

MAY 09, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Staff Meeting on Tuesday, May 09, 2000, at 1:00 P.M., followed by the Regular Meeting at 5:00 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 Herman Walker, Commissioner Joel Paul, Jr., and Commissioner Gene Ryan. Ms. Shirl Williams, Administrative Supervisor, 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 Walker.

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

General Fund	\$590,941.09
County Transportation Trust	183,933.87
Fine & Forfeiture	502,827.28
N.W. Mosquito Control	23,839.95
Library	8,908.08
Recreation Plat Fee	60,386.94
Solid Waste	165,749.11
Mossy Head VFD	788.80
Darlington VFD	497.24
Liberty VFD	145.91
Red Bay VFD	219.10
Capital Projects Funds	331,311.43
Tourist Development Council	152,614.54
Section 8 Housing	28,106.95
Glendale VFD	572.91
Multi Purpose Trust Fund	7,500.00

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

Ms. Williams presented an invoice in the amount of \$35,457.43 for the chiller at the jail and explained that the chiller went out over the weekend and the Sheriff had to proceed with the installation of a new one.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve payment to Professional Mechanical in the amount of \$35,457.43 for the chiller. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes, Purchasing Agent, presented the following three quotes for the purchase of 600 signs and 200 posts for the Landfill:

Municipal Supply and Sign	\$5,536.00
Vulcan Signs	5,670.00
Florida Transcor Inc.	10,450.00

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the low bid and approve the purchase of signs and posts from Municipal Supply and Sign Company in the amount of \$5,536.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes presented the following quotes and requested to purchase a new copy machine for the Courthouse Maintenance Department:

Florida Microfilm	\$1,595.00
Advanced Copy	1,495.00
Coastal Business Products Inc.	1,195.00
Copy Products Co.	1,795.00

Mr. Haynes recommended purchasing the machine from Florida Microfilm based upon staff's recommendation. The Commissioner requested for Mr. Charles McMillan,

Maintenance Supervisor, to explain why he was not accepting the low bid. This item was tabled until later in the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept a quote from JIL Computer Solutions in the amount of \$3,917.78 for telephone and computer wiring for the renovated portion of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) Building. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Haynes explained that JIL has performed all of the other wiring for TDC and is familiar with the project.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a request by TDC staff to surplus and sell the 1991 Chevrolet Blazer (BCC 1372) with a minimum bid of \$3,500.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a request by TDC staff to surplus and scrap one utility trailer. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Haynes informed the Board that the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services has approved an application request for Federal Funding assistance for FY 1999-2000 from the Volunteer Fire Departments. The fire departments will be reimbursed a portion of the funds for the approved equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the purchase of six (6) VHF Portable radios in the amount of \$2,880.00 for Glendale Volunteer Fire Department through the Federal Funding Program. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. An amount of \$1,440.00 will be reimbursed.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the purchase of four (4) 100' links of fire hose and three (3) 50'-2" couplings from LEECO, Inc., in the amount of \$756.00 for Darlington-Gaskin VFD through the Federal Funding Program. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. An amount of \$247.00 will be reimbursed.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the purchase of eight (8) jumpsuits from Sunbelt Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$1,592.00 for the Darlington-Gaskin VFD through the Federal Funding Program. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. An amount of \$800.00 will be reimbursed.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the purchase of three VHF Motorola Radios from Ward-Bell Communications in the amount of \$1,275.00 for the Darlington-Gaskin VFD through the Federal Funding Program. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. An amount of \$630.00 will be reimbursed.

Mr. Haynes presented a request on behalf of the Darlington-Gaskin VFD to borrow \$40,901.13 to construct an addition onto the fire department's building. Mr. Haynes stated that the quote is for building material only and volunteers will perform the actual labor.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve to finance the construction project in the amount of \$40,901.13 for the Darlington-Gaskin

Volunteer Fire Department and allow the loan to be repaid over a ten (10) year period. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Attorney Miller will draft the agreement for the funds to be withheld from their annual budget.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve the purchase of an air conditioning unit for the District 5 Badger (BCC 2010). 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 drainage material in the amount of \$4,716.00 from Semsco. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. The material is for completion of the Bonnell settlement agreement in Choctaw Beach, District 4.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of a used 6000 lb forklift from Marianna Department of Management Services in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Central Purchasing Department. (Not to include the spare engine) Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Haynes stated that Mr. Ernie Montgomery, Shop Foreman, inspected the unit and recommended the purchase.

