

SEPTEMBER 26, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 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 Joel Paul, Jr., 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.

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

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

General Fund	\$329,565.56
County Transportation Trust	151,823.90
N.W. Mosquito Control	5,695.27
Library	2,151.36
Recreation Plat Fee	1,538.50
Solid Waste Enterprise	212,254.16
Mossy Head VFD	189.83
Darlington VFD	892.38
Liberty VFD	1,017.59
Tourist Development Council	59,692.92
Glendale VFD	180.85
Section 8 Housing	516.36
Multi-Purpose Trust Fund	15,000.00
Capital Project Fund	471,408.62

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

The Board agreed that Ms. Williams and Mrs. Wilkerson could authorize pay of any additional year-end invoices upon review.

Mr. Dan Bodiford, Clerk of Courts, addressed the Commissioners regarding the collection of bed taxes for the Tourist Development Council. Mr. Bodiford advised the Commissioners of a certain business who owes bed taxes since 1997 at a cost of \$1,120.12 in addition to a \$318.37 penalty. Mr. Bodiford explained that the penalty can be waived, however, this business owner has been uncooperative and has threatened to sue the county. Mr. Bodiford recommended the Board not waive the penalty. The Board agreed to proceed with collecting the total amount.

Attorney Miller advised that he had two complaints regarding the agency handling the overdue traffic fines and the manner they are using to collect the fines. Mr. Bodiford stated that he is aware of the problem and would be addressing it.

Mr. William Imfeld, Financial Director, appeared before the Commissioners and requested to defer the budget amendment on Aid to Volunteer Fire Departments until a later date. The Board agreed.

Mr. Imfeld advised the Board that he has not yet received all the requested information from P.E.O. Brokerage Inc. regarding worker's compensation and employee insurance.

Mr. Imfeld also informed the Commissioners that funds are available in the Plat Fee Fund to purchase a truck for the Beach Patrol Officer as requested by the Sheriff.

Mr. Imfeld presented the proposed Investment Policy, which needs to be adopted according to State Statute. Mr. Imfeld stated that he and Mr. Bodiford met and modified the policy, which will also allow for adjustments in the future. The Board requested time to review the policy and deferred this issue until the next meeting.

Ms. Williams presented a request from Mr. Bruce Ward, Walton County Extension Office, for the purchase of a green house with heating and cooling equipment in the amount of \$3,969.30.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to approve the purchase of a green house. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Mr. Imfeld will review the quotes.

Mr. Imfeld advised the Commissioners that the low bid for the worker's compensation insurance did not meet the specifications for a zero dollar deductible and therefore, recommended awarding the second low bid to Milton Insurance Agency in the amount of \$431,575.00.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to accept Mr. Imfeld's recommendation and award the worker's compensation insurance to Milton Insurance Agency in the amount of \$431,575.00.

Discussion followed regarding the amount of claims and the cost of the deductible. Attorney Miller advised the Board to be cautious due to past experiences with insurance companies. The motion and second were both withdrawn to allow Mr. Miller to meet with Mr. Imfeld and review the insurance contract. Ms. Williams will present this issue back to the Commissioners at a later time during today's meeting.

Chairman Butler arrived.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the purchase of a Laser Color Printer in the amount of \$4,376.31.00 for networking at the County Extension Office. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Imfeld presented a list of emergency hurricane supplies and requested authorization to purchase the items totaling \$44,040.00. The items will be purchased using remaining funds in the current budget and will be placed under lock specifically for emergency use. Commissioner Walker felt that the list was too extensive.

Motion by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the purchase of emergency hurricane supplies subject to Mr. Bell's review. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Imfeld presented the following bids for the purchase of a batwing mower for the Landfill: Coastal Machinery-\$9,606.00; Beard Equipment Co.-\$9,386.24; J.D. Swearingen Equipment-\$9,124.00; Cowan Equipment-No bid. Alamo Industrial faxed a price sheet with the base unit higher than the low bidder's price.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to accept the low bid from J.D. Swearingen for the purchase of a batwing mower for the Landfill. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Vice-Chairman Infinger turned the chair back to Chairman Butler and he accepted.

