages are set for mixed-use development within those categories. Mrs. Camacho stated that this is to avoid "double dipping". Chairman Butler advised that he is not in favor of this recommendation.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to direct the Planning Commission to readdress this issue and present it back to the Commissioners at a later date. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Bayside. Keith Myhand, Spencer Maxwell Bullock Architects, and Ms. Paula Ryan, White Oak Real Estate Development Corporation is requesting conceptual approval for an affordable housing project on 40 acres of property currently zoned "NPA/Infill". The proposed project will be located on Veteran's Road in South Walton County. No opposition was voiced concerning this project.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and grant conceptual approval of Bayside. Ayes

4, Nays 0. Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Commissioner Ryan abstained from voting because Ms. Paula Ryan of White Oak Real Estate is his daughter.

Commissioner Paul and Commissioner Walker, scheduled on the agenda, did not present any items for discussion.

Commissioner Infinger stated that Mr. Roger Roy of Liberty Volunteer Fire Department was present to address the Board.

Mr. Roy requested the Board construct a 40 X 40 metal building at an estimated cost of \$16,000.00 in order to keep their trucks out of the weather. Mr. Roy also requested assistance in purchasing a 180' Rohn 35 communications tower to aid Liberty Volunteer fire fighters in their ability to communicate with each other and prevent excess traffic on the airways through 911. Mr. Roy stated that the cost of tower equipment is estimated at \$5,145.00 installed. The third item Mr. Roy requested is a repeater in the amount of \$3,625.00. He stated that the tower and repeater are both used equipment. Mr. Roy informed the Board that their department has \$5,070.00 they can pay toward the equipment and requested the Board fund the remaining \$20,000.00 for a five-year period.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve a loan in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department and allow the loan to be repaid over a five-year period. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Phil Givens, Fireboard Chairman, stated that the equipment would enhance Liberty's ability to communicate and also prevent unnecessary communications traffic on the County's system.



Captain Pagels, Walton County Sheriff's Department, appeared before the Board and requested Ordinance 95-7 (911 addressing system) be updated to bring it in line with the current mapping system. Captain Pagels requested a committee be created involving participants from all departments that have responsibilities within the county addressing and mapping system.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to create a committee consisting of an individual from each of the following departments to consider revising Ordinance 95-7: Building Department (Billy Bearden), Health Department (environmental), Chelco, Gulf Power, Department of Transportation, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Ryan, County Attorney, and the Public Works Department (Ronnie Bell). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve a fireworks display permit for Classic Fireworks by Events, Inc., for a display to be held at Sandestin Resort, March 18, 2000, and a permit for Pyro Productions, Inc., for a fireworks display to be held June 17, 2000, at Sandestin Resort. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Applications, proof of insurance, and signatures, have been obtained.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve a dog beach permit variance for Ms. Rebecca Hayles, non-property owner. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a letter from Don Brown, First National Insurance Agency, stating that Hartford has made a decision not to renew the county's insurance

coverage on the libraries. Mr. Brown advised that he has contacted an alternate source that is willing to provide insurance without going through the underwriting process and without any lapse in coverage.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to advertise for Requests for Proposals for insurance coverage. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a letter from the City of DeFuniak Springs regarding ownership of the Library and its contents for the Commissioners review.

Ms. Williams presented a timetable for the Mossy Head property exchange.

Ms. Williams presented a letter from Mr. Bob Lange, President of Eastern Lake Neighborhood Association, requesting the Board appoint Sami Samora to the Task Force Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to appoint Sami Samora to the Eastern Lake Task Force Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented the following list of surplus equipment from Mr. Dan Bodiford, Clerk of Court, who requested to turn the property back over to the Board for disposal.

- 1) 24 Byte IBM PC memory Chips
- 2) 12 3.5 floppy disks – IBM Turbo 16/4 Token-ring
- 3) 9 Token ring/modem 28.8 PC Cards
- 4) 1 box miscellaneous internal computer modems and token rings
- 5) 2 IBM Thinkpad 760 – 40 mg RAM (CC#542 & #544)
- 6) 1 IBM ThinkPad 755 with accessories (CC#454)
- 7) 8 Token ring hubs
- 8) 1 IBM monitor
- 9) 1 Motorola flip phone with charger & battery s/n A233WK 0T79
- 10) 1 Motorola flip phone with charger & battery s/n 949GUF3392

- 11) 1 Motorola flip phone s/n 949GUQKS78
- 12) 1 Motorola flip phone s/n A23EVYB578
- 13) 1 Motorola pager s/n 1227517
- 14) 1 Johnson 2-way radio with charger