Discussion was held regarding equipment surplusd in a previous meeting. Mr. Haynes stated that he notified the School Board and had no response, therefore he requested to scrap the equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve for Mr. Haynes to scrap the equipment after contacting the Vo-Tech School and the Children's Advocacy Center to determine their interest in the equipment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Walker, to allow the surplus equipment to be donated to the Children's Advocacy Center. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a request by Mr. Haynes to scrap four (4) copy machines, not in working order, after an attempt has been made to sell them. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Charles McMillan appeared before the Commissioners to answer questions relating to the purchase of a copy machine for his department. Mr. McMillan stated the reason for selecting the copy machine from Florida Microfilm is because it meets the duplicating needs of his department best. The Board tabled further discussion of this item until it can be determined if the other machines will duplex as well for the quoted price.

Mr. Ken Little, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, introduced Ms. Jackie Malone to explain the SHIP budget amendments.

Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the SHIP Committee, informed the Board that the SHIP Committee has recovered funds from the sell of a home and requested the Board amend these funds into the current year SHIP budget. The Committee recommended placing \$22,500.00 into the 1999/2000 SHIP First Time Homebuyer budget and \$725.00 be added to the 1999/2000 SHIP Substantial Housing Rehabilitation budget. The SHIP Committee was also notified that an additional \$6,638.00 will be received for the 2000/20001 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept the recaptured funds received from the First-time Homebuyer Program and prepare a budget

amendment in the amount of \$23,225.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept staff recommendation and appoint the following individuals to the Competency Board for a term of three years: Mr. Gary Billingsley, Electrical; Mr. James Brown, Mechanical; Ms. Sara Comander, Lay Person. Ayes 5, Nays 0. RyanAye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little updated the Board on the status of the 2000 Census count for Walton County. The goal for 2000 was 50%, which was exceeded by 3%. The field workers are currently attempting to reach the remaining people who did not respond.

Mr. Little presented a copy of the proposed Scenic Corridor Standard changes as drafted by Sue Murphy and Rick Olsen for the Commissioners review. Commissioner Ryan suggested that staff review the changes and present their recommendations at the next meeting before holding any public hearings on this matter.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to table this issue until the next board meeting, allowing staff time to review the proposal. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little presented a request from the Northwest Florida Leave-a-Legacy Steering Committee requesting the Board adopt a resolution in support of the Leave-a-Legacy Organization. No action was taken.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approve to hire Woodrow Braswell as Equipment Operator I, District 2, at a starting wage of \$7.30 per hour based on 2 years

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

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve to hire Lonnie Clark as Contract Laborer, District 1, at a starting wage of \$6.75. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and reclassify Bart Andrews from Equipment Operator I to the position of Equipment Operator II and increase his salary from \$8.10 to \$8.50 per hour based on attainment of Class "A" CDL. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve for Floyd Owens, Shop employee, and Carol Thornton, Purchasing Department, to each draw 80 hours from the Sick Leave Pool based on medical certification from their physicians. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to advertise the vacancy for Safety Officer. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Matt Douglas, EMS Director, appeared before the Commissioners and presented a copy of the Governor's Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation for the week of May 14-20, 2000.

