

JUNE 27, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at 8:30 a.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 Mrs. Rhonda Skipper, Administrative Supervisor to the 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.

Mrs. Suedelle Wilkerson, Finance Director, presented the Expenditure Approval List consisting of the following bills for payment:

General Fund	\$ 385,606.41
County Transportation Trust	203,607.15
N.W. Mosquito Control	299.98
Walton-DeFuniak Library	3,988.47
Recreation Plat Fee	416.39
Solid Waste Enterprise	2,529.36
Mossy Head VFD	682.49
Glendale VFD	509.52
Darlington VFD	14.37
Liberty VFD	835.73
Red Bay VFD	39.70
Driftwood Debt Service	111.43
Tourist Development Council	134,068.69
Section 8 Housing	128,010.49
Multi Purpose Trust Fund	31,680.00
Criminal Justice	5,020.00
Residential Construction	11,600.00
Local Option Gas Tax	23,386.32

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the EAL as presented. 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 of invoice to DEP in the amount of \$325.00 for storage tank registration fees. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept Attorney Miller's recommendation and approve payment to Central Georgia Home Care Services, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00 worker's compensation expense for Mr. Jack Adkinson. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Mrs. Wilkerson requested Attorney Miller to meet with her regarding the discrepancies in the amounts she has for payment).

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a partial payment to AAA Economy Fence in the amount of \$5,422.50, for fencing around the County Shop. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Board approved quote from AAA Economy Fence in the amount of \$10,845.00 on January 11, 2000, Regular Meeting.)

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve payment to Gulf Coast Traffic Engineer in the amount of \$7,440.00 for rumble strips installed on King Lake Road, Caswell Road, Sunrise Road and Bob McCaskill 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 to Gulf Coast Traffic Engineer in the amount of \$8,680.00 for 28 sets of rumble

strips (D4). 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 White Construction in the amount of \$86,078.88 for road paving projects located in South Walton with funds from the Local Option Gas Tax. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (The roads are: Harstvedt Road, Sugar Drive and Ellis Road, located in District 5; and, Campbell Street and Grayton Street, located in District 1).

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve payment to Gate Concrete Products in the amount of \$56,000.00 for Hinote Road Bridge with funds from the Local Option Gas Tax. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (The Board approved November 3, 1998, Regular Meeting)

Mr. Ken Little, Administrative Assistant, appeared to submit requests for the Purchasing Department. The first item was a request from the Walton-DeFuniak Library to purchase books from C. & W. Zabel Company in the amount of \$1,837.67 and from High Bridge Company in the amount of \$747.62.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the two requests as mentioned above. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker questioned Attorney Miller if the agreement was completed between Walton County and the Walton-DeFuniak Library concerning the inventory. Attorney Miller answered, "No-Sir". Staff Attorney, Jonathan Walker

responded that Mr. Dan Owens, Director, Walton-DeFuniak Library, was currently in negotiations with the City of DeFuniak and stated that the agreement should be forthcoming shortly. Attorney Miller advised to delineate any concerns that the City of Freeport should also be contacted to prepare a similar agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little read into record the three bids that Purchasing received for a generator for the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department.

Northern Tools & Equipment	\$1,946.52
West Florida Equipment	2,069.36
Grainer Industry	4,799.00

Mr. Little advised that the recommendation was to award the low bid to Northern Tools & Equipment, in the amount of \$1,946.52. Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the recommendation and award the bid to Northern Tools & Equipment in the amount of \$1,946.52, for a generator, Liberty Volunteer Fire Department. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little updated the Board on two prior requests from Mr. Matt Douglas, EMS Director, for the purchase of six locking mailboxes to be located at each EMS station for filing reports, safety and security purposes. Mr. Little advised that Salsbury Industry was the sole source for purchasing these types of mailboxes and the vendor had reduced the price.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the purchase of six mailboxes for EMS from Salsbury Industry in the amount of \$1,091.00.

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

Mr. Little submitted a request by the South Walton Tourist Development Council to purchase a server for inquiry database from JIL Computer Solutions in the amount of \$9,024.60. Commissioner Paul questioned if bids were received or requested, Mr. Little did not know. Upon reviewing the paperwork, TDC advised that bids were not pursued due to the current programs being created specifically for TDC by JIL Computer Solutions.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a request by the South Walton Tourist Development Council (SWTDC) to purchase a server for inquiry database from JIL Computer Solutions in the amount of \$9,024.60. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little presented the three bids submitted for the purchase of water safety brochures as follows:

Boyd Brothers, Inc.	\$1,011.00
Craftsman Printing, Inc.	1,103.00
Elite Print Group, Inc.	1,184.00

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the TDC's recommendation and approve the purchase of 3,000 water safety brochures from Boyd Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,011.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little presented the three bids submitted for the purchase of newspaper ad reprint as follows:

Craftsman Printing, Inc.	\$2,333.00
Boyd Brothers, Inc.	1,919.00
Elite Print Group, Inc.	2,935.00

The recommendation by the SWTDC was to award the bid to the second low bidder, Craftsman Printing, Inc., in the amount of \$2,3330.00 due to Craftsman having done this project previously, thereby, the work can be done more expediently and also, to keep the newspaper ad consistent.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the recommendation of SWTDC and award the bid to Craftsman Printing, Inc., in the amount of \$2,333.00. Ayes 3, Naves 2. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Naye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve a request by the SWTDC to purchase furniture for the new office addition from DOCS Office Furniture in the amount of \$38,857.67 and Executive Office Furniture, Inc., in the amount of \$2,041.20 (total: \$40,559.87). Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Both are State Contract prices).