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the surplus equipment as listed from the Clerk of Courts Office to be disposed of accordingly. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. The Commissioners agreed to relocate this equipment to other departments if determined to be useable equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit for Olde Florida Lakes in the amount of \$4,950.00 and designate Walton County Board of County Commissioners as beneficiary. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to allow members of the Coastal Branch Library to choose the roof color on the new building and the remaining tenants of the Governmental Center to coordinate with the Library. Ayes 4, Naves 1. Ryan Naye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Russ Aldrich appeared before the Board requesting final plat approval for Pavilion Palms. Mr. Aldrich also presented a performance bond for the remaining site work.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve Pavilion Palms final plat for recording contingent upon review by Attorney Miller and signature of the County Engineer. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Dan Bodiford, Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Council, requested the Board adopt a Proclamation in support of Juvenile Justice Week, March 19 through 26, 2000.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to adopt a Proclamation designating March 19 through 26, 2000, as Juvenile Justice Week in Walton County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Benjamin Ochshorn, Florida Legal Services, appeared before the Commissioners regarding the proposed Title Loan Ordinance. Mr. Ochshorn requested the Board consider adopting an ordinance with a set limit of 30% interest that can be charged by title loan lenders in Walton County.

Commissioner Paul voiced concern over the County dictating to private business owners by placing limits of this nature.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits and drawbacks of title loans and service being provided to clients by title loan lenders.

Commissioner Ryan motioned to hold a public hearing to consider a title loan ordinance. Motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to submit a resolution to Legislators requesting they limit the amount of interest rate, state-wide, that can be charged on title loans. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Chairman Butler called to order the 7:30 p.m. advertised public hearing.

Mr. Ken Little appeared before the Board requesting to reinstate the Design Review Board. Mr. Lane Rees spoke in favor of the Design Review Board and asked the Commissioners to reinstate the Board after the second public hearing has been held.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the second public hearing regarding the Design Review Board on March 28, 2000, at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Bill Brown, President of South Walton Utility Company, appeared before the Board requesting conceptual approval for construction of a well field. Mr. Brown explained that South Walton Utility owns five well sites and the Water Management District is in process of transferring the WRP permit to South Walton Utility.

Mr. Pete DeBogory, South Walton Utility, presented a map of the proposed well field and explained where the five well sites will be located. Mr. DeBogory said that South Walton Utility has already received seven of the necessary permits. Mr. DeBogory stated that the well field is consistent with Walton County planning goals.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to grant conceptual approval of the well field in order to proceed with the issuance of a development order. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, Regional Utilities, presented a copy of the proposed lease agreement between South Walton Utilities and Florida Community Services Corporation. Mr. Wilson stated that the lease is for the purpose of leasing South Walton Utilities 60% of the water transmission line. Mr. Wilson further explained the details of the lease and requested approval subject to its review by Attorney Miller. Mr. Wilson also presented a rate formula chart to the Commissioners for review.

Discussion was held regarding the amount South Walton Utilities would pay up front. Mr. Brown and Mr. DeBogory stated that approximately \$4 million would be paid up front.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the contract between South Walton Utilities, and Florida Community Services pending the costs summaries being added to the contract and contingent upon Mr. Miller's review and bringing it back to the Board for final approval. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Wilson presented the agreement between Florida Community Services and the City of Freeport for the City's option to purchase one-half of the excess capacity of the water transmission line. The second option is that no water will be sold outside of the franchise area. Mr. Wilson explained the costs and stated that the City of Freeport has decided not to make the purchase with the condition we pay them \$50,000.00 per year for the period of the lease (20 years). This lease agreement is contingent upon the agreement between South Walton Utilities and Florida Community Services Corporation.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve the agreement with Freeport. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Chairman Butler called to order the 7:45 p.m. advertised public hearing.

Mr. Little stated that the public hearing is to consider adopting an ordinance limiting the size of new construction in Grayton Beach. Mr. Billy Buzzett spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

The Commissioners agreed to hold a public hearing on March 28, 2000, at 3:15 p.m. to consider adopting an ordinance limiting the size of new construction in Grayton Beach.

Mr. Todd Wilkenson, Environmental Services, appeared before the Commissioners representing residents along Mack Bayou. Mr. Wilkenson stated that the homeowners along Mack Bayou wish to sponsor a dredging operation and need the county's support in filing for the application. Mr. Wilkenson advised that the residents will fund the dredging project, however, they are requesting the County pay the application fee of \$500.00 for the permit.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve submitting the application with county funding, allow the County's Marine Biologist to make a recommendation on the project and allow Brad Pickle, Tourist Development Council employee, to work along with them also. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Van Ness R. Butler, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Bodiford, Clerk