

MARCH 28, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

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

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

Mrs. Suedelle Wilkerson, Finance Manager, presented the Expenditure Approval (EAL) List consisting of the following bills for payment:

General Fund	\$169,523.56
County Transportation Trust	175,698.13
Debt Service Hospital	520.00
N.W. Msq. Control	5,911.93
Walton-DeFuniak Library	2,021.72
Recreation Plat Fee	1,944.98
Solid Waste Enterprise	16,613.93
Mossy Head VFD	123.04
Glendale VFD	11.94
Darlington VFD	432.60
Liberty VFD	53.59
Red Bay VFD	10,131.69
Capital Projects Funds	126,432.26
Tourist Development Council	26,695.11
Section 8 Housing	122,432.26

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment of bills as presented on the EAL. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve for the Building Department to refund \$80.00 to Mr. Walter Carr for a permit that was issued in error. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment in the amount of \$654.00 to Mr. Robert Cibiras for Neo-natal training provided to EMS employees. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker questioned if the policy was ever drafted regarding the county paying for training for EMS employees. Ms. Williams will look into the issue.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment in the amount of \$2,200.00 to Mr. Fredrick Tooke, County Surveyor, for survey work completed on the Wee Care Children's Park. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve for the Finance Department to make payment in the amount of \$224,150.30 to Excellence Inc., for the purchase of two (2) ambulance units. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment in the amount of \$71,195.40 to North Florida Construction for improvements on Allen Road, EWP Project. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment in the amount of \$50,868.03 to North Florida Construction for improvements on Fish Pond Branch, EWP Project. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment #7 in the amount of \$22,507.00 to Murphree Bridge Corporation. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Sandy Ramp Road Bridge, Long Road Culvert, George Road Culvert, Hub Presley Road Bridges.)

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment in the amount of \$142.44 and \$277.49, to NAFCO, Decatur, Alabama, fire equipment, for Darlington/Gaskin Volunteer Fire Department. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment in the amount of \$2,005.78 to Ingram for library books. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Langdon Haynes, Purchasing Agent, presented a request to purchase recording/transcribing equipment in the amount of \$444.60 for the newly appointed Affordable Housing Board. Discussion followed regarding the need for the equipment. The Commissioners directed Ms. Williams to review this situation and report back to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of ale mite and an oil gun in the amount of \$1,221.50 from West Florida Equipment Company and mower blades in the amount of \$1,026.50 from Sampson

Manufacturing Company. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes requested approval to transport surplus computer equipment to the Landfill to be scrapped. Mr. Haynes stated that the equipment is not compatible with current county equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to authorize Mr. Haynes to contact all the local schools to ask if they are interested in accepting any of the surplus computer equipment as a donation and authorize any remaining equipment to be scrapped at the Landfill. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented information on bid #00-021 and #00-022, Modular buildings for the Wee Care Children's Park. Mr. Haynes requested the Board delay action until he has time to research other alternatives. The Board agreed not to award these bids at the present time.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to award the Sheriff's Department surplus vehicle bids to each individual high bidder. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented the following quotes for the Wee Care Children's Park fencing material:

Ft. Walton Fence and Aluminum	\$17,500.00
AAA Economy Fence	18,098.07
DeFuniak Fence	20,820.00

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to award the low bid to Ft. Walton Fence and Aluminum in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the Wee Care

Children's Park fencing project. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented information regarding bid #00-020, pump house for the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department, however, he requested to reject the bid and allow the work to be performed by inmate labor. No action was taken.

Mr. Haynes requested authorization to purchase office furniture for Ms. Martha Ingle, Budget Officer, who will be relocated to the Public Works Building.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the purchase of office furniture in the amount of \$1,947.55 from Florida Microfilm. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of promotional items (license plates) in the amount of \$612.50 from Specialty Advertising and golf towels in the amount of \$1,840.00 from Boatwright Company for the Tourist Development Council. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented a request on behalf of the South Walton TDC to award the low bids to 15 various companies for the purpose of completing the upstairs portion of the TDC building. Mr. Haynes advised that TDC handled the advertising process for the bids.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to award the projects to the low bidders as long as bid procedures were followed.

