

OCTOBER 10, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 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. Mr. George Ralph Miller, County Attorney, 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 (EAL) consisting of the following bills:

	FY 1999/2000	FY 2000/2001
General Fund	\$241,113.62	\$550,772.39
County Transportation Trust	126,616.15	-35.18
N. Walton Mosquito Control	721.83	
Walton-DeFuniak Library	7,221.23	2,989.70
Recreation Plat Fee	120.50	
Solid Waste	112,111.19	
Mossyhead VFD	1,207.14	
Glendale VFD	108.95	
Darlington VFD	2,056.08	534.33
Liberty VFD	3,536.02	
Red Bay VFD	100.41	
Tourist Development Council	84,595.20	
Section 8 Housing	427.71	
Capital Projects	51,585.12	
Local Option Gas Tax	25,102.44	
Residential Construction Mitigation Grant	5,000.00	
Fine & Forfeiture		1,129,186.66

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

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment to Florida Municipal Insurance Trust in the amount of \$37,300.00 for liability on vehicles and buildings. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (This is the first installment for FY 2000/2001).

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve final payment to North Florida Construction in the amount of \$17,469.00 for the Eastern Lake Restoration Project. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Mr. Jack Arthur, Preble-Rish Engineer, has signed off).

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment of an invoice to Ingram Signalization in the amount of \$19,240.06 for installation of mast arm poles at the intersection of Holiday Road and U.S. Highway 98. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (This is a Joint Participation Agreement with the Department of Transportation)

Mr. William Imfeld, Financial Director, submitted a request from the Landfill to purchase blank warning signs. Mr. Imfeld reported that two quotes were received for 200 blank warning signs, 30"x30": Vulcan Signs in the amount of \$3,386.00 and Municipal Supply Signs in the amount of \$3,700.00. Mr. Imfeld recommended that the Board purchase the signs from Vulcan Signs, low quote. The Board agreed to waive the bid procedure due to the above-mentioned sign companies being the only ones to submit quotes.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to waive the bid procedure and approve the purchase of 200, 30"x30" blank signs for \$3,386.00 from

Vulcan Signs (low quote). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Imfeld presented a Resolution to accept unanticipated revenue from the insurance company in the amount of \$15,597.10 for damage sustained to a finishing mower (BCC 2373), tractor (BCC 1587) and home trade trailer (BCC 2906).

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt Resolution (2000-59) accepting unanticipated revenue and expenditures for fiscal year 1999-2000. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (SEE Exhibit A)

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt Resolution (2000-60) accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) grant for Juniper Lake/Catt Island Parks project.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt Resolution (2000-61) to amend the budgets to roll forward budget revenues and expenditures for uncompleted grants and construction projects from fiscal year 1999-2000 into fiscal year 2000-2001. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (SEE Exhibit A-1)

Mr. Imfeld questioned the Board's decision in regards to the proposed Investment Policy he presented during the September 26, 2000, Regular Meeting. Mr. Imfeld remarked that it is a very conservative policy that meets statutory requirements and allows the Board flexibility. Mr. Imfeld stated that by reviewing the present Walton County Investment Policy and State Standards the proposed policy was developed.

Commissioner Butler arrived at 8:50 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul to adopt the revised Walton County Investment Policy. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Chief Ron Prokop, Darlington-Gaskin Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the Commissioners to request funding to complete an off road, pump and roll, wild land/structure fire attack unit with compressed air foam (CAFS) capability. Chief Prokop explained that the all wheel drive, turbo diesel, 2 ½ ton military surplus unit was purchased from the 1999/2000 budget and when completed, the unit will have the capability to attack both wild land and structure fires when needed. Chief Prokop submitted quotes of four different compressed air foam units and advised that Waterous Company (\$36,562.00) and W.S. Darley & Company (\$29,500.00) are the only two companies that build CAFS pumps.