Mr. Matt Douglas, EMS Director, presented the Standard Coordination Contract for transport of indigent and Medi-care patients to the hospital by Tri-County.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the Standard Coordination Contract between Walton County and Tri-County. Ayes 5, Nayses 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board and presented an issue between Bay Shore Canal Association and Creek-Alaqua Acres Alliance relating to a man-made canal and dam. Meetings between the Association and Alliance to resolve this problem have been unsuccessful. The Association wants culverts and a bridge in place of the dam and has agreed to pay for the cost of the dredging, however, the Alliance does not want the dam disturbed. The groups have met and cannot agree. Mr. Bell recommended the County refrain from any involvement and allow the two groups to continue to work on an agreement.

Mr. James Wallace addressed the Commissioners and stated that they have renamed their group "Friends of Bay Shore Canal" instead of Bay Shore Canal Association. Mr. Wallace stated that their group wants the creek dredged to prevent further erosion. They also want a sewer system in the community. Mr. Wallace requested the County support their dredging project and assist with the placement of a bailey bridge.

Mr. Bob Mandler stated that he agrees with Mr. Bell and asked the Commissioners not to make any decision on this issue, but allow the residents to continue discussing the issue. The Commissioners agreed to stay out of the situation at this time and requested the two groups continue working together to work out a solution.

Mr. Bell requested clarification regarding maintenance of the Humane Society vehicles. The current contract was drafted in 1988 and needs revising.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to allow Ms. Williams, Mr. Bell and Attorney Walker to draft a new contract for the maintenance of the Humane Society vehicles. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve repairs to the lime truck in the amount of \$6,591.97. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell reported that Mr. Jack Arthur, Preble-Rish, has reviewed the traffic study at Rosemary Beach and stated that the stop signs are not warranted. The final report will be submitted in approximately two weeks at which time a recommendation will be presented on how to handle the pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Bell requested authorization to repair potholes with milled asphalt at the entrance to the Bruce Post Office. Attorney Miller advised that the post office serves a public purpose, however, advised Mr. Bell to obtain a right-of-entry form.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to approve for repairs to be made at the Bruce Post Office after obtaining a right-of-entry form. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a video of an unnamed road off of Foreman Road, District 4. Mr. Bell stated that Mr. William T. Foreman Jr. has previously paid the county, under the road grading policy, to grade the road and is now requesting the County take the road over for maintenance. The road is 3/10 of a mile and in poor condition. No action was taken.

The second request for road maintenance is for Ivey Lane, District 5. Mr. Bell advised that the County previously maintained the road, however, it was inadvertently omitted from the county's maintained road list.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to approve acceptance of Ivey Lane as a county maintained road based on evidence of previous maintenance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that the specifications for ten (10) roads under the CDBG Grant have been prepared and submitted to DCA for review. Upon approval the plans will be sent out for bids.

Mr. David Eddy, District 1 resident, appeared before the Board regarding the county's vending/occupational license policy. Mr. Eddy informed the Commissioners that he makes yard ornaments and sells them upon requests of people who pass by and sees them. Mr. Eddy explained that he uses the funds to assist with the extreme amount of medical bills he has. Mrs. Latilda Henninger, Planning Director, advised Mr. Eddy that he needed vendors permit along with a home occupational permit. Mr. Eddy requested the permit fees be waived. Mr. Eddy stated that he does not advertise or ship any products.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve waiving the permit fees for a period of one year. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Ms. Williams will look into the matter of two permit fees being charged.

Commissioner's Walker, Infinger, and Ryan did not present any topics for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul to approve the following minutes: September 7, Special Meeting; September 12, Regular Meeting; September 18, Public Hearing; and September 20, Special Meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Discussion was held regarding the Eastern Creek Indians and granting them local support for federal recognition. Concerns were voiced regarding the ramifications that might follow such as the Commissioner's ability to govern their own territory because the Indians live in a Nation of their own and could live by their own laws and not the laws of the county.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to adopt a resolution (00-56) granting local support for federal recognition of Indian Affairs for the Eastern Creek Indians contingent upon further review by Attorney Walker. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to grant a letter of support to the Eastern Creek Indians for the grant application for renovations of the Bruce School for historical preservation. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Jonathan Walker, Staff Attorney, presented a proposed pay chart regarding Reserve/National Guard matching pay. The proposed plan would reimburse a county employee called to active military service the difference between his/her county pay and military pay for days 18-30. Days 1-17 are covered at full pay as required by law. The

plan is recommended to assist families during the time an employee is called to duty. Employees above a certain pay grade would not qualify.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the proposed matching pay chart for Reserve/National Guardsmen. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Walker informed the Board that Mr. Gregory Mikell, Archeologist with Panamerican Consultants, Inc., requested the County's support for funding an archeological site and historic structure survey on the upper Choctawhatchee River Basin. Mr. Mikell is seeking grant funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources Survey and Planning.