Discussion followed concerning the proper procedure for handling the advertising and whether or not Purchasing should have overseen the bids. Mr. Bodiford questioned

Attorney Miller if TDC can legally advertise for bids themselves. Mr. Miller advised that they can under the direction of the Board and stated that in years past, the Board directed TDC to obtain bids. Mr. Miller suggested that procedures be established if the Board desires TDC to utilize the Purchasing Department to obtain bids. The motion and second were both withdrawn for further review.

Mr. Haynes advised that Chelco accepted his bid of \$20,000.00 for the Hi-Ranger Truck and requested authorization to issue a purchase order and proceed with the purchase. Mr. Haynes stated that Chelco is drafting the legal documents.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Chelco for the purchase of one (1) Hi-Ranger bucket truck. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve for Central Purchasing to purchase building material in the amount of \$3,623.12 to construct a loading dock onto the new warehouse, using inmate labor. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve for Mr. Haynes to solicit a materials list only from previous vendors who submitted bids on #99-182, fuel system. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve the purchase of a 15-foot bush hog mower, District 2, using prices from previous quotes. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Chairman Butler arrived.

The Commissioners questioned Mr. Butler on the need to complete the upstairs portion of the TDC building. Mr. Butler advised that additional office space is needed and recommended they be allowed to complete construction of the second floor. Discussion followed regarding establishing a procedure requiring TDC to utilize the Purchasing Department when advertising for bids.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Walker, to establish a policy which requires the Tourist Development Council to process advertisements for bids through the Purchasing Department. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept Mr. Butler's recommendation and award the low bids to proceed with completion of the TDC's second floor for additional office space. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented a copy of each purchase made for stock material at Central Purchasing as previously requested by the Board.

The Commissioners discussed a better way to dispose of used grader blades and used 55 gallon drums. The Board directed Mr. Haynes to research alternative methods for disposal and to raise the price of the plastic drums.

Vice-Chairman Infinger passed the Chair to Chairman Butler.

Ms. Martha Ingle presented a budget amendment request for unanticipated grant revenues for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$288,777.00 for a Regional Distribution Center. Ms. Ingle also requested that County Transportation Trust be

amended in the amount of \$92,045.00 into EWP Long Road Materials for unanticipated revenues.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt a resolution (2000-16) amending unanticipated revenues as stated. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Ingle presented information relating to the proposed library capital project budget for the Coastal Branch Library. Ms. Ingle informed the Commissioners that the Coastal Branch Library has \$500,000.00 from a State Grant, \$306,000.00 from monies raised, and up to \$250,000.00 from the County, some of which is in-kind services. The projected cost for the proposed project is \$1,750,000.00 leaving a shortage of \$694,000.00. Ms. Coe feels confident that Friends of the Library will raise the remaining amount.

Ms. Coe addressed the Board and stated that costs have escalated due to inflation, among other reasons, during the three-year period they have been waiting for their state grant. Commissioner Ryan requested to meet with staff regarding all of the capital projects to discuss the rise in construction costs. Ms. Coe reminded the Board that May 1 is their deadline to begin construction. The Commissioners agreed for staff to meet and review all the construction projects and review available options.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve for Ms. Ingle to proceed with advertising for a budget amendment in the amount of \$850,000.00 for library funds. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Ingle presented a report on the amount of funds remaining in the reserves.