Chief Prokop reported that Mr. Imfeld has reviewed the quotes received and the funding request and advised that the Darlington/Gaskin Volunteer Fire Department has adequate reserves to fund the request. Chief Prokop reported that the quote submitted by W.S. Darley & Company included the total funding for fabrication in the amount of \$8,400.00, emergency lighting \$1,100.00, pump slide in unit with air compressor \$29,500.00 for a total request of \$39,000.00 with annual payments set at \$4,000.00 for ten years.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the request of the Darlington/Gaskin Volunteer Fire Department and fund \$39,000.00 with annual payments of \$4,000.00 for ten years for completion of an off-road, pump and roll, wild land/structure fire attack unit with CAFS capability.

Suggestions were made to Chief Prokop to contact the Division of Forestry and the Timber Companies for assistance.

Vice-Chairman Infinger called for a vote. Ayes 4, Nayas 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, advised the Board that he has the video for the unnamed road off Foreman Road, which Mr. William T. Foreman, Jr., is scheduled to present at 8:05 p.m. tonight and introduced Mr. Randy Lingerfelt, Road Foreman, D4, for any questions the Board might have. Mr. Bell reported that District 4 has maintained the road under the guidelines stipulated in the private road grading policy. The Board had no questions.

Next, Mr. Bell informed the Commissioners that he met with Freeport Attorney Clayton Adkinson in regards to the 9:05 p.m. agenda item concerning the usage of Robinwood Drive. Mr. Bell advised that Robinwood Drive is located within the City limits of Freeport but is a county maintained road as a result of the interlocal agreement between Walton County and the City of Freeport. Ms. Williams reported that the concerns are in regards to the large trucks that will be using the road if the proposed Asphalt plant is established. Commissioner Ryan reported that these concerns were mentioned at the meeting held in Choctaw Beach.

Mr. Bell submitted a draft agreement pursuant to a request from the Macedonia Baptist Church to provide twelve truckloads of dirt to alleviate an erosion problem.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Butler to enter into an agreement with the Macedonia Baptist Church to provide twelve loads of dirt to prevent erosion. Ayes 5, Nayas 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul to approve advertisement for bids for paving of Flowers Drive (D3). Ayes 5, Nayas 0. Ryan Aye,

Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (The paving of this roadway will be paid from District 3 paving funds).

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to authorize Mr. Bell and Mr. Imfeld to obtain quotes for paving the approach to the temporary Bailey bridge on County Road 2A. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell informed the Board of the Attorney General's opinion regarding the request submitted by Walton Senior High School for the county to provide dirt for the soccer field (the Board approved contingent upon obtaining a favorable opinion from the Attorney General). Mr. Bell reported that the agreement stipulates that the soccer field will be available to the public when school is not in service.

Mr. Bell showed a video of Grove Road (D1) and advised that many residents living on Grove Road were in attendance. Mr. Bell stated that District 5 once maintained the road and the residents wished for the county to resume maintenance. Mr. Bell reported that the road has a fifty-foot right-of-way that decreases to the north to a twenty-foot right-of-way plus a ten-foot utility easement. Mr. Louie Spear and Mrs. Sarah McWaters reported that them and other residents residing on Grove Road has received notice from the U.S. Postal Service that the mail service may be discontinued unless improvements are made. Mr. Bell also informed the Board of the difficulty faced by the trash service and other delivery services that travel Grove Road and reported that most of the residents are senior citizens whom have medical problems and may require the service of an ambulance or first-responder units to assist the patient.

Motion by Commissioner Butler to accept Grove Road for maintenance based on Mr. Bell advising that the county previously maintained the road, second by Commissioner Paul.

Vice Chairman Infinger questioned the audience if in the future the road could be paved, would they be interested in giving additional land to have a fifty-foot right-of-way, those in attendance stated that there would be no problem with supplying additional land.