Mr. Little disclosed the four bids submitted for the 1991 Chevrolet Blazer used by the TDC Beach Maintenance. The following were read into record:

Ronnie Hudson	\$1,951.00
Joseph P. Glending	2,450.00
Max L. Ealum	3,126.00
L.B. Titus	1,850.99

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to award the high bid, 1991 Chevrolet Blazer, to Max L. Ealum, in the amount of \$3,126.00. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to surplus BCC #775, Generator, from the Landfill inventory, based on Mr. Rusty Floyd's, Landfill

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

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

Commissioner Ryan submitted a request from Mr. Robert Kline who operates an aluminum recycling business on Highway 20, west of Freeport. Commissioner Ryan reported that the property is currently zoned rural village and is situated between an asphalt plant and landfill. Mr. Kline's request is that the vendor's license permit (\$230.00 every six months) be waived until the land use designation is changed (which, per Ms. Williams, could take up to one year). Commissioner Ryan stated that this seemed unfair due to the fact that Mr. Kline is doing a service for the County.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve a request by Mr. Kline and waive the vendor's license fee for one year. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Butler submitted a request from Clary-Godwin Funeral Home to assist in the burial expense for Mr. Willard Stanley.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve payment to Clary-Godwin Funeral Home in the amount of \$450.00, indigent burial, for Mr. Willard Stanley. 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 Mrs. Ingrid Burmeister, Housing Manager, to attend a seminar in Atlanta, September 13 & 14, 2000, at an estimated cost of \$1,036.20 (budgeted). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan

Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Mrs. Burmeister will drive up on September 12 and return on the 14<sup>th</sup>).

Mr. Little presented the Board with a Florida Association of Counties Bulletin and Governor's memo on fireworks restrictions. Mr. Little advised that Governor Bush will not be declaring a statewide ban on fireworks, deferring to the counties to prohibit fireworks at their own discretion. Mr. Little advised that no action is required unless the Board deemed it necessary to impose a ban on the sale and use of fireworks.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve appointment of Ms. Erica Mitchell, Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance, to the Dune Lake Task Force. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little requested the Board's consideration in regards to replacing the 70's vintage phone system at the Courthouse Annex. Mr. Little explained the chaos and confusion experienced by employees and the general public as a result of the present system. Mr. Little advised that four quotes have been obtained from vendors through the Purchasing Department and the lowest quote is from New-Tel Communications in the amount of \$8,003.80 (funds available within Administration). Mr. Little reported that the new system is transferable and allow posting of voice messages that can be left overnight and the weekends.

Commissioner Walker expressed his dislike concerning answering machines and voice mail stating that he would rather have that "human touch" and be able to speak with a person instead of an automated voice. Mr. Little responded that they would strive to



keep that “human touch” by adding two roll over lines to the six that are presently installed.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of the telephone system from New-Tel Communications in the amount of \$8,003.80. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little advised the Board that the new pay scale (Analytica) should be presented at the next board meeting and requested that all pay increases be “froze” until the solidifying the current pay situation and the new pay scale is adopted.

Mr. Little requested, on behalf of Dr. Herb Marlowe, Analytica, to hold the Strategic Workshop on July 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and July 14, 2000, beginning at 8:30 a.m., tentatively scheduled at the EOC building. Commissioner Paul reminded the Board of the upcoming budget workshops starting in July and the possibility that they could be meeting every day. The Board agreed to the above-mentioned dates for the workshop and advised Mr. Little of the dates and times they could meet with Dr. Marlowe individually.