The Board directed Ms. Williams to contact CarlanKilliam Architectural Firm and request they put a hold on any further work on projects other than the Library, and engineering on infrastructure projects.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to authorize Ms. Williams to notify the City of DeFuniak Springs as to the County's intent to use the old hospital as an alternative use. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul informed the Board of a request by Mr. John Simms, Christmas Reflections, to utilize space at the old hospital to store Christmas lights. Attorney Miller advised that the County should draft a hold harmless agreement first, but there should not be a problem due to the County having an investment in the lights.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve an agreement between Walton County and the Christmas Reflections Committee to store lights at the old hospital. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

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

Commissioner Ryan reminded the Board of the need to proceed with hiring a Finance Director due to Ms. Ingle taking a leave of absence in July. After further discussion, Commissioner Ryan motioned to proceed with advertising for a Finance Director, removing the requirement of CPA. Commissioner Infinger seconded the motion. Discussion continued regarding the requirements, salary, and the possibility of

hiring a firm to assist in locating an individual for this position. Attorney Miller stated that this is a professional service which does not require advertising for RFP's.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to amend their previous motion to allow the CPA requirement to remain, or provide proof of seven years of Governmental Accounting experience. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. Commissioner Walker stated that he wants the candidate to be a Certified Public Accountant.

Commissioner Walker motioned to hire Progressive Employment to seek an applicant for the position of Finance Director. Chairman Butler passed the Chair to Vice-Chairman Infinger, he accepted. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to appoint a committee consisting of Ms. Williams, Ms. Ingle, Attorney Walker, Ms. Sara Comander, and Chairman Butler, to screen and present only their top ranked applicant to the Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Ms. Williams will contact Progressive Employment and request they proceed in an expedient manner and provide advertising in our local area.

Commissioner Ryan presented information from North Florida Regional Planning Council regarding legislation passed by Senate. Senate Bill 862 provides that FY2001/02 \$300 million be annually transferred to the State Transportation Fund to implement CIGP and Safe Fund Infrastructure.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to adopt and submit a resolution (2000-17) in support of Senate Bill 862. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, appeared before the Commissioners with several requests. Mr. Bell presented a request regarding Environmental Waste System's property and stated that he has received the deed and franchise extension, both of which Attorney Miller is reviewing.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to allow Hartman & Associates to proceed with Phase II environmental site assessment on the forty-acre Environmental Waste Systems site on J.D. Miller road in the amount of \$3,500.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul asked Mr. Miller to send a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Restoration and Advisory Board at Eglin requesting any information on assessments they have already conducted on the tower site, which is located on the New Town property, to see if they have plans for any type of lead abatement or clean-up.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve the purchase of yo-yo's from Recycling Grant funds in the amount of \$2,772.00 for the Landfill. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a request to proceed with the necessary surveying and permitting related to the Sheriff's Substation in South Walton at a cost of \$12,060.00 and

\$17,825.00 for the South Walton Governmental Center, core area. Mr. Bell advised that they will not proceed until the Sheriff's property site has been secured from State.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve for Carlan Killiam to conduct the site surveys on both properties. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept Mr. Butler's recommendation and accept Batchelor Button Road, District 5, for county maintenance. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept Mr. Butler's recommendation and accept Dalton Road, District 1, for county maintenance. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that he met with a representative from Eglin regarding the tower located in the South Walton Governmental Center. Mr. Bell stated that Eglin is requesting the county perform a land swap for the tower site with property preferably in the Point Washington area. Mr. Bell will report back to the Board on this issue at a later date.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Storm water Master Plan. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that he met with Mr. Gary Spencer regarding the trolley franchise and felt that all of the safety issues have been resolved. Mr. Bell advised the

Board of the locations that will be used as stopping points and invited the Commissioners for a ride, on behalf of Mr. Gary Spencer.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the Chairman's signature and payment in the amount of \$500.00 for the DEP permit application for the South Walton Governmental Center. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell requested approval to advertise for bids for the following equipment for Public Works:

- Pickup Truck – District 2 Foreman
- Pickup Truck – Utility Inspector
- Flatbed Truck – District 5
- Line Eraser – Paint Crew