Commissioner Paul questioned if this would be of any conflict to Walton County due to the archeological surveying they have been involved in.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger contingent upon further discussion with Mrs. Angie Biddle, Grants Coordinator, to determine if any type of conflict might exist. After further discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn to allow Attorney Walker additional time to research the issue further.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul to confirm resolution 2000-49 adopting Walton County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Adopted September 12, 2000).

Mr. Vaughn Poppell, AEtna Financial Services, appeared before the Commissioners regarding employee participation in the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Poppell explained that legislation has reduced that amount municipalities are

required to contribute on behalf of employees who pay into the Florida Retirement System. Mr. Poppell suggested the Board utilize these savings to provide a \$20.00 monthly match for employees who participate in the program. An employee could not withdraw the funds until the age of 59 ½ without a penalty, therefore safeguarding the county's money.

The Commissioners requested to research this issue further. Mr. Poppell assured the Commissioners that he will meet with staff, explain the program, and offer any assistance to make it work.

Mr. Buddy Lawrence, Division of Forestry, presented the Annual Forestry Report for fiscal year 1999-2000. Mr. Lawrence explained the extreme drought conditions due to a lack of rain and stated that Walton County had 165 wild fires, an increase from last year.

Ms. Lea Anna Melton, County Forester, also presented the Forest Management Report.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Ms. Ann Day, representing Head Start, presented each of the Commissioners with a picture of the children in the program and the equipment they helped to purchase with the funds provided by the County.

Mr. Mason, Eastern Creek Indians, appeared before the Commissioners requesting the county's support in order to obtain Federal recognition. Mr. Mason explained that they are requesting support of counties across Northwest Florida in order to compete for federal funding, which will be used to support Indians throughout Florida for educational, medical and other needs. Discussion took place regarding the

designation of reservation land and the laws in which they would have to abide by. The Commissioners asked Mr. Mason to meet with Attorney Miller to discuss this issue further.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch until 1:30 P.M.

Attorney Miller advised that he met with Mr. Imfeld to discuss the worker's compensation insurance and stated that the contract is in order. He advised that Milton Insurance Agency does have the financial resources and he also advised the Board that the amount is approximately \$100,000.00 above the current cost. The first bid was non-responsive.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to accept Mr. Imfeld's recommendation and award the bid for worker's compensation to Milton Insurance Agency. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve to surplus a Model 1200 Pitney Bowes mail opener, serial number 69350 BCC# 217, and donate it to the Supervisor of Elections Office. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve a correction to the minutes of April 11, 2000 to read "Dune Crossover at Wall Street and Sandtrap 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 a request by Ms. Williams to utilize Progress Employment to hire a new Safety Officer due

to the resignation of Mr. Greg Branning. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Miller advised that he has reviewed the bike path agreement regarding the asphalt that must be used, which states that it must meet the specifications for paving of road and bridges. Mr. Jack Arthur reviewed the bids and stated that he interprets the language to mean the quality of the asphalt and is comfortable with the language in the agreement.

Attorney Miller advised that he has met with the bankruptcy court regarding GRIT's case. They have \$15 million in claims and only \$3 million in assets. Mr. Miller advised that the courts are considering moving the case out of bankruptcy court and into the circuit court of Sarasota County. Mr. Miller will update the Board as time progresses.

Mr. Miller advised that Sykes Concrete has file suit against the County and he will file his response.

Mr. Ralph Cellon, Morgan Keegan Associates and Bay County Housing Finance Authority, appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the issue of housing finance bonds. Mr. Cellon gave an overview of his program and requested the Board consider participating in Bay County's Housing Program.