Mr. Little next submitted the Personnel issues for the Board’s consideration. Mr. Little presented the six-month evaluation for Ms. Jennifer Schofield, Planning Secretary, and reclassification as Administrative Assistant. The Administration recommended approval of Ms. Schofield’s career service status now, and reclassification upon implementation of the Analytica pay scale.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to accept the Administration’s recommendation and approve Ms. Schofield’s career service status

now, and reclassification upon implementation of the Analytica pay scale. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the six-month evaluation of Ms. Brenda Stover, D4 Administrative Assistant, and grant a two-step increase upon adoption of the new pay scale. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Little presented a request from TDC to grant a fifty-cent per hour increase to Mr. Steve Carroll, Beach Maintenance Specialist, based upon additional workload in maintaining the landscaping at the beach accesses. Mr. Little advised that upon speaking with Ms. Kriss Titus, TDC, Executive Director, that the recommendation was to hold this request in abeyance until adoption of the new pay scale. The proposed raise does not fit within the proposed new scale in terms of the amount and possible, Mr. Carroll should be reclassified as a Beach Maintenance Supervisor (a \$1.00 per hour raise) due to the scope of duties required of Mr. Carroll. No action required.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve adding Ms. Belinda Barron, Mr. Robbin Martin and Mr. Daniel Page, to the call list for part-time Paramedics at a base pay of \$8.80 per hour.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve promoting Mr. Ken Colin to full-time Paramedic and hold the one-step increase in abeyance until the new pay scale is adopted. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve advertisement for the position of a full-time permanent receptionist, Human Resource,

with a range of \$6.50-\$7.50 per hour. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (The position is budgeted).

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve hiring the following employees for TDC: Ms. Jessica Bush, Sales Manager Assistant, at a base rate of \$8.17 per hour, effective August 1, 2000; and Ms. Tiffany McCaskill, Marketing Assistant, at a base rate of \$8.17 per hour, effective immediately. 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 sick leave pool request for Ms. Carol Thornton, Budget/Invoice Specialist, Purchasing, 16 hours; and, Ms. Angela Lindsey, Secretary, Health Department, 96 hours. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners took a brief recess at 9:30 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Dan Owens, Library Director, scheduled on the agenda, cancelled his appearance.

Mr. Jonathan Rhodes and Ms. Mary Rosenheim, presented the following for final plat approval: WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Attorney Miller reviewed the plats and approved the three subject to fulfilling the obligation of the five percent Recreational Impact fee prior to recording.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the final plats of WaterColor Town Center Homes identified above. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, announced, on behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, a public workshop, scheduled for July 13, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse. The purpose of the workshop is to receive public comments regarding management and land uses for the Grayton Beach State Recreation Area.

Mr. Bell submitted a proposal from Waste Management regarding the monitoring services and cost for the semi-annual environmental monitoring event on the forty-acre parcel/facility located on J.D. Miller Road. Mr. Bell reported that the transfer of permits is now being done and stated that the process should be completed by September or October 2000. In order to ensure that the reports are submitted to FDEP prior to the August 31, 2000 due date, Waste Management is proposing to conduct the sampling and analysis of the facility and the four wells for field services prior to sampling, under the existing contracts for those services. If in agreement, Walton County shall reimburse Waste Management for the actual invoiced cost of field services and sample analysis, at an estimated cost of \$2,500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to enter into an agreement with Waste Management. 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 Chairman's signature on the application to the FDEP to transfer the permits on the existing landfill facility (located on J.D. Miller Road) and establish an interest bearing escrow account in the amount of \$9,981.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell supplied photographs for the Board's perusal regarding Mr. Irvin Carnley, D3 and Mrs. Mae Carnley (intersection of CR 147 & CR2) D2, who are willing to give the County material (dirt) at no cost. The material is from dirt that each party has removed from a pond located on their property. Mr. Bell advised that dirt could be beneficial to the county for use on the shoulder of roads and that it is estimated that between both parties, there is approximately 25-30 triaxle dump truck loads of material.

Mr. Bell recommended that Attorney Miller prepare an agreement between Walton County and the landowners for the material to include the cost of the fill dirt and the approximate number of cubic yards that the free material will save the county. Mr. Bell also advised the Board that in the process of retrieving the materials, the County will be held responsible and be required to repair any damages to the roads.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to authorize Attorney Miller to prepare an agreement between the landowners as recommended above. Ayes 4, Naves 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell recommended State Road 83 to the Holmes County line (approx. 7 miles), and State Highway 331 to State Road 83 (approx. 9.2 miles), priority 1 & 2, respectively, as the two candidate roads for the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP), county road improvement projects for the Board's consideration. Mr. Bell advised that the Florida Department of Transportation would fund 75% and Walton County funding 25%.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul, to accept Mr. Bell's recommendation on the Small County Outreach Program. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve applying for the Waste Tire, Recycling & Education, Small County & Litter Control grant. 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 offer submitted by Mr. Robert Givens and approve the purchase of property he owns located next to the County Shop (approx. 1.04 acres), in the amount of \$25,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell informed the Board of a grant program titled Florida Boating Improvement Program with funds received from gas tax monies that can be used to renovate bathrooms and boat ramps. Mr. Bell reported that upon Mrs. Angie Biddle, Grants Coordinator, and Mr. Charles McMillian, Courthouse Maintenance, investigation into the program, Walton County could apply up to \$100,00.00 with no match. Mrs. Biddle and Mr. McMillian's recommendations were renovations of bathrooms to meet the American's with Disability Act (ADA) standards and repair boat ramps at Catt Island Park (\$30,000), Juniper Lake Park (\$30,000) and Bayfield (\$40,000) to submit with the application and Resolution prior to the deadline date of July 14, 2000.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt Resolution (00-36), Florida Boating Improvement Program in the amount of \$100,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell next presented videos of Birch Street, D1; Emerald Cove Lane, D1; and 11<sup>th</sup> Street, D5, which were discussed Monday, June 26, 2000, for Attorney Miller's review. Mr. Bell began by showing a video on Birch Street located in Gulfview Heights