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to advertise for bids for the listed equipment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve a request by the School Board to perform emergency maintenance on Cherokee Circle, District 3, to enable the school bus to turn around. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell informed the Commissioners that the gentleman who previously requested authorization to remove an old washed out bridge, has never removed it and Mr. Jeffery Pence has now requested permission to do so.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to draft a hold harmless agreement and authorize Mr. Jeffery Pence to remove the washed out bridge. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Melissa Beasley, Supervisor of Elections, appeared before the Commissioners and reported on the status of the new voting machines and requested the old machines be disposed of now that State has authorized their disposition. Mrs. Beasley stated that it is cost prohibitive to have the old machines shipped up North and stated the best method for disposal is to have them scrapped.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to accept Mrs. Beasley's recommendation to adopt a resolution (2000-15) designating the old voting machines as scrap and advertise their availability for a period of two weeks on the Internet. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Ms. Beasley agreed to draft the letter for the Chairman's signature notifying the State of the County's intent.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the minutes of: February 8, 2000 - Regular Meeting, February 22, 2000 – Regular Meeting, March 9, 2000 –Special Meeting, March 14, 2000 – Regular Meeting. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners, along with Sheriff Quinn McMillian, were in agreement with the appointment of Dr. Gary Cumberland as District I Medical Examiner and thereby approved Chairman Butler's signature on the Recommendation for Reappointment.

Chairman Butler read a letter from a resident of Blue Mt. Beach regarding problems with Big Red Fish Lake who requested assistance from the County to correct the problems.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to direct the Public Works Department to look into the situation and obtain proper permitting to

correct the problem with the lake. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve a request by Chairman Butler to apply for an Artificial Reef Grant. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Ken Little, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, appeared before the Commissioners and presented an update on the employment study and reminded the Board of their meeting on April 13, 8:30 a.m. with Analytica.

Mr. Little advised the Board that the contract for Construction Manager has been signed and stated that Watkins will now be responsible for submitting the provision of the contract.

The next item Mr. Little presented was to advise the Commissioners that three new members needed to be appointed to the Competency Board due to the current members terms expiring. The Commissioners agreed to consider the appointments at the next meeting.

Mr. Little presented the Personnel Committee's recommendations for Board approval.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and approve to hire Ms. Margaret Owens as Jr. Buyer at \$9.00 per hour. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve to promote Ms. Joan Cibiras from part-time to full-time Library Clerk II and grant a .40

cent pay increase to \$7.05 per hour. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve a six-month employee evaluation for Mr. Ronald Ard, District 2 Equipment Operator II, and raise one-step to \$9.30 per hour. Approve a six-month employee evaluation for Ms. Joanna Collinsworth, District 2 Administrative Assistant, and raise two-steps to \$8.60 per hour for excellent performance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve the six-month employee evaluation and one-step salary increase for the following District 3 employees: Amanda Lee, Secretary, Chad Nelson and William Chancy, Equipment Operators. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Douglas, EMS Director, presented several items for the Board's consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment to Quadratics in the amount of \$547.08 for radio installation. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve payment to Pensacola Jr. College for tuition and books for Paramedic's schooling in the amount of \$2,168.49 for Richard Allison and Larry Ivey, EMS employees. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.



Mr. Douglass presented an invoice from Motorola in the amount of \$2,484.00 that was dated August 1998 and explained that he just received it. The Board directed Mr. Douglass to verify that the equipment has been installed.

Mr. Douglass presented, for review, an outline for his two-year Goals and Objectives for the EMS Department.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve to hire Harvey Gibbs and William Henderson as part-time Paramedics. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Douglass requested authorization for Ms. Connie Radford, Niceville Technical College Student, to ride along for clinical training. Mr. Douglass questioned the County's liability. The Attorney's agreed that a "Hold Harmless Agreement" could be drafted if the parents of Ms. Radford are willing to sign it.

Ms. Radford spoke to the Commissioners and stated that she is an EMT student at Niceville Technical College and requested permission to ride-along in Walton County Ambulances as part of her training.

