

July 11, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 8:30 A.M. in the 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, and Commissioner Gene Ryan. Ms. Shirl Williams, Administrative Supervisor, Attorney George R. Miller, 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 Infinger.

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

General Fund	\$339,332.28
County Transportation Trust	136,398.59
Fine & Forfeiture	520,183.28
N.W. Mosquito Control	772.31
Library	6,519.73
Recreation Plat Fee	28.00
Solid Waste Ent.	16,575.97
Mossyhead VFD	234.72
Glendale VFD	552.13
Darlington VFD	485.25
Liberty VFD	1,836.34
Red Bay VFD	838.65
Tourist Development Council	36,142.33
Section 8 Housing	4,289.95
Driftwood Debt Services	662.14
Capital Projects	12,711.63

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

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment to Fairchild Construction in the amount of \$148,978.50 for completion of One Bridge Road over Pond Creek. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. (FEMA project)

Mr. Bell, Public Works Director, informed the Board that Indian Women Road is under design at the present time, however, the bid package will not be sent out until all right-of-ways are obtained on the 10 roads in order to bid all of them at one time.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve payment to Fairchild Construction in the amount of \$146,061.00 for completion of Red Hill Road Bridge over Bruce Creek. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. (FEMA project)

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment to C.W. Roberts in the amount of \$15,852.00 for work on CR30A. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve final payment to Bullard Excavating in the amount of \$14,517.02 for completion of Sandy Ramp Road. (FEMA project). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve payment to Bullard Excavating in the amount of \$14,031.21 for the 5% retainage fee on Sandy Ramp Road. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment to APAC in the amount of \$8,396.80 for milled asphalt on Spring Hill Road. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve for repairs to be made on the Public Works Grinder in the amount of \$5,411.22 to Mobark. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of 36 pilings (14' X 50') from Skyline Steele in the amount of \$32,850.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. These pilings will be initially used as a temporary bridge for the Turkey Creek Bridge replacement, and then reused.

Mr. Little presented a request from Mr. William Fountain, Property Appraiser, to surplus a Pearl 394-16 Controller (computer equipment) and donate it to the Gadsden County Property Appraiser's Office. Mr. Fountain stated that his department no longer has any use for the equipment because it is obsolete.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to surplus the Pearl 394-16 Controller and donate it to the Gadsden County Property Appraiser's Office. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Little informed the Commissioners that Red Bay Volunteer Fire Department has received the following quotes for the purchase of new uniforms:

Sunbelt Fire Apparatus	\$2,550.90
Cascade Fire Equipment	\$3,010.00

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the purchase of uniforms for Red Bay VFD from Sunbelt Fire Apparatus, low quote, in the amount of \$2,550.90. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Attorney Miller stated that he has reviewed an amended consent order for violation of the Sheriff's gas tanks and advised that he has made some recommended changes in the consent order. DEP did not object and will submit an amended consent order back. Mr. Miller also stated that someone should develop an in-kind project plan showing the work the County previously performed at Bunker for DEP in order to receive credit in lieu of paying the \$9,500.00 penalty for work already performed.

Mr. William Imfeld, CPA, appeared before the Commissioners and presented a requested the Board adopt a resolution amending unanticipated funds into the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt a resolution (00-38) amending County Transportation Trust Revenues in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Hurricane Georges. Hurricane Georges Materials expenditure account in the amount of \$165,000.00 and CTT Materials Expenditure in the amount of \$35,000.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Commissioner Walker requested Attorney Miller revise the standard resolution form to include the dollar amount.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve Mr. William Imfeld as an authorized signature on the county's credit card. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve the renewal contract between Walton County and the Department of Corrections for the landfill inmate squad. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a Traffic Signal Maintenance and Operation request from the Department of Transportation regarding the placement of a flashing school zone light at the new Freeport High School. The County has been requested to pay the power bill for the light and accept maintenance.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with DOT for the new Freeport High School. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Walton and Okaloosa Counties for hazardous waste amnesty day. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. Mr. Bell advised that the grant pays 75% and the county pays the remaining 25%.