Subdivision, Second Addition in which Mr. Jimmy Watson, owner, wishes to have a home constructed and advised that Regional Utilities will not run water until the road, approximately 150 feet on the east end, has been repaired. Lengthy discussion consisted of at what point does the County elect not to extend or maintain roads when a portion has and is being maintained. Attorney Miller advised that it would be the Board's decision to decide and upon the decision, precedence is then set.

Discussion also included the County establishing a clear definition and method for accepting private roads for county maintenance. Attorney Miller stated that prior to 1996, when separate designations for roads were identified, the County accepted plats that identified the roads only.

Chairman Butler passed the chair to Vice-Chairman Infinger. Vice-Chairman Infinger accepted the chair.

Motion by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the remainder of Birch Street, Gulfview Heights Subdivision, Second Addition, and approve for county maintenance. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Butler accepted the chair back.

Emerald Cove Lane, D1: Mr. Bell advised that the Board abandoned the 33-foot easement on May 28, 1997, for a utility easement. Now, Inlet Beach Water System requests that the County re-open the easement for a water line and introduced a letter from Fire Chief, Mr. Les Hallman, South Walton Fire District. Upon review of the above- mentioned letter, Attorney Miller reported that the intent of the letter represents public purpose. Mr. Bell mentioned that there would be some road work required in

order to allow the water line to be installed, whereas, Commissioner Walker stated that any materials required should be at the expense of Inlet Beach Water System.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to grant a request by the Inlet Beach Water System to install a water line with the County assisting with leveling the roadway. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. (Emerald Cove Lane will not be a county maintained road).

Commissioner Walker explained his naye vote reiterating that any materials required should be the burden of Inlet Beach Water System.

Next, Mr. Bell showed the video of 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Board approved, 4-1, June 13, 2000, Regular Meeting), per the Board's request.

Lastly, Mr. Bell named the following roads that were erroneously omitted from the County maintained road list: Lawrence Lane, D4, Lake Juniper Circle, Laurel Street and Magnolia Street (no name designated by 911) all located in District 3.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve adding the aforementioned roads to the County Maintained Road List. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller read into record "Hughes vs. Town of Mexico Beach" regarding acceptance of streets within a platted subdivision, in layman's terms states: acceptance of some of the streets is also acceptance of the offer to dedicate the rest of the streets.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:15 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Dan Bodiford, Clerk of Courts, was present.

Commissioner Ryan and Attorney Miller were not present.



Chairman Butler called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the Community Directory Sign Ordinance.

Mr. Ken Little introduced the first public hearing to consider the Community Director Sign Ordinance as requested by Mike & Shari Judkins. The draft Ordinance, per Mr. Little, essentially allows community directory signs to be erected at every intersection of Walton County.

Mrs. Shari Judkins appeared and advised that she has not reviewed the draft Ordinance, but the request was that the Ordinance allows signs to be extended from Mack Bayou to the Okaloosa County line.

Commissioner Ryan and Attorney Miller arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Commissioner Walker voiced his concerns regarding “permitting and allowing signs” to be erected at intersections but disallowing other signs to be erected elsewhere, namely, the restrictions placed on businesses that need to advertise in order to remain open.

Commissioner Paul expressed complaints of fishermen, shrimpers and agricultural vendors who also require advertising their merchandise that oppose the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Steve Schmidt approached the podium to advise the Board of workshops held to consider changes to the Scenic Corridor Sign guidelines and stated that a reasonable and workable modification has been reached and is available for interested parties review. Mr. Schmidt requested that the Board consider bringing this topic up for discussion at the July 25, 2000, regular meeting.

Mr. Dave Russell, founder, Shoe Zoo, Inc., read into record, a conversation between himself and Mr. Little. Mr. Russell informed the Board of the struggle that small business owners are experiencing due to the signage problems, advising that he receives 20-30 calls daily, wanting directions to his location.

Commissioner Ryan explained the influence the Scenic Corridor Association has on South Walton and suggested that the retailers form a “Retailer’s Association” to bring issues to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Infinger informed the Board that two issues were being discussed and if there were no further comments, to close the public hearing. There being no further comments, motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to close the public hearing regarding the Community Directory Sign Ordinance. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Board agreed to schedule the second public hearing for the Community Directory Sign Ordinance for July 11, 2000, Regular Meeting at 5:35 p.m. at Butler Elementary School.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to advertise a public hearing for August 8, 2000, Regular Meeting, at 5:35 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Walton County Courthouse, to consider the recommendations for the Scenic Corridor Sign Regulations. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Board requested members of the audience to inform other business owners/operators of the above mentioned and requested anyone interested in serving on the Design Review Board to contact Mr. Little. Commissioner Walker requested Mr.