Discussion followed regarding the liability and other agencies currently involved in allowing ride-along passengers. Attorney Miller advised that this has been allowed in the past contingent upon a hold harmless agreement being signed and stated that this will allow Ms. Radford to further her education and future career.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve for Ms. Connie Radford to ride along in the county's ambulance after retaining signatures on the agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Dan Owens, Acting Library Director, appeared before the Commissioners requesting the Board accept \$13,414.00 State Aid monies.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept \$13,414.00 of State Aid funds and amend into the library budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Owens also informed the Board that according to the latest financial audit of County funds, there is over \$182,000.00 in State Aid left from fiscal years 1997-1999. Mr. Owens stated that the funds cannot be spent on construction or maintenance of buildings and recommended designating the following amounts to upgrade library materials: Coastal Branch - \$120,000.00; Freeport Public Library - \$50,000.00; Walton-DeFuniak Library - \$10,000.00; and Gladys N. Milton Memorial Library - \$2,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the distribution of State Aid funds, as recommended by Mr. Owens, upon availability of funds. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Discussion took place regarding the most cost effective manner in which to provide Internet service at the Gladys N. Milton Memorial Library. Mr. Owens gave a summary of various methods and the cost involved.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve to purchase and install two (2) modems and add two (2) additional phone lines for internet access at the Gladys N. Milton Memorial Library. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Capt. Pagels, Walton County Sheriff's Department, appeared before the Commissioners and explained the poor condition of their current tower located at the

EOC Building. Capt. Pagels advised that the 240' tower is not safe and the company providing maintenance will no longer climb it, for fear of it falling. Capt. Pagels explained that Perdue Farms has a 150' tower they are willing to donate to EOC providing EOC will cover the cost to disassemble it and have it moved at an approximate cost of \$21,240.00.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve to amend \$21,240.00 into the Emergency Management budget and proceed with the purchase of a new tower from Perdue. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Capt. Pagels also advised the Commissioners that the invoice presented earlier by Mr. Douglass for equipment purchased from Motorola, is installed at EOC and is in use.

Mr. Lane Rees, Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Sacred Heart Campaign was a success. Sacred Heart has signed an agreement with Columbia HCA which means they can proceed with construction. Mr. Rees commended the Board of County Commissioners for the Resolution they drafted in support of the hospital, which helped gain public support.

Attorney Miller reminded the Commissioners of a bill from Mr. Jerry Andrews for construction on Ellis Road. Mr. Miller advised that Mr. Allen Brown looked at the site and previously recommended paying \$56,000.00 (one-half the bill). Since then Mr. Bell and Mr. Brown have revisited the site and stated that the cost of demucking and fill dirt was not previously included, which was \$30,000.00. Mr. Miller, along with Mr. Bell, recommended paying Mr. Andrews an amount of \$54,723.30 to cover expenditures for the construction project (approximately one-half of the entire cost).

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment to Mr. Jerry Andrews in the amount of \$54,723.30 for construction on Ellis Road. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. Attorney Miller advised the Board that in future cases of this nature they need to assure that Engineering analyses are made prior to entering an agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt a Resolution (2000-14) opposing any change in legislation to the current COPCN process as currently outlined in Fl. Statute, chapter 401. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:30.

Mr. Phil Givens, Fireboard Chairman, presented a graph depicting the number of calls each fire department has responded to since January 1 of this year, for a total of 761 calls. Mr. Givens also stated that Holmes-Walton Fire Fighters Association, which is a subdivision between Argyle, Darlington, Glendale, New Hope, Pine Log, Ponce De Leon, Red Bay, and Westville has signed an Automatic Aid Agreement between their counties to aid one another in the event of fires.

Chairman Butler requested to hear a presentation from Mr. Hilton Galloway, County's External Auditor. Mr. Galloway reported on the status of the audit close out. He stated that he has closed out all of the Constitutional Officers, however, he has ran into problems and advised the Commissioners that he is not making any progress on the Board's accounts due to having to analyze many accounts and making reconciling adjustments. Mr. Galloway stated that he may have difficulties completing the report and

presenting it back to the Commissioners by April 25. He further stated that there are many accounts that he has not had an opportunity to review, but does not foresee a problem with issuing the audit report by September 30.