Mr. Bell presented the Infrastructure Committee's report, which recommend offering \$1,137,500.00 for the purchase of the old Wal-Mart Building and entire parcel, which is an average of the two appraisals. The Committee also recommended tabling any recommendations on the North Walton jail/work camp until a later date to allow the Sheriff an opportunity to locate property south of DeFuniak. Commissioner Walker requested that all preliminary work be coordinated to prevent the architect from continually revising the plans, which is costly.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee and approve to offer \$1,137,500.00 for the purchase of the old Wal-Mart Building. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye. Mr. Bell advised that a public hearing will have to be held and the purchase is subject to a vote of the Board before any further action can be taken.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger, to approve to table any recommendations regarding the N.W. jail and work camp until a later date. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve extending the current contract with APAC on Dr. Nelson Road to include one-half mile of Raley Road. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Bell reminded the Commissioners of Mr. Mark Nehouse's presentation regarding laminated bridges and the grant program to pay for replacement bridges. Mr. Bell stated that grant monies in the amount of \$500,000.00 would come from the Federal Highway Administration Program to FSU Engineering Department. The County is responsible for driving the piling, construct headwalls, rebuild the approaches, striping, and provide traffic control for an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 in addition to \$500,000.00 grant monies.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration Program for the laminated bridge replacement program. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Bell presented several videos for the Board's consideration. The first video depicted a request at Stallworth Lake by Mr. Roache. He is requesting permission to add landscaping to the county right-of-way to connect with the brick road, and gate his property. Discussion was held regarding limiting the size of gate and the possibility of blocking available parking. Commissioner Walker requested time to visit the site.

The second video was a request for emergency maintenance of Blue Gulf Lane between Blue Mt. and Dune Allen. The Board felt that the road is not in need of emergency repairs and stated that they have the option of paying the \$50.00 fee for maintenance. Mr. Bell will contact the residents and notify them of their options.

Mr. Bell stated that the third request is regarding CR 395 and CR 30A, east of Seaside. Mr. Shandler requested the County place some type of traffic calming device due to the amount of congestion and also requested the speed limit be reduced from 35 to 25 mph.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to adopt a resolution (00-39) lowering the speed limit to 25 mph from the fire station on CR 395 to the intersection at CR 30A and add speed strips. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. Diagonal parking will also be considered.

Mr. Bell presented a request by the First Baptist Church of Darlington for 8-9 loads of fill dirt. Discussion followed regarding the public service the church provides to the community.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to provide up to 9 loads of fill dirt for the First Baptist Church of Darlington contingent upon an

agreement that the facility will open to the public in case of an emergency. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Ken Little, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, presented an invoice in the amount of \$34,330.00 from Analytica for the employee evaluation/performance study. The Board deferred this item pending further review.

Mr. Little brought discussion before the Commissioners regarding the moratorium on communication towers and requested direction whether to leave it effective or begin issuing permits. The Commissioners requested additional information as to the number, size, and location of current towers before allowing additional permits to be issued.

Mr. Little presented the 1999 Tax Recapitulation Report from the Tax Collector's Office on behalf of Mrs. Sue Carter. The report showed a total amount of \$56,596,722.72 collected.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to accept the Tax Collector's Tax Recapitulation Report for 1999. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to transfer title of Project Manager from Mr. Ken Little to Mr. Dan Owens, Library Director, for the South Walton Library due to Mr. Littles' leave of absence. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mr. Little presented a letter for informational purposes, from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Department of Agriculture, regarding the drought conditions.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to approve a request by Mr. Raymond Spencer to use 104 hours from the sick leave pool as



recommended by his physician. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mrs. Delois Carroll, Walton County Health Department, appeared before the Commissioners and requested approval to make some changes in their service at the Freeport and Santa Rosa Beach Clinics. Mrs. Carroll explained that they wish to vacate the Freeport building as of October 1, 2000, saving \$400.00 per month rent, and provide full-time service at the Santa Rosa Beach office, including environmental services. (\$250.00 paid by the County and \$150.00 paid by the Health Department.) She also informed the Board that the Freeport office is not handi-cap accessible.

Furthermore, Mrs. Carroll advised that they would like to take over the entire space of the Santa Rosa Beach Office and discontinue billing Children and Family Services for their \$213.42 monthly rent for the space they occupy.

Dr. Susan Turner of the Health Department advised that they cannot increase services at Santa Rosa Beach without additional funds and can't continue to keep both facilities open with the skeleton crew they have to operate with. She stated that in her opinion, this is the best solution to transition into the new facility at the New Town Center.

Discussion took place regarding the number of clients served at Freeport and the best possible method to continue serving them without inconveniencing them. The Board requested Dr. Turner assure their clients that they will not be overlooked and that transportation can be provided if a problem arises. Commissioner Infinger asked Dr. Turner to report back to the Board if they need assistance with transportation.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept Dr. Turner's recommendation to close the Freeport Clinic and relocate the services to the Santa Rosa Beach Office, effective October 1, 2000; Walton County to stop billing the Health Department \$150.00 and stop paying rent at Freeport; and discontinue billing Children and Family Services \$213.42 in order to occupy the entire SRB clinic. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

There being no further business in this portion of the meeting, the Commissioners recessed at 10:45 A.M. and will reconvene at 5:00 P.M. at Butler Elementary School.