Mr. Douglas also requested authorization to purchase extended warranties for the two newly purchased ambulances. The extended warranty for the transmission will cover 100% part and labor for 5-years/unlimited mileage at a cost of \$500.00 each unit. The

warranty for the engine covers 100% parts and labor for 5-years/250,000 miles at a cost of \$1,210.00 per unit.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the purchase of the extended warranties for two new ambulances at a cost of \$3,420.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Dan Owens, Library Director, appeared before the Board and requested authorization to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference 2000 in Chicago, July 6-12, 2000.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve travel for Mr. Dan Owens to attend the conference in Chicago at an estimated cost of \$1,811.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Owens stated that all part-time employees are currently receiving retirement and county benefits and requested that all newly hired part-time employees receive the state benefits, but not vacation/sick leave benefits until they become full-time employees. Attorney Miller questioned Mr. Owens regarding that policy of receiving state benefits.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to allow all part-time Library employees to receive the same benefits as other part-time county employees. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bruce Ward, County Extension Agent, appeared before the Commissioners and introduced Mr. Michael Goodchild, Walton County's newly hire Horticultural Agent, and gave a brief overview of his background and duties.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Ms. Martha Ingle, Budget Officer, appeared before the Board with a budget amendment request in the amount of \$35,457.00 for the emergency purchase of the chiller at the jail.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve an interdepartmental budget amendment from General Fund Contingencies into County Transportation Trust Equipment Account in the amount of \$35,457.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Ingle advised that Mr. Hilton Galloway, External Auditor, is present to present the Audit Report and Management Letter, which was submitted to DCA on May 1, 2000.

Mr. Galloway presented the Independent Auditors Report on the Financial Statement for YE 9/30/99 for all Constitutional Officers and all components of Walton County. Mr. Galloway stated that he could not qualify his opinion because he was unable to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to support the amounts reported in pooled cash and accounts payable. The financial statements show a difference of \$303,472.00 in pooled cash, a difference of \$506,832.00 in General Accounts Payable and it could not be determined if any other accounts were affected. Mr. Galloway gave a page-by-page overview and explained various differences he found, but stated that the county is in good financial shape. The outstanding amount on the hospital bond is \$2,070,000.00 in general obligation bonds. In addition, Mr. Galloway made numerous recommendations for corrective action.

Mr. Galloway reviewed the Debt Service Fund of which \$41,679.00 was left over after funding the IBM equipment expansion and stated that these funds can now be transferred to the General Fund to be utilized with no restrictions.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$41,679.00 to transfer these funds from Debt Service into General Fund Contingencies. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Galloway also advised that \$35,564.00 remain from the Mott Sign Block Grant and recommended calling DCA before transferring these funds to the General Fund. Mr. Miller advised that in the past, the County agreed to use these funds as an incentive for bringing new business into the area, therefore, requested the Clerk to contact DCA for authorization for a release of the funds. Mr. Bodiford agreed to obtain permission from DCA in writing before transferring the funds.

Mr. Galloway presented the Compliance report section explaining two cases of non-compliance and also presented the Internal Control section and explained the details for non-compliance.

Discussion was held regarding the transfer of \$45,124.00 for funds received from the surplus tax deed sales. Mr. Galloway stated that the funds can be transferred after a two-year period if the property remains unclaimed.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to request the Clerk to transfer any available tax deed surplus funds and notify the Board upon the transfer. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Galloway stated that he will submit a copy of this report to the necessary Constitutional Officers and agencies.

Mr. Bodiford requested the Board adopt a resolution allowing funds to be transferred from the Board to the Clerk for the Title IV-D Child Support Collection.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt a resolution, contingent upon Attorney Miller's review, allowing state child support funds for Title IV-D to be transferred to the Clerk's budget upon receipt. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bodiford informed the Commissioners of a request he had from someone who is interested in entering into an agreement with Walton County for collecting unpaid fines, court costs, liens and other unpaid fees for a fee of 40% of the amount collected. No action was taken, however, the Board requested the Clerk provide them with a list of fees currently being owed.