Mr. Galloway voiced concerns with the delay due to the fact the County could lose enough points on the Block Grant application to entirely lose the grant. Mr. Galloway explained some of the problems and stated that \$950,000.00 of encumbrances appear on the books that should not, which will be time consuming to resolve. Attorney Miller questioned Mr. Galloway of the possibility of issuing a qualified opinion and later supplement it with an additional opinion. Mr. Galloway explained the complexity of the accounts on the Board's accounting side and the time involved in trying to locate and correct necessary transactions. The Commissioners directed Mr. Galloway to follow Attorney Miller's recommendation to proceed with filing an opinion then adding a supplemental opinion at a later date. Mr. Galloway recommended the Board hire an in-house Accountant that can provide them expertise on a daily basis.

Mr. Russ Aldrich presented RV Park II Resort Plat for final approval contingent upon signatures from the Planning Staff and the County Engineer.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve RV Park II Resort final plat for recording subject to receiving proper signatures. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller advised the Commissioners that a performance bond was filed for RV Park II Resort rather than the letter of credit and recommended they consider removing the performance bond option as security due to the complexity of collecting on a performance bond.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept Attorney Miller's recommendation requiring a cash bond or bank letter of credit and remove the option of performance bond. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve Mack Bayou Estates final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve Miramar Plaza final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Carol Whited and Ms. Renee Adams, representing Beta Sigma Phi, appeared before the Board requesting assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00 to help send Ms. Walton and Little Ms. Walton County to the Peanut Festival and also donate a portion of that toward a scholarship for Ms. Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve to donate \$1,000.00 toward Ms. Walton County and Little Ms. Walton. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Joan Goulette appeared before the Commissioners and stated that she was representing 117 condominium owners at Beachwood Villas regarding barking dogs. Ms. Goulette requested the Board adopt a general nuisance/noise ordinance for South Walton. Attorney Miller advised her that the Board can adopt an ordinance, however, it would be almost impossible to enforce. Several members of the audience spoke to the Commissioners in support of an ordinance. Mr. Lane Rees representing the South

Walton Community Council, stated that they support an ordinance and currently have a group working to draft an ordinance.

Commissioner Paul motioned to advertise to hold a public hearing to consider creating a countywide noise/nuisance ordinance, however, the motion died for lack of a second. Attorney Miller will review the situation and report back to the Board.

Mr. Howard Burney, resident of Walton County, informed the Commissioners of a situation regarding an unlicensed contractor. Mr. Burney stated that the man performing the work represented himself as having a county permit, however, he did not. Mr. Burney asked if the Board could assist him in any way. Attorney Miller advised Mr. Burney that the Judge is the one who can order restitution and stated that he will meet with Ms. Williams to review the situation.

Chairman Butler called to order, the advertised public hearing regarding the reinstatement of the Design Review Board. Mr. Little stated that he received no communications opposing the issue and no one from the audience voiced any opposition either. Mr. Lane Rees spoke in favor of reinstating the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve reinstating a seven (7) member Design Review Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little will re-advertise for new volunteers to serve on the Board.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Chairman Butler called to order the final advertised public hearing regarding the Grayton Beach Size Constraint Ordinance, also known as “monster houses”.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to adopt the Grayton Beach Size Constraint Ordinance. Ayes 4 Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. No one voiced any comments.

Mr. Greg Brack, Alltel, presented an offer to the Board for lower long distance rates. Mr. Brack offered the County .084 cents per minute on interstate calls and .089 cents per minutes on intrastate calls. The Board directed Ms. Williams to take this issue under advisement and report back to the Board at a later date.

Attorney Walker presented several items for the Commissioners review upon earlier direction of the Board. Attorney Walker presented a draft of the Sidewalk Agreement for Sandestin, which the county will assist by paying up to \$10,000.00 upon completion of the project.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to adopt a resolution (2000-18) requesting Florida Legislature to act upon pending Title Loan Legislation. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve the loan agreement between Walton County and the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department for repayment of \$20,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Walker presented the draft agreement for an easement leading to the home of Ms. Donna Florence and advised that he will be meeting with Ms. Florence later. Commissioner Walker requested amending paragraph 5 to state, "the homeowner understands upon action of the Board of Commissioners, the Board may allow general



vehicular use by the roadway.” Commissioner Butler stated that he would like to meet with Attorney Walker and Mr. Bell regarding the situation.