The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners present.

Chairman Butler called the Public Hearing to order to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Mrs. Lavern Camacho appeared before the Board to present the Planning Commission's recommendation. She advised that Mr. Dan H. Broughton has requested to withdraw his request for a small-scale amendment. The Board acknowledged the request and no further action was taken on Mr. Broughton's request.

Ms. Audrey Farris, Colleen Spenser, Ms. Jeanie Zinc and Mike Judkins all spoke in opposition to the Broughton small-scale amendment.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval on Enchanted Estates. Northwest Florida Enterprises, LLC is proposing 70 lots on approximately 10 acres zoned Neighborhood Planning Area/Infill, located on Los Robles Grande Drive. Approval is subject to receiving outstanding state permits (portable water, storm water, dredge and fill) and Planning Department Technical Review Approval (clarification of flood zones).

Several members of the audience spoke in opposition to the project stating their fears of traffic congestion, possible danger to people entering the area, and no traffic light. Comments were also voiced concerning lack of notification to public meetings, high density, and insufficient sewer lines to handle the additional population.

Mrs. Camacho advised that they have complied with all rules and regulations.

Mr. Jack Rhodes informed the Board that the density of the project is seven units per acre and the wetlands were not mitigated as part of the calculations for gross acreage. Mr. Rhodes stated that he is seeking Master Plan approval of phase I for 26 lots. Phase II (24 lots) and phase III (19 lots) will be requested over a period of 18 to 24 months from now.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the proposed development of Enchanted Estates. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mrs. Camacho presented the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of RTT Mini-Storage. Rick Olsen/RTT Storage Inc. is proposing 33,640 square foot mini-warehouse units on approximately 2.79 acres zoned Coastal Center Mixed Use, located on the southeast corner of Miramar Drive and U.S Highway 98. Approval is subject to receiving outstanding state permits (FDEP and FDOT) and Scenic 98 Technical Review (revisions submitted and under review).

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the proposed development of RTT

Mini-Storage subject to outstanding permits and technical review. Ayes 5, Nays 0.  
Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

On behalf of the Planning Commission, Mrs. Camacho requested the notification process be immediately changed to the following and be placed in the next revision of the Walton County Land Development Code:

Major Developments

Post a sign on the parcel 30 days prior to the meeting

Small Scale Amendments

Remain as is with posting signs, ¼ page ads, and certified mailings

Large Scale Amendments

Post a sign on the parcel 30 days prior to the meeting

Notify surrounding property owners (300 feet) via certified mail

Advertise with ¼ page newspaper ad

Developments of Regional Impact

Notify surrounding property owners (300 feet) via certified mail

Post a sign on the parcel 30 days prior to the meeting (as shown on the development order application)

Attorney Miller recommended clarifying newspaper as a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the wording for the notification process contingent upon making the stated amendments of adding "30 days" and Attorney Miller's review. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Tim Pauls addressed the Commissioners and stated that he is in favor of the changes, however, requested clarification as to who will pay the cost of the advertising

and signage for a large-scale amendment, the County or the applicant. Mrs. Camacho advised that that process has not changed.

Ms. Meg Stevenson addressed the advertising issue regarding a newspaper of general circulation. Ms. Stevenson stated that only one newspaper should be used to avoid confusion to the public. Attorney Miller stated that the Destin Log and Walton Sun should meet to discuss the issue. Discussion continued regarding the coverage of various newspapers.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to advertise in two newspapers in order to cover a wider circulation, both north and south of the Bay (only for small-scale amendments).

Attorney Miller advised that advertising in two papers is not necessary.

Chairman Butler requested for Attorney Miller and Ms. Williams to research this issue further and report back to the Board.

Both the motion and second were withdrawn.

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

Ms. Williams stated that the revisions are minor and would allow business owners on side street locations to place a directory sign near their intersection, countywide.

Mrs. Shari Judkins appeared before the Board and stated that a minor change is all that was requested, however, she informed the Board that there is more involved than simply directory signs. Mrs. Judkins stated that the revisions should apply to section 13.02.05.11 of the Land Development Code, but additions have been made to section 3.03.03 (signs at the entrance of residential developments and farms and ranches), and

others. She continued giving references, from one section of the Code to the next, consisting of eight (8) amendments that will be changed. Mrs. Judkins stated that the ordinance, as amended, was not advertised in this manner and stated that it contains too many other changes that will affect people who are not even aware of the changes.