Little to contact Mr. James Earl Ray to see if he is interested in being a member on the Board.

Mr. Little presented an emergency item for the Board's consideration advising that the Property Appraiser's air conditioner was no longer working and reported that Mr. McMillian located a unit for \$1,800.00 and requested that the Board waive the bid procedure in order to procure the unit.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to waive the bid procedure and approve an emergency purchase of an air-conditioner in the amount of \$1,800.00, for the Property Appraiser's office. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Gary Towne, President, Butler School PTO, updated the Commissioners on the improvements to the athletic field with funds provided by the Board and assistance from the District 5 Road Office. Mr. Towne reported that in order to maintain the field that a suitable mower is needed and requested the Board to finance the purchase of a flail type mower, approximately \$2,200.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to authorize Attorney Miller to prepare an inter-local agreement between Walton County and Butler School to finance the purchase of a mower in the amount of approximately \$2,200, with funds from the Recreational Impact Fee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Attorney Miller cited Chapter 418 as justification for this expenditure).

Mrs. Ann Robinson, President, Board of Directors for Folk Life Production, began by explaining how the name **GRIT and Grace** came to be, stating: GRIT

represents the stamina that the forefathers exemplified in the early 1800's to form a county and Grace: represents just that: by the Grace of God, we're still here. Mrs. Robinson invited the Board to attend the first production scheduled for October 13-15, 2000, at Damascus Church of God, Bay Loop Road, Freeport. Mrs. Robinson requested the Board to allow for this curriculum when considering the 2000-2001 budget advising that the budget for the first production is \$59,000.00. The Board instructed Mrs. Robinson to contact Ms. Martha Ingle, Budget Officer, to obtain the necessary documents for the budget request.

Mr. Jack Huggins, Chairman, and Ms. Mary Lou Reed, Executive Director, Jobs and Education Partnership, appeared to give an annual update of events and accomplishments of the Workforce Board. First, Mr. Huggins began thanking the Board for their participation in Timberwood Subdivision, the County and City of DeFuniak Springs affordable housing program. Next, Mr. Huggins honored Commissioner Paul for his past service, 1997-1999 and Chief elected official, Commissioner Walker, for his current service, 1999-2000, with Plaques of Appreciation for their input and assistance in the Workforce program and informed the Board of his resignation this year.

Mr. Huggins reported that one goal has been accomplished, namely, the One-Stop Center, located at the Department of Children and Family Services, U.S. 90 East and North Davis Lane (Hope Building). The Board questioned Mr. Huggins to explain the function of the center and the cost associated for the services rendered; Mr. Huggins referred this question to Ms. Reed. Ms. Reed informed the Board that the cost was currently paid by the Workforce Investment Program and the center assists adults as well

as the universal population in job training, transportation needs, welfare programs and advised that there is no charge for the services provided.

Ms. Reed also reported that the agencies presently in-house are Child Care, Wages Program and the Workforce Investment Program and welcomed any and all interested agency or agencies in order to provide a full scope of outreach services, including the United Way and Caring & Sharing.

Ms. Reed presented the Board with an Interlocal Agreement between the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners and the Walton County Board of County Commissioners to cover the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to authorize Chairman Butler and Commissioner Walker's signature and renew the Interlocal Agreement. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Huggins also asked the Commissioners to appoint a private sector to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. James McHenry.

The Commissioners took a brief recess at 2:55 p.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Mr. Dan Bodiford, Clerk of Courts, read into record his presentation concerning the 1999 Financial Audit. Mr. Bodiford began by stating "that while nothing will ever stop the speculation, assumptions, or political rhetoric that has been ongoing for the past two years, this Commission and the taxpayer are entitled to know". Mr. Bodiford compared his situation regarding the accounting and audits with the Board's self audit of the organization and delegation of responsibilities. He advised that both the Board and

the Clerks Office inherited flawed systems and stated that both have worked hard to correct the deficiencies by hiring professionals to help find the answers. Mr. Bodiford reported proudly, that “the struggle is over, the War ended June 6, 2000, but, now cleaning up the battle field”!!!