Mr. Ronnie Bell reported on the Infrastructure Committee's recommendation regarding the purchase of the old Wal-Mart Building. Mr. Bell presented several different options from the owner, Mr. Todd Schweizer, who is willing to sell the entire site for \$1,285,000.00 or the building less the highway frontage for \$1,135,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to proceed with obtaining an appraisal on the old Wal-Mart Building located on U.S. Highway 331 South. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Sheriff Quinn A. McMillian appeared before the Board and recommended they proceed with building a work camp in place of remodeling the jail and explained that the jail is constructed for maximum security, which he does not feel is needed for the

majority of prisoners they house. The cost to construct a work camp would save the county at least half of the estimated cost of a new addition on the jail. The Sheriff explained that the county can utilize the current jail and he would move his Administrative staff out to the EOC Building. The Commissioners agreed to instruct the Infrastructure Committee to begin looking into the costs of constructing a work camp.

Mr. Dave Pavlock, Florida Highway Products, Inc., appeared before the Board and presented an alternative method, Micro Surfacing Technology, for paving roads. Mr. Pavlock explained that the cost of the product is \$25,000.00 per mile and caps off a prepared road base. Mr. Bell will review the information presented and prepare a recommendation to be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Kenneth Langford appeared before the Board requesting they take over the roads in Magnolia Baye Subdivision for maintenance. Discussion followed regarding the County's policy on maintenance of roads within a subdivision and concerns with developers continuing to develop property without paving the roads.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to place a 90-day moratorium on accepting any private roads for maintenance until a set of policies and procedures is established; and conduct a workshop to discuss maintenance of roads. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Ryan Aye, Infinger Naye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Naye.

Discussion followed regarding maintenance of roads in Oakwood Hills, Unit 6. Mr. Carl Fireman, Oakwood Hills resident, spoke to the Commissioners regarding the poor condition of the roads. Mr. Fireman explained that the residents are billed for maintenance and never receive any.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve one-time emergency maintenance and provide 50 truckloads of clay for roads within Oakwood Hills Unit 6. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed at 5:00 P.M. and reconvened at 5:15 P.M. to resume the regular meeting.

Mr. Bell presented a proposed agreement from Mr. Johnathan Hughes for the placement of benches at each of the trolley stops on the county's right-of-way.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve an agreement that allows Mr. Johnathan Hughes to place benches on the county's right-of-way at the trolley stops. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell reported on the amount of newspaper collected at each of the schools for the recycling contest. West DeFuniak School came in first, collecting 13,000 pounds and will be presented their award on May 19 at 8:00 A.M. if the Commissioners would like to attend.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Hartman & Associates, Inc. for the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment on the 40 acre site (Waste Management property) located on J.D. Miller Road.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the agreement with Waste Management for the purchase of the property. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a resolution from the Department of Transportation requesting use of CR 283 in order to tie in the new alignment of the roadway.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the resolution as presented, allowing DOT to use the county right-of-way for the realignment project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell informed the Commissioners that Mr. Robert Givens has offered to sell his property, located south of the Mosquito Control office on Woodyard Road, to the county for \$30,000.00. Mr. Bell recommended the Board consider the purchase due to the property being adjacent to the County's property.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to proceed with obtaining an appraisal on the Givens property on Woodyard 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 final payment to Murphree Bridge Corporation in the amount of \$12,220.82 for guardrails and culverts for Hub Presley, Long Road, George Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Bell stated that Sandy Ramp is incomplete and being removed from the contract. This is a reimbursable project from FEMA.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment to Bullard Excavating in the amount of \$95,837.50 for work on Sandy Ramp Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (FEMA project).

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve repairs to the County Wide Cat Excavator in the amount of \$4,612.08. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to submit a resolution to DOT in support of lowering the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph through the Liberty Community on US Highway 331 North. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to enter into a Developer's agreement with Mr. Steve Olney of Olney Restaurant Supply, Inc., for paving approximately 600' of Hatchew Street. 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 right-of-way easement request by CHELCO for the Governmental/Education Center to construct and maintain four guide wires and anchors. Any future change or modifications must be Board approved first. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that he received the Consent Order for the Eastern Lake Bridge project in the amount of \$350.00 for an administrative fee. North Florida Construction is on site preparing the bridge for work to begin and will have to adhere to the consent order. Chairman Butler advised that the County is responsible for removing the soil. Attorney Miller stated that the consent order is not specific as to which statute the county violated and would like additional details and requested to negotiate the situation further. The Board concurred.