After further discussion, Commissioner Infinger motioned to continue the Community Directory Sign Ordinance public hearing until the July 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, second by Commissioner Paul. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Jack Rhodes, scheduled on the agenda to present Olney Restaurant Supply, requested to withdraw his presentation and reschedule at a later date.

Mrs. Shari Judkins appeared again at her scheduled time on the agenda and stated that problems still exist on Holiday Road regarding code enforcement. Shari stated that they feel that the Code Enforcement Officers are not doing their job and using the Judges final order as an excuse. Problems still exist with heavy truck traffic on Holiday Road along with parking problems. Shari stated that she has been before the Code Enforcement Board and Mr. Dan Trotman, Code Enforcement Officer, refused to listen to their problem. Attorney Miller advised the Judkins that if they disagree with the Board's decision then they have a right to an administrative appeal. Mike Judkins stated the Board wouldn't take time to hear the problem.

Mike Judkins requested the Board fire Dan Trotman and Ken Little on the basis of Florida Statute 112.3173, Felony, Breach of Public Trust. Mike stated that some people are being fined and others are not. Ms. Williams read a letter from the Staff Attorney who stated that in the absence of proof of the allegations that no employment action

could be taken against Mr. Trotman. Commissioner Walker asked Mr. Judkins to provide documentation of proof to Ms. Williams. The Commissioners requested Ms. Williams and Attorney Miller investigate the situation further.

Commissioner's Paul and Walker did not present any items for discussion.

Commissioner Infinger informed the Commissioners that he went and looked at the old clay pit located in District 1 upon request by Mr. McVay. Commissioner Infinger stated that the pit is full of old white goods that have been dumped off and stated that it will be costly for the county to clean it up. He further requested the Board consider proceeding with awarding the previous bid for the sell of the pit rather than reclaiming it.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to proceed with the disposal of the clay pit and award the bid to Mr. McVay, high bid, and relieve Walton County of the cost to clean up. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. Commissioner Walker objected because the bid was too low.

Commissioner Ryan called Mr. Blanchard forward regarding the problems at the Alaqua Creek boat ramp. Mr. Blanchard is the resident whose property is being damaged. Mr. Ryan stated that he has obtained permission from the Fish and Game Commission to clear out the brush and open the area up. The Sheriff's Department has requested that restrictions be placed on the use of the property thereby giving them grounds for enforcement.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Walker, to adopt an emergency ordinance (2000-20) restricting any and all activities at the Alaqua boat ramp other than launching and retrieval of boats only, due to the endangerment of human life

from shooting into a dwelling. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Ryan will submit a request to have a sign placed at the boat ramp and advertisement will be sent to the paper notifying the public of the action taken.

Commissioner Ryan read into record a proposed ordinance regarding the Affordable Housing Board. The ordinance requested the current Board be abolished and because it is required to comply with the Comprehensive Plan, be reestablished with membership to be complied with candidates brought forward by the Board of County Commissioners staff for consideration and confirmation. Commissioner Paul asked that this item be deferred until the 7:35 P.M. public hearing. The Board agreed.

Chairman Butler presented the minutes for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2000-Regular Meeting and June 7, 2000-Special Workshop as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed from 6:40 P.M. until 7:20 P.M. awaiting the next scheduled public hearing.

Mr. Jim Rester, St. Joe/Arvida, appeared before the Board and introduced Mr. Neale Wade. Mr. Rester gave a brief overview of Mr. Wade's professional background.

Mr. Wade addressed the Commissioners regarding issues he is working on to bring economic development to Walton County. As he began, he commended Mr. Tom Powell, Economic Development Council, for the outstanding job he is doing.



Mr. Wade explained that St. Joe is attempting to provide substance and a regional approach to economic development. Mr. Wade stated that Walton County does not have enough resources to market itself worldwide and that's why they are planning a regional market approach from Tallahassee westward to Pensacola, to sell the Northwest Florida.

Mr. Wade stated two the key factors for bringing more companies to Northwest Florida is to raise the level of awareness of this area and provide the product (site location). St. Joe anticipates playing a part in helping provide those sites for industry to consider. Mr. Wade stated that St. Joe would be forming an organization to pool the necessary resources to help Walton County grow in balance. They will be back in contact with the Board of County Commissioners at a later time.