Mr. Bodiford listed several items that were identified as his highest priority when he took office in 1997:

- (1) the Board authorizing and Clerk allowing the expenditure of millions of dollars without budgetary control,
- (2) bills kept on clipboards for the Board’s perusal, if desired,
- (3) the Board never saw or approved an EAL,
- (4) the Board never knew what bills were paid and for what reason, the Finance Department did not require proper documentation or perform a reasonable preaudit before paying a bill
- (5) only one employee of the Clerk’s office was designated to charge the various budget for an expenditure
- (6) accounts were being closed 7.5 months late,
- (7) expensive computerized accounting application, no checks and balances
- (8) no separation of duties, and not checks and balances,
- (9) absolutely no documentation as to how the accounts were supposed to be kept
- (10) the definition of good accounting was passing the annual audit

Mr. Bodiford announced that the “struggle is over and it has been worth it, the War ended June 6, 2000, but, now cleaning up the battle field”!!! Mr. Bodiford addressed the difference between good accounting and passing an audit and described the job descriptions of an Accountant and an Auditor. Mr. Bodiford advised that the absence of documentation is a major problem and that finally that problem has been corrected. Mr. Bodiford requested the Board to follow him using a simple version of an Accounts Payable chart in the handout he submitted and described in detail each transaction.

Mr. Bodiford also named another problem: “Walton County accounts have been kept by adjusting entries since 1991” and stated that he could not say the entries were

wrong but, could not tell that they were correct. Mr. Bodiford also stated that as a result of knowing the exact amount that the beginning balances are off and that part of the problem predated fiscal year 1999, combined with the fact that now the Finance Department has documented accounting procedure in order to produce a verifiable reconciliation of the accounts, results in “we have solved the problem” and most of all, “I am happy to report that the Clerk’s Office is in control of the County Accounts and the problems of the past are just that – past!”

Mr. Bodiford announced that his presentation, chart and letter to the Auditor General, were available for those wishing to obtain a copy and opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Ryan stated that he felt after listening to the presentation, that the problem was mainly procedures; Mr. Bodiford concurred and reported that the “procedures were hard to dig out, but we now have them in place”.

Mr. Richard Whitaker, expressed his concern regarding Mr. Bodiford’s investigation into this matter instead of the Sheriff’s Department and/or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Mr. Whitaker remarked that Mr. Bodiford should have been concentrating on his tenure in office and too much time has been wasted on the past and remarked “that is why we’re in the trouble we are now”.

Mr. Bodiford responded that first, we’re out of trouble now, secondly, my title, also as County Auditor, it is my job to find these problems, report the problems to the responsible party and as the County Accountant, fix those problems. Mr. Bodiford questioned Attorney Miller if this was correct, Attorney Miller answered “yes-sir that is your official duty”.

The Board thanked Mr. Bodiford for the report and his presentation.

Mr. Ralph Cellon, Morgan Keegan & Investment Banking Firm representative, presented the Board with an opportunity to join with Bay County Housing Finance Authority to finance qualifying single-family mortgage loan from tax-exempt municipal bonds within territorial boundaries. Mr. Cellon reported that there is “zero cost and zero liability” to Walton County and that the County will receive 35 basis points on the loans that are initiated in Walton County.

Attorney Miller requested Mr. Cellon to allow him the opportunity to review the present agreement with the Escambia Housing Authority and asked for a meeting between himself, Mr. Cellon and Mr. Nevin Zimmerman, Burke & Blue, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, to discuss this issue further in order to submit a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Bodiford left the meeting and Mrs. Skipper arrived at 3:50 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to advertise a public hearing (on August 8, 2000, at 5:50 p.m.) to consider a joint venture with Bay County Housing Finance Authority. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Russ Aldrich, representing Mr. John Bowman, 1/2 owner the property for twenty years at Eastern Lake and the hardship he has experienced with the Walton County Land Development Code and FEMA relating to the flood plain resource protection and damage prevention. Mr. Aldrich reported that FEMA identified Mr. Bowman’s 1 1/3 acres in a Coastal High Hazard Area or a “V” zone which prohibits development or division of the property. Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Bowman requested the Board’s assistance or guidance to proceed with some proper use of the property due to



the restrictive criteria attached to the property as a result of studies and adjustments by FEMA, Commissioner Walker suggested a public park.

The Board instructed Mr. Aldrich to meet with Mr. Tom Blackshear, County Planner, in order to present this issue during the Planning Commission's public hearing.

Mr. John Duncan, Right-of-Way Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, reported that bids have been accepted for the multi-laning of U.S. 98 to U.S. 331, a \$20 million dollar project and stated that the construction should begin within 90-120 days.

Mr. Duncan introduced John Upchurch, Assistant Attorney General, representing FDOT, to discuss the sign issues to accommodate the road construction on U.S. Highway 98 and acquisition of property by FDOT with outdoor advertising signs already erected. Mr. Upchurch reported that Section 479.15(5)(1999) recently passed stipulates that if the sign are not permitted to be relocated on an adjacent right-of-way, the County Commission will be liable for making the payment to the sign company. Mr. Upchurch advised that three signs, out of approximately 60 signs, affected by the widening of U.S. Highway 98 are presently in litigation. Mr. Upchurch reported that an agreement, in the amount of \$90,600 has been reached on parcel 167 (Floyd). Mr. Upchurch reiterated that one way to avoid incurring a financial responsibility is to grant a permit to relocate the sign to an adjacent right-of-way.