Ms. Karyn Norton, Assistant Executive Director for Escambia County Housing Finance Authority, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Escambia Program. Ms. Norton explained past difficulties in finding homebuyers and banking institutions in Walton County, however, they now have additional lenders and an increase in buyers as well. Ms. Norton explained their advertising strategies and also stated that there is now an increase in borrowers. First National Bank additionally purchased \$2 million for the

first time homebuyer and Okaloosa purchased \$300,000.00 in addition to other lending institutions joining the program. Ms. Norton explained that they are committed to a more rigorous advertising campaign to entice individuals to participate in their program. She further stated that more funds are becoming available through the program. They continue to provide the lowest interest rate and will continue to recycle funds for single-family housing.

Discussion was held regarding multi-family housing and Ms. Norton explained that the Escambia County Housing Authority would be willing to assist with that as well.

Ms. Shelia Blackerly, People's Bank, advised the Commissioners that she is opening a branch in Freeport and will be purchasing \$750,000.00 - \$1 million in housing bonds through the Escambia County Housing Program.

Ms. Jackie Malone spoke in favor of the program and recommended the Commissioners remain with the Escambia County Program.

Mrs. Millie Chapman, First Bank & Trust, DeFuniak Springs, stated that her bank participates in the program and is well pleased. She stated that they work hard to inform the people of this opportunity.

Ms. Norton stated that she would send brochures to be placed in all of the County employees paychecks.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt a resolution (00-55) authorizing Escambia County Housing Finance Authority to operate within the boundaries of Walton County for the purpose of financing mortgage loans.

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

Attorney Miller advised the Board that Lee County was notified of the public hearing today, however they do not have a representative present.

Mr. Jim Parish, Project Manager for the Small Counties Technical Assistance Program, appeared before the Board along with Mr. Bob McKee, Florida Association of Counties regarding a Revenue Analysis Report. Mr. Parish explained that the report offers available revenue options for future consideration. Mr. Parish stated that his firm assists with grant writing, Land Development Codes, and supervisory training at no cost to the county.

Mr. Parish requested the Commissioners submit a letter of support for the program because it is in danger of being cut.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul to submit a letter of support to the Legislative Delegation, the Governor, and the Comptroller asking that the program be allowed to remain active. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Chairman Butler called to order the second advertised public hearing to consider adoption of new language in the Land Development Code regarding wetlands. The newly revised language would allow development upon issuance of permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Corp of Engineers.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the adoption of an Ordinance (2000-27) amending the Stipulated Wetlands Settlement Agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Dana Matthews appeared before the Commissioners representing Mr. Thor Harstvedt, a licensed funeral home director. Attorney Matthews explained the proposed project and location, and requested a determination of suitability.

Mr. Harstvedt explained that he appeared before the Planning Commission and they granted a pre-determination of denial. He further explained that Mr. Rob Neale, Chairman of the Planning Commission, advised that the Planning Commission did not take official action. The project was not presented to the Commissioners as part of their recommendations. Mrs. Henninger, Planning Director, advised that this project was awaiting additional information and was scheduled to go back before the Planning Commission during tonight's meeting.

Ms. Williams advised Mr. Harstvedt to allow the project to go back to the Planning Commission and allow them to present their recommendation at the next Board meeting at which time the Commissioners can make a final decision.

Ms. Colleen Anderson, Court Reporter, updated the Commissioners on the purchase of her computer equipment, previously approved in the amount of \$10,000.00. Ms. Anderson presented the quotes to the Board, which totaled less than \$10,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to grant final approval for the purchase of computer equipment for the court reporter. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. John Snell, Design Systems of Ft. Walton Beach, appeared before the Board and displayed architectural drawings for the newly designed fire station at Mack Bayou and requested conceptual approval.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to grant conceptual approval of the Mack Bayou Fire Station drawings. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Joe Gordy, Cellular South, addressed the Commissioners and requested a determination of suitability for the location of five (5) tower sites. Mr. Gordy presented site maps and explained the size of each tower requested. The Commissioners took this item under advisement for further review.

Ms. Sharon Rogers of the Judge Ben Gordon Jr. Family Visitation Center, Okaloosa County, appeared before the Commissioners to request assistance with funds for a family visitation center. Ms. Rogers explained that the center is used as a visitation site or exchange site for parents who have been ordered visitation rights by the court system. The visits or exchanges between parents are monitored. Ms. Rogers requested \$6,000.00 and explained what the funds would be used for. Matching funds will also be applied for.

Commissioner Ryan advised the Board that a center is desperately needed in Walton County because these family exchanges are currently taking place in parking lots and restaurants and a proper environment is needed.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the request to fund \$6,000.00 for a Walton County Family Visitation Center upon Mr. Imfeld being able to locate the funds in the budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. Ms. Kassy Keyes will assist with lobbying for additional funds for the center.

Attorney Miller reported back to the Board on the information relating to the Harstvedt Funeral Home. Mr. Miller stated that Mrs. Henninger advised that the Planning Commission needs to first make a decision upon the development order and then she will make her final determination.

Mr. Charles Carlan, CarlanKilliam Architects, appeared before the Commissioners and presented a scope of changes relating to the South Walton Sheriff's Sub-station. Mr. Carlan answered questions from the Commissioners and stated that every change was presented to the Commissioners or discussed with staff before they proceeded.

Mr. Finley Skocdopole with CarlanKilliam, advised that the project has been sent out for bids, which will be opened on October 10, and further explained the reasons for design changes. Mr. Skocdopole explained that property locations, site locations and structural changes all took place. An additional invoice amount of \$28,391.25 was presented for the changes. Attorney Miller advised that the contract changes are in order.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the additional cost of \$28,291.25 for the Sheriff's Sub-station. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Skocdopole reviewed the site plans for the proposed Post Office in the Governmental/Education Center stating that it will be place near the south entrance. The next step will be for the Commissioners to agree upon the location and present an offer to the postal service for the purchase price of the land.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to proceed with a proposal to be presented to the postal service for this site contingent upon a reverter

clause being placed in the agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Skocdopole stated that he would be forwarding the wetlands permitting conservation easement and the Corp of Engineers standard form to Mr. Miller for review.

Mr. Skocdopole advised that the north bound right turn lane into the Sheriff's sub-station will have to be designed and constructed by the county as well as the cost to be paid by the county. His firm will design the striping plan for the south bound left turn lane and DOT will stripe it during their construction. Additional services have been provided amounting to \$23,200.00 at no additional cost to the county.

Mrs. Sue Anthony, Program Director for North American Family Institute (NAFI), appeared before the Commissioners to thank them for their support in lobbying for funds to construct a permanent facility. She advised that they received \$3.5 million and presented the Board member with plaques along with local legislators, Kassy Keyes, Mr. Bodiford and Ms. Ellen Mayfield.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Ms. Georgene Scott, Executive Director of the Private Industry Council (PIC), appeared before the Commissioners with a proposal for the Workfare Program. Ms. Scott explained the projects that PIC is involved with and their goals for placing people back in the work force. She explained that PIC is proposing to consolidate their services with the One Stop Service for Walton, Washington, and Holmes Counties. Ms. Scott stated that PIC has a record of success.

Ms. Barbara Jones, Okaloosa-Walton Community College (OWCC), presented an overview of OWCC's last four years of operating the Workfare Program and presented a

proposal for renewal of the contract. Ms. Jones gave statistics relating to their successes and the additional in-kind services they provide as part of the program.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to grant a contract renewal to Okaloosa-Walton Community College for the Workfare Program. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. Commissioner Paul abstained from voting due to his employment with the Okaloosa-Walton Community College.

Chairman Butler called to order the advertised public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendment designating or relocating density out of wetlands to the uplands.

Mrs. Lyn Stafford questioned the density of eight (8) units per acre and also asked who is sponsoring the amendment.

Attorney Miller stated that the underlying density is what transfers to the uplands and advised Mrs. Stafford that the County is requesting the change.

Attorney Lloyd Blue appeared before the Commissioners encouraging them to adopt the proposed changes to preserve the wetlands.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Ryan motioned to approve to the transmittal of the Comp Plan Amendment to the Department of Community Affairs. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to accept and approve the annual Health Department Report as submitted. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners agreed to review the names submitted for the Design Review Board and present the names of the candidates they select to Ms. Williams who will set up interviews.

Mr. Jonathan Rhodes presented Beach Lane at WaterColor final plat for recording. Attorney Miller advised that the plat is in order.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to approve Beach Lane at WaterColor final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Rhodes presented WaterColor Town Center Homes Building 4/Condominium final plat for recording. Attorney Miller advised that the plat is in order.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to approve WaterColor Town Center Homes Building 4/Condominium final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

There being no further business, Commissioner Infinger motioned to adjourn at 6:30 P.M., second by Commissioner Walker. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

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

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

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