Ms. Williams presented a request by Mr. Wayne Miller for the County to provide fill dirt for the Walton High School softball field. She advised that Mr. Bell has dirt available from the Wee Care Park.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan, to approve to provide Walton High School with fill dirt for the softball field as requested. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams informed the Commissioners that bids were opened for the survey on the 40-acre Environmental Waste site with Choctaw Engineering being the low bidder in the amount of \$10,500.00. Commissioner Butler stated that through Mr. Walker's efforts, he saved the County \$3,800.00.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to approve awarding the low bid to Choctaw Engineering in the amount of \$10,500.00 for survey

work on the 40-acre parcel. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller requested the Board grant approval for the Worker's Compensation cases involving Mr. Ramos and Mrs. Simmons in the amount of \$30,000.00 each. Mr. Miller advised that the Wright case could amount to an additional \$25,000.00 if the penalties are imposed, in addition to \$7,000.00 for attorney fees.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker, to grant tentative approval to allow Attorney Miller to handle the worker's compensation cases and request a check to be cut in the event of an emergency. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Chairman Butler called to order the advertised public hearing regarding the Affordable Housing Board.

Commissioner Ryan played a video for the Board and members of the audience explaining benefits to the residents of affordable housing.

After listening to the video many members of the audience addressed the Commissioners voicing their viewpoints and many concerns in regards to affordable housing. Some voiced concerns not with the housing itself, but with the Housing Board and the direction in which they are headed. Residents voiced both pro's and con's such as the need for housing, housing for nurses, teachers, and minimum wage employees; problems it may bring into the county and others stated that there seems to be a problem with the ordinance itself.

Mr. Mike Kent, Director of Community Development Corporation, addressed the Commissioners and offered his expertise in the area of affordable housing. Mr. Kent is

involved with affordable housing across Florida and has experience in obtaining grants and stated that he is willing to work with the Housing Board to point them in the appropriate direction and help them from making as many pitfalls.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to close the public hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Ryan addressed the comments that were made by the individuals. Mr. Ryan refuted the comments that residents are taxed for affordable housing and stated the Board was put together with little direction, and no offers of help. Mr. Ryan also stated that the fees paid by the developers are voluntary. He explained that Arvida's affordable housing requirement on the first phase was 43 units and they are willing to move that to 50 units. If they pay the fee in lieu of construction, the money is put into the trust fund and then used in conjunction with tax credit programs and bonding programs that allows for more housing. Mr. Ryan explained that the County is at no risk due to the developers putting the money up and stated that we need to proceed with using the knowledge of experts, then once again, he read the previous motion for the record.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul, to abolish the current Affordable Housing Board and reestablish it with candidates selected by county staff and approved/confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Staff will prepare a recommendation as to how many people will serve on the Board along with the names of individuals and report back to the Board.

Attorney Miller advised that the Commissioner's decision eliminates the ordinance in question and will need to draft a new one.

The Commissioner's recessed briefly at 9:00 P.M.

Chairman Butler called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the Tourist Development Plan Amendment. Attorney Miller advised that the proposed ordinance remains the same with the exception of the anticipated Beach Nourishment revenues/expenditures.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to close the public hearing. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to adopt an ordinance (00-19) approving the Tourist Development Plan Amendment. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to remove the Inlet Beach Water System from the table for discussion. Ayes 3, Naves 2. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Naye. This item was previously tabled until August 8, 2000.

Ms. Colleen Coffield, Attorney for Jack Wellborn, addressed the Commissioners and stated her reasons for appearing before the Board at this time and not waiting until August 8.

Ms. Coffield requested the Board grant approval for Regional Utilities to run a force main into the Inlet Beach area, specifically to her clients' property, in order to develop the property in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Attorney Miller answered questions relating to this issue being removed from the table during the last board meeting; therefore it is appropriate to discuss.

Ms. Coffield stated the two reasons for considering this request are economic reasons and environmental concerns. She explained that by not running the force main to Inlet Beach, it hinders her client economically. Ms. Coffield presented a package of information to the Commissioners.

Attorney Clayton Adkinson appeared before the Board representing Inlet Beach Water Board along with Mr. Peters, Engineer. Mr. Adkinson stated that he is working with the Genises Group exploring alternative avenues for a complete sewer system in addition to working with Mr. Dewey Wilson, Regional Utilities. He explained that Inlet Beach will be electing a new Board in August and requested to postpone any decision until then.

Several members of the audience spoke regarding the proposed sewer/water into Inlet Beach. Some residents were in favor of the upgrade while others opposed the project.

Mr. David Campbell, Campbell Engineer, stated that if the sewer lines are installed that no one is required to connect to the system unless by choice.

In closing, Ms. Coffield requested the Board not delay a decision, but approve to move forward with connecting to Regional Utilities and allow her client to proceed with his development.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker, to table this item until August 8, 2000 at 6:35 P.M. during the Commissioners next scheduled

meeting, which will be located that the Walton County Courthouse. Ayes 5, Nays 0.  
Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

There being no further business, Commissioner Infinger motioned to adjourn,  
second by Commissioner Walker. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

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

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

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