The Board questioned Attorney Miller if this violated the Scenic Corridor Standard; Attorney Miller answered "yes" but advised that the Scenic Corridor Ordinance could be amended, and stated that all signs would have to be removed, construction or not, in the year 2003 and remarked that the statute was not in effect when the Ordinance was adopted. Attorney Miller requested the Board to allow him an opportunity to review

options the Board might consider as a possible solution in lieu of paying or granting the relocation.

Mr. James “Jim” Moore, Attorney, representing LAMAR Advertising Company appeared and introduced Mr. Roy Andrews, Real Property Analysts, representing Atwell Advertising and Bill Salter Advertising and Mr. Joe Range, local Lamar Advertising. Mr. Moore supplied the Board with an information sheet identifying approximately 65 signs that are impacted by the Scenic Corridor. Mr. Moore recommended a meeting to resolve the issues soon, the Board requested Attorney Miller to meet with Attorney Moore and submit his recommendation in two weeks.

Mr. Roy Andrews, representing Bill Salter Advertising, informed the Board of the mediation agreement in the amount of \$90,600.00 (appraisal amount \$101,600.00) as a compromise. Mr. Andrews asked the Board not to pay his client the money, reporting that his client would rather relocate his sign to the adjacent property. The Board recommended that Mr. Andrews meet with Attorney Miller and Mr. Moore.

The Commissioners took a brief recess at 4:40 p.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 4:50 p.m.

Commissioner Infinger was not present.

Mr. Freddy Baker, Director, Council on Aging, addressed the Board of his immediate concerns regarding twelve resignations, within the last two months, with two forthcoming, out of a total of 38 employees and submitted a pay scale indicating the length of employment, job title, hourly rate and proposed raise. Mr. Baker requested the Board to consider granting a \$12,775.00 increase for the last quarter of the 1999/2000-budget year and incorporate the same amount in the 2000/2001-budget year.

Attorney Miller stepped out and Commissioner Infinger arrived at 4:56 p.m.

Commissioner Walker questioned Mr. Baker if he was aware of the situation last year during the budget requests, Mr. Baker answered that this has just recently occurred. Upon review of the proposed raises, Commissioner Butler stated that some were only .15 cents per hour; Mr. Baker reported that he rated them on merit and length of time employed and felt that the .15 cents would help. Commissioner Walker voiced his opposition to Mr. Baker's increase in relation to the amount he is offering his employees, Mr. Baker remarked that his salary increase could be deleted.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to accept the request of Mr. Baker as submitted. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. (Commissioner Walker's naye vote was due to the Director's salary increased by \$2.50 per hour).

Attorney George Ralph Miller apologized for the confusion regarding the Noble House issue that did not appear on the agenda.

Attorney Chris Cadenhead, representing Noble House and Mr. Al Gregory, State DEP Division of Recreation & Parks, presented a plat survey of the Noble House (approximately 42 acres) with a proposed boardwalk, handicap assessable, approximately 20 feet wide by 1,300 feet to the pavilions edge and proposed parking area consisting of 200 parking spaces. Mr. Gregory advised that this would be the second longest distance to the beaches from a State Park in Walton County and that there would be an entrance fee, and subject to all park regulations and stated that he felt that the benefits would be only to the residence of Noble House subdivision. Attorney Cadenhead remarked that if

Noble House were successful with the prescriptive easement, it would not be a State Park easement, but a County Park.

The Board questioned Attorney Miller as to the next step, Attorney Miller answered that a Resolution is required requesting the Cabinet to convey the easement for ingress and egress to the Park.

Ms. Celeste Cobena, speaking as a resident of South Walton, expressed her viewpoint concerning the private road into the subdivision, mentioning the cost the County will incur if they intervene and Noble House being the only one to benefit.

The board deferred action until July 25, 2000 at 1:45 p.m.

Attorney Miller submitted a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the resolution dispute between Edward/Edwards Associates, Inc. (lawsuit against the County by Ms. Collette Edwards seeking damages in excess on \$1 million dollars due to the County restricting use of her property). Attorney Miller reported that the case was settled within the perimeters of the existing Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. Attorney Miller recommended that the Commissioners set a public hearing to formally adopt the settlement agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to advertise a public hearing to consider the Edward's Settlement Agreement on August 8, 2000, at 6:05 p.m. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller reported that Mr. Robert Barley executed the deed to the County for a 66-foot right-of-way named Fairfield Drive and the County needs to execute acceptance of it for recording. The Board requested Attorney Miller to advise Mr. Bell of this.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to advertise a public hearing to consider adopting a settlement agreement for the EAR amendment on August 8, 2000, at 6:20 p.m. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker stepped out.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, General Manager, Regional Utilities, appeared and presented for the Board's consideration a propose agreement between Louisiana Unwired, L.C. and Walton County for a water tower lease in the amount of \$1,500.00 a month. Mr. Wilson advised that the property is leased from the County and Regional Utilities requires a sublease from the County authorizing the new lease.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the above mentioned agreement contingent upon Attorney David Green and Attorney Miller preparing a hold harmless language, State, Federal and local obligations, renewal clause, not to extend past 2022 and the transfer of the lease in the event Walton County takes over the lease. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Paul Aye.