Mr. Jack Wellborn presented Tropical Beach Walk RV Park for final approval. Mr. Noel Crick, owner of an adjacent RV park, stated that Mr. Wellborn has not abided by the plans and voiced concern regarding proper fencing and drainage. The Commissioners requested Attorney Miller to meet with both parties involved and report back to the Board. No action was taken regarding approval for the plat.

Attorney Miller advised the Commissioner that an agreement has been reached regarding the Bonnell property, District 4, in the amount of \$7,990.00. In return, the County will be given an easement across his property to bury a pipeline for drainage purposes.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept Attorney Miller’s recommendation and approve execution of the settlement agreement and payment to Mr. Bonnell Jr. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller presented the South Walton Utilities Agreement for final approval regarding the lease for a portion of the capacity of the water transmission line.

After discussion, Commissioner Paul motioned to accept the agreement as recommended by Attorney Miller. Commissioner Infinger seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. Commissioner Walker stated that he is opposed to the agreement because he feels they are not paying 60% of the cost up front.

Attorney Miller advised the Board that Ms. Anderson has passed away and requested their direction whether to continue on the purchase of her property located on Sloss and 6<sup>th</sup> Street or to postpone the purchase a while.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to move forward with the purchase of Ms. Anderson's property. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. D. McCall and Ms. Pam Daniels requested assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Walton Youth Athletics, which will be used to purchase equipment for the football leagues.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve a contribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Walton Athletics Youth Football Organization and requested the Board be furnished a breakdown of how the funds are expended. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Jonathan Rhodes presented Rose Garden Mews and Sunset Ridge final plats for approval, which is part of Water Color Phase I.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve Rose Garden Mews final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve Sunset Ridge final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve to make an offer in the amount of \$71,000.00 for the Wright property at Cedar Log Lake for the River Buy-out program; approve to advertise for licensed contractors to close wells and septic tanks on the River buy-out properties; and approve for Ms. Betty Hunt and Ms. Angie Biddle to attend a CDBG workshop in Tallahassee May 9-10. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a proposed meeting schedule, however the Commissioners agreed to discuss this issue further at a later date.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve an agreement between Walton County EMS and Pensacola Jr. College allowing PJC students to ride with EMS personnel for training. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve an amendment to the existing elevator maintenance agreement with KONE to include the elevator at the hospital at a cost of \$149.00 per month. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker voiced concern with the condition that Healthmark personnel left the old hospital in when they moved out and requested Attorney Miller look into the matter. Attorney Miller agreed.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a fireworks display permit for Pyro Production for a display to be held July 22 at the Sandestin Hilton. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to request Mr. Charles McMillian to prepare an estimate on what it will take to prepare the administrative section of the old hospital for administrative staff to move into temporarily until the courthouse expansion is completed. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve for Chairman Butler to sign a satisfaction of lien for Gail McCollugh Burke in the amount of \$152.67. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to adopt a resolution (2000-19) in support of legislation providing a designated funding source for the Rural Infrastructure Fund. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Harley Henderson presented an offer to sell the Board five parcels on Chaffin and 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve to obtain an appraisal on property owned by Mr. Harley Henderson, for consideration to purchase. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve for the Finance Department to prepare a check in the amount of \$99,579.75 for closing on River Buy-out property owned by Ms. Ruth Rigby. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve travel for Attorney Jonathan Walker to attend the Florida Association of Counties Trust Conference in Tampa, April 11. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Ms. Williams advised that FACT will pay the registration fees for the conference.

Attorney Miller advised the Commissioners that GRIT has filed bankruptcy and will not be able to pay for outstanding worker's compensation claims and thereby recommended the County approve payment to settle the remaining claims.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment to the following individuals to settle their worker's comp cases:

Mrs. Joan Wright	\$145,000.00 settlement\pending medical
Mr. Nick Ramos	\$ 10,000.00 settlement
Ms. Strickland	\$ 15,000.00 settlement

Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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

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