Vice-Chairman Infinger called for a vote. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell reported that he, Commissioner Butler, Attorney Miller and Mr. Ken Griffin of the United States Postal Service met to discuss the possibility of a U.S. Post Office being located on approximately three acres of land at the South Walton Government Educational Center and recommended \$1,200.00 per year lease for twenty years with two 5-year options. Mr. Bell informed the Board that there are two options that they may consider, one is to enlist contractual service with a private entity to construct the Post Office or, secondly, the County constructs the facility to County specifications and lease the property to the U.S. Postal Service with a twenty-year lease with two 5-year options and a reverter clause. Mr. Bell advised that a ground lease needs to be submitted. Concerns regarding the terms and contingencies of the agreement were discussed and Attorney Miller advised that the terms could be specified in the agreement once the Resolution is approved.

Motion by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Paul to approve a ground lease by adoption of Resolution (2000-57) with the U.S. Postal Service at a cost of \$1,200.00 per year for a period of twenty years plus two five year options. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell informed the Board of the tower site located at the Governmental Education Center and reported that the three acres appraised at \$108,000.00. Mr. Bell stated that due to federal law, the property would have to be traded and remarked that Mr.

Garieth Pelham, Programs Division Chief, Growth & Development Team, viewed the property located at the spray field as a possible relocation site.

Mr. Bell introduced Mr. Paul Trimble, CarlanKillam Consulting Group, Inc., to update the Board on the Amendment to Architectural/Engineering Services Contract for the South Walton Governmental Education Center (SWGEC). Mr. Trimble explained the preliminary estimates of the construction cost for Phase I (south side) based upon the conceptual master plan at an estimated cost of \$785,000.00, including contingencies and the estimated construction cost for development of the adjacent forty-acre site (J.D. Miller Road) at an estimated cost of \$175,000.00, including contingencies.

Commissioner Walker expressed concerns regarding the changes that have been made to the master plan and requested that the Board consider adopting the master plan to prevent continuing changes until they are presented to the Board. Mr. Bell responded by stating that the County needs to make a determination in regards to what facilities are going to be located and where they are going to be located within the SWGEC.

Motion by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve an amendment to the Master Plan contract for Phase I and the connector road to J.D. Miller Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Vice-Chairman Infinger questioned Mr. Bell of the plans for J.D. Miller Road, Mr. Bell answered by stating that J.D. Miller Road is being considered for paving.

Mr. Bell requested the Board to allow him an opportunity to clarify a statement that he was reported to have made regarding the Public Work Foreman's position. Mr. Bell informed the Commissioners that he spoke with Dr. Herb Marlowe, Analytica, and Dr. Marlowe stated that if he made the statement, he (Dr. Marlowe) was in error. Mr. Bell advised the Commissioners that all foreman's, regardless of their titles, are just as important and stated that his recommendation was that all foreman's stay the same grade.

Commissioner Ryan remarked that when the County enlisted the services of Analytica, every employee would have a specific job description and their pay scale would be adjusted accordingly. Commissioner Ryan stated that this has not happened and the proposal cannot be justified and made a motion to amend the pay plan adopted October 3, 2000. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Walker suggested that further studies need to be performed to re-title or re-classify those employees with pay scale and/or grades that are not in line with Analytica's study.

Concerning the South Walton Community Center, Mr. Bell informed the Board that the building is in need of repairs. The Board instructed Ms. Williams to have Mr. Charles McMillian, Courthouse Maintenance, investigate into the repairs and submit a cost for repairs.