Jonathan Walker, Staff Attorney, briefly summarized the request by Mr. David Thomas, Attorney at Law, to be released from the current conflict contract, currently \$70,000.00 split between two separate conflict attorneys. Currently Attorney Billie J. Merritt retains the other half of the contract, which expires in September 2001, and wishes to have a replacement Attorney as soon as possible. Attorney Walker requested that the Board consider a motion to advertise for a co-conflict counsel in the Florida Bar News and local newspapers and submit the resumes' to his attention. Suggestions were

made to authorize Attorney Walker and Ms. Williams to review the prior applications and submit their recommendations.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan, to appoint Attorney Jonathan Walker to the Co-Conflict Committee to replace Joel Paul, Jr. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Kriss Titus appeared before the Board and submitted an interlocal agreement between Walton County and the City of Destin regarding beach nourishment project consulting services. Ms. Titus reported that Attorney Walker, Attorney Miller and Attorney Mary Kramer and the Attorney for the City of Destin have reviewed the agreement. Ms. Titus reported that the agreement is for a one-year tenure with cost savings of approximately \$17,000.00 for the feasibility study.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve the Chairman's signature and enter into the aforementioned agreement.

Ms. Cobena expressed her disappointment regarding the fact that the Commissioners did not participate in the public hearing held Saturday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Titus informed Ms. Cobena that it was an informational workshop. Ms. Cobena voiced comments concerning Taylor Engineer, quote, "the experts" and the fact that they do not know what they are doing.

Chairman Butler called for a vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Jack Rhodes requested the Board's consideration for an extension of Development Order #0877, Secluded Lakes Subdivision. Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to grant a one-year extension of Development

Order #0877, Secluded Lakes Subdivision. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker returned.

Regarding Olney Restaurant Supply, Inc., Mr. Rhodes requested that this be tabled until the July 11, 2000, Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to table the above request. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul informed the Board that Mrs. Melissa Beasley, Supervisor of Elections, wished to update the legal descriptions of the precincts and stated that he advised her that Attorney Miller could look into this request; it was unknown to Commissioner Paul what her scheduled topic titled "Freeport City Election" was about.

Ms. Shirl Williams asked the Board if they had decided on what date to schedule a workshop to consider the road issues. The Board advised Ms. Williams to work with Attorney Miller and his schedule then advise the Board of the date set.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve a correction to the November 09, 1999 minutes to correct the EAL amount indicated under the Local Option Gas Tax to read \$22,923.24 instead of \$1,399,451.98. 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 appointed Boards to receive mileage upon submittal of a reimbursement request from individual members. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Board requested Ms. Williams to contact Mr. Craig Reynolds, Special Olympic Board Chairman, to investigate into the number of participants from Walton County that wish to take part in the Special Olympic games on July 21 & 22, 2000 in Kissimmee, Florida, in the amount of \$110.00 for each applicant.

Motion Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger, to authorize Mr. McMillian to remove the dedication plaques located at the old hospital and approve displaying them at Healthmark Regional Medical Center. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Discussion was held regarding the renewal of Ms. Kassy Keyes', County Lobbyist, contract. The contract is for a period of six months and remains the same as last years.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to renew Keyes & Associates, Inc., contract for a period of six months, in the amount of \$3,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams informed the Board that she would get the documents to accompany the reclamation of clay pits and submit for the Board's review in two weeks.

Ms. Williams asked the Board to ponder allowing her authority to handle the following items without further reference to the Board except as noted:

- (1) announcement of vacancies and hiring within budget to established positions
- (2) approval of 6-month probation evaluations and one-step increase lateral transfer within grade
- (3) programmed raises (e.g., Building Inspectors attaining additional certifications)
- (4) closure of roads for special events (notification will be made to the Board)
- (5) fireworks permits (unless drought conditions prevail)
- (6) building permit refunds
- (7) overnight travel for employees attendance to seminars
- (8) increase the present non-emergency purchasing from \$500.00 to \$3,000.00 limit and advised the Board of these purchases



Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to grant a Leave of Absence request from Ms. Martha Ingle, Budget Officer, beginning July 17, 2000; and Mr. Ken Little, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, beginning July 20, 2000. (Further approval to terminate the Leave of Absence on determination of the outcome of the election). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller requested Board's consideration to authorize the Chairman's signature on the EAR Settlement Agreement that needs to be returned to the Department of Community Affairs prior to the public hearing. Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the aforementioned Settlement Agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

There being no further discussion, motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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

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