Discussion was held regarding the retirement of the Parks Director and the vacant position. Mr. Bell recommended placing the three (3) Parks Department employees under the supervision of Charles McMillan, Maintenance Department, and consolidating the Parks Department with the Maintenance Department. Legion Park and Eastern Lake Park will be placed under the direction and supervision of the Tourist Development Council.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the consolidation of the Parks Department with Courthouse Maintenance effective Monday, May 15, 2000; place Legion Park and Eastern Lake Park under TDC's direction; and approve an interdepartmental budget amendment placing the Parks Department funds in the Courthouse Maintenance budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented information to the Board regarding the closing of Turkey Creek Bridge. Mr. Bell stated that DOT does not currently have money in their five year plan for construction of the bridge, however, he is recommending the County enter into a joint participation agreement with DOT allowing the County to replace the bridge and DOT reimburse the County \$433,000.00 of the \$550,000.00 estimated cost, after July 1, 2001.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to enter into a joint participation agreement with DOT for Turkey Creek Bridge. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Rob Neale, Planning Commission Chairman, appeared before the Board to present their recommendations.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request by Joseph and Martha Gibson for a Future Land Use Map amendment to be changed on ten acres from Conservation Residential to Light Industrial. The property is located on Goldsby Road.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the amendment on behalf of Joseph and Martha Gibson. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. No one voiced any objections to the request.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request by George R.C. Kingston for a Future Land Use Map amendment to be rezoned from NPA/Infill to Light Industrial. The property is located on the corner of Holiday Shores Road and Hatchew Road. The recommendation is subject to compliance with FDEP Chapter 62-521.400.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the request by George R.C. Kingston subject to proper compliance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. No objections were voiced.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission recommendation for Denial for a request by George Kingston, President of Solid Equities. Mr. Kingston is requesting a Future Land Use Map amendment from NPA/Infill to Coastal Center on property located the corner of Holiday Road and Old Highway 98.

Mr. Rick Peterman, representing Mr. Kingston, appeared before the Commissioners requesting they table this issue until a later date allowing him and his client additional time for review.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to table Solid Equities Small Scale amendment until the July 11, 2000, Regular Meeting.

A resident of Summerhouse Town Homes addressed the Board and voiced his concerns regarding the Solid Equities proposed project and requested the Board deny the request. Chairman Butler called for a vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a small-scale amendment on behalf of Mrs. Laverne Camacho for property located on Indian Women Road. The request is for the property to be changed from Conservation Residential to Neighborhood Planning Area/Infill.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant Mrs. Camacho's request. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the Keener Etal small-scale amendment from Conservation Residential to Village Mixed Use Center.

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

Mr. Neale presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the proposed development of Camp Creek Condominiums. St. Joe/Arvida is requesting final approval of Phase I, 50 condominiums, and conceptual approval of Phase II, up to 230 condominiums and 20,000 square feet of commercial. The recommendation is subject to all outstanding FDEP Stormwater Permits, South Walton Fire District Technical Review Committee Approval, and Planning Department Technical Review Committee Approval.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the proposed development of Camp Creek Condominiums subject to conditions. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Neale presented that Planning Commission's recommendation for approval on Emerald Cove Villages. Pat Higgins and James Robbins are proposing five rental units on 1.25 acres zoned NPA/Infill. The proposed project is located on Emerald Cove Lane.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the proposed development of Emerald Cove Villages subject to Planning Department Technical Review Committee approval. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the proposed construction of New Beginnings Church in Freeport. Approval is subject to FDOT Driveway Permit and Planning Department Technical Review Committee approval.

Motion by Commissoiner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant approval for the New Beginnings Church of Freeport, subject to conditions. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul introduced Ms. Gail Cole to the Board to discuss summer employment. Ms. Cole stated that the Vocational-Technical School is willing to provide the summer employability training skills to students again this year. Ms. Cole requested the Board direct her in the number of students the county will be hiring and the positions they will be training for.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to utilize Walton County Vo-Tech School in conjunction with the summer employment screening. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Ms. Williams will coordinate the number of students and available positions with each department head and contact Ms. Cole.

Commissioner Paul requested that a surplus EMS Chassis be donated to the Argyle VFD when available. Ms. Williams will contact Mr. Bell regarding the disbursement of the chassis, when available, due to several of the fire departments needing a chassis.

The Commissioners recessed from 6:30 P.M. until 6:40 P.M.

Ms. Kassy Keyes, Lobbyist, appeared before the Board and presented a list of projects that were presented during the 2000 Legislative Session totaling \$16,138,540.00 for Walton County.

Commissioner Infinger advised the Board that the portion of revenue received from the small county surtax remain unpaid to each of the three cities for the past two years and questioned what steps need to be taken in order to make payment. The following amounts are owed: City of DeFuniak Springs - \$651,204.01; City of Paxton - \$71,875.12; City of Freeport - \$133,398.10.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to request the Clerk of Courts to issue payment to each of the three cities for the solid waste surtax, payable immediately and to make any future payments available upon receipt of the funds. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker appointed Mr. David A. Jason to the Affordable Housing Board.

Commissioner Infinger presented a list of five suggestions to help their meetings run more smoothly. Discussion followed regarding a time limit of three to five minutes for each speaker along with ways to clarify topics on the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to adopt the five (5) recommended procedures for agenda/meeting items. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. George Vota appeared before the Commissioners requesting assistance with South Churchill Bayou Road and South Church Street. Mr. Vota stated that the roads are being used as a thoroughfare and are not constructed for such traffic, let alone the safety issue of the children on the road. Mr. Vota questioned the Board as to their intentions on paving the roads.

Ms. Renee Harrington also requested assistance with paving of the roads and asked if the Board would consider proceeding with the drainage and utility preparation in order to be ready when it is time to begin paving. The Board advised that they are working on the situation and could possibly begin looking into the necessary drainage and utility work while waiting.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2000 – Regular Meeting; May 2, 2000 – Special meeting; and May 3, 2000 – Special Meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to adopt a proclamation of Civility for the month of May as presented by the Florida Bar. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller advised the Commissioners that the Department of Community Affairs has reached a settlement with the 1999 Comprehensive Plan proposed amendment (EAR Report) and thanked Ms. Keyes for her assistance with the Legislators.

Mr. Miller presented a proposed resolution in appreciation of Representative Durell Peaden and Senator Charles Clary for their tireless and persistent efforts in negotiations for a settlement with DCA for the EAR report.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt a resolution of appreciation on behalf of Representative Durell Peaden and Senator Charles Clary. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Miller also recognized Ms. Shirl Williams for her outstanding response to DCA regarding the objections to the proposed amendments.

Mr. Miller presented a proposed resolution (for the purpose of acquiring an easement) and stated that the Developers for Noble House have been attempting to secure an easement to the Gulf of Mexico. Topsail Hill is now attempting to create a parking lot on the east side and is trying to acquire the Noble House property by condemnation. The developers have now requested Mr. Butler's assistance requesting the County seek the easement for access to the beach. Mr. Miller stated that they have agreed to deed approximately two (2) acres at the Noble House property for a parking lot and bathroom facility. Acquiring this easement would allow this area to be fenced off on the eastern edge of Topsail Hill and the easement be deeded to the county, the developers would then construct the parking lot, bathrooms, and pave the road from 30A into the parking area. Commissioner Walker requested to review this issue again at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding worker's compensation payment to individuals for settlement. Mr. Miller advised that the Court's have not approved the County paying the claims that resulted from GRIT's bankruptcy. He further advised that Legislature has approved a bail out program for GRIT, however, it is only in the amount of \$3 million and GRIT owes \$6 million and the Governor has not yet approved it.

Mr. Jonathan Walker, County Staff Attorney, presented a proposed resolution for the Commissioner's consideration requesting the Florida Legislature to address the inadequate staffing and funding of Florida Marine Patrol Officers in Walton County. Attorney Walker advised that there are two (2) full-time positions, however, there is currently funding for only one officer.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt a resolution (00-25) requesting additional funding for the Marine Patrol Officer in Walton County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Discussion was held regarding Fox Run Subdivision and the size of the easement. Attorney Miller questioned the 33' easement and stated that the Land Development Code states it should be a 50' easement. These lots are part of an old government subdivision and were not designated as a 50' easement.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve Fox Run Subdivision final plat for recording with the 33' easement. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. Commissioner Walker advised that he would vote in favor of the project with a 50' easement.

Ms. Williams introduced Mr. William Imfeld, candidate for the position of CPA. Ms. Williams advised that Mr. Imfeld was selected by Progressive Employment Services and also recommended by the County's committee after their interview with him.

Mr. Imfeld addressed the Commissioners and answered their questions.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to accept the staff's recommendation to hire Mr. Imfeld as CPA upon his acceptance of a salary offer. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Ms. Williams requested the Board allow her to make Mr. Imfeld an offer between \$50-70,000.00 based on his experience and salary request.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to allow Ms. Williams to offer Mr. Imfeld between \$50 – 70,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve two (2) fireworks display permits for Classic Fireworks by Events, Inc. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. The displays will be held at the Sandestin Beach Hilton on May 16 and June 20, 2000.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept two (2) computers from the Clerk's Office (BCC 520 and 527) and approve to surplus. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve for Mr. Greg Hallman, Inspector, to use a county vehicle and travel to St. Petersburg, Florida, to attend a meeting with the Department of Business and Professional Regulations concerning his provisional Inspector's License. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the Commissioners signatures on the surety bond for Russell Henley, South Walton Fire Commissioner. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams requested approval for three letters of engagement from Hilton Galloway in the following amounts:

- 1) \$10,000.00 to prepare the financial report for the year ending September 30, 1999
- 2) \$1,100.00 to audit the statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Allocations of Funds
- 3) \$2,600.00 to audit the landfill escrow account.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve the proposed letters of engagement from Mr. Hilton Galloway at the stated costs. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams presented information for the Commissioners review regarding the appraisals on the Harley Henderson property. The total appraised value is \$122,500.00. Ms. Williams stated that Mr. Henderson is offering the County the first right-of-refusal.

Mike and Shari Judkins appeared before the Commissioners regarding an easement adjacent to their property. Mr. Judkins related that the County owns the easement and requested the property owners remove their fencing in order to allow the County to widen the road. Mr. Jay Shyde stated that the property owner, Mr. Wooten, will remove the fence. Mr. Dan Trotman, Code Enforcement Officer, advised that he has sent the owner notice of violation and will wait for a response.

Mr. Phil Givens, Chairman of the Walton County Fire Board, advised the Board that Liberty VFD has turned down use of the police car that was donated to their department and requested to transfer the car to Mr. Givens. Mr. Givens requested the Board pay for insurance due to the car being titled in the County's name.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to allow the car to remain in the County's name, assign use of the car to the Fire Board Chairman and provide insurance on the vehicle. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Givens reported that the amount of fire calls have doubled in the five years and advised that residents in the Children's Home Community would like to start a new

fire department. The Board advised Mr. Givens to discuss the possibility with representatives of that community.

Mr. Givens also advised that a Mutual Aid Agreement has been signed by Darlington, Glendale and Argyle Volunteer Fire Department's who will be working with departments on the west side of Holmes County.

Mr. Bill Webster appeared before the Commissioners regarding the condition of Turkey Creek Bridge and explained the cost his family and many residents have incurred due to the bridge being closed. Mr. Webster and several residents, who were present in the audience, requested the Commissioner's assistance in replacing and opening the bridge as soon as possible.

Mr. Miner explained the situation regarding the replacement of the bridge and stated that the engineering designs have already been drawn to expedite the matter, however, it will still be a lengthy process.

Mr. Jim Denacol, scheduled on the agenda, was not present.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to allow 4-H representatives to use the county's van at their own expense as long as the county provides a driver. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
Van Ness R. Butler, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Dan Bodiford, Clerk