Captain Tom Pagels, Emergency Operations Center Director, appeared before the Board to update them on the available Hazard Mitigation Program Grants with restrictions to windblown type damages and stated that some buildings in South Walton, such as the Emergency Services building and all infrastructure buildings that are used in the event they are used in recovery efforts need shutters.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Paul to authorize the Emergency Operations Center to apply for Hazard Mitigation Program grants for shutters. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Captain Pagels informed the Commissioners that the contract for services supplied by the United States Department of Interiors/U.S. Geological Survey Group for the satellite meter reading at Ebro is up for renewal at an annual cost of \$6,000.00. Captain Pagels reported that the federal government is discontinuing the Shoal River maintenance and requested that Okaloosa and Walton County participate in the annual

\$6,000.00 cost. Captain Pagels stated that the meter reader is placed on the Shoal River Bridge located on County Highway 1087 and advised that Mr. George Collins, Okaloosa County Emergency Director, agreed to incur one-half (\$3,000.00) of the cost to continue the reading on the Shoal River Bridge.

Captain Pagels requested that the Commissioners assist with maintaining the meter at Shoal River and continue maintaining the one at Ebro, at a cost of \$9,000.00. The Board questioned Captain Pagels if these monies were included in the 2000/2001 budgets, Ms. Williams stated that the \$6,000.00 was an annual contract and advised that Mr. Imfeld was researching to verify this.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve entering into a contract with the United States Department of Interior in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the meter reading located on Shoal River Bridge and contingent upon Mr. Imfeld's findings, \$6,000.00 for the meter reading at Ebro. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Captain Pagels updated the Board on the Regional Distribution Center stating that construction for the two 25,000 square foot warehouse buildings for the County departments to utilize for space, inventory and storage to be located on South Davis Lane will begin shortly.

Captain Pagels informed the Board that for the last 3 1/2 weeks that the 911 system has went online with a digital link (site to site) for the north and south data linking lines and have experienced no down time, has increased the speed for response. Captain Pagels reported the problems experienced with Sprint with the lines being cut therefore, causing down time with the 911 system.

Commissioner Ryan questioned Captain Pagels of the negotiation with CSX in regards to installing the spur. Captain Pagels remarked the site plan has been cornered

off at the entire Northeast corner and that a lane across the gully can be installed and the spur will be located at the back-side of the property for off loading. Captain Pagels also reported that the regional Emergency Directors are in support of the program and are working on a schedule as to how the supplies will be transported and redistributed thereby enabling the EOC to have control of the distribution for those in need.

Motion by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Walker to adopt Resolution (2000-62) declaring November 2000 as “National Epilepsy Awareness Month”. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

County Staff Attorney Jonathan Walker submitted a letter of request from Mr. Albert T. Milton, President, Milton Insurance Agency, who is the Regional Agent for the County’s new Worker’s Compensation carrier, FCCI. Mr. Milton requests that Ms. Betty Hunt become again the County’s Worker’s Compensation Coordinator.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Butler based on Ms. Williams’ recommendation to transfer the Worker’s Compensation duties from the Human Resource Department to Ms. Betty Hunt, Administration.

Commissioner Walker asked what additional responsibilities would this create to Ms. Hunt’s present duties, Ms. Williams remarked that Ms. Hunt currently handles all liability claims through FACT and is the most experienced county employee in Administration to handle this task.

Vice-Chairman Infinger called for a vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Naye. (Commissioner Paul’s naye vote was due to him not knowing Ms. Hunt’s feelings toward this action. Ms. Williams and Attorney Walker stated that Ms. Hunt agreed to the additional responsibilities).

Attorney Walker requested the Board’s guidance on the status of the 200 acres ostensibly owned by the local Creek Indian tribe informing the Commissioners that the

only document found in the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners file was for thirteen acres conveyed in 1989. In regards to the February 22, 2000, Regular Meeting, no evidence has been found in the Clerk's records that the Creek Indian identified any acreage for leasing since February.

The Board instructed Attorney Walker to work with Attorney Miller and Ms. Kathi Deaver, Abstractor/Examiner, to research into this claim.

Attorney Walker submitted an executed copy of the Library contract prepared by Mr. Dan Owens, Library Director and himself and recommended that the Board approve the contract.

Attorney Miller questioned page two, item 6 regarding "real property" and who determines what items belong to the City of DeFuniak Springs or the County. Mr. Owens advised that his proposal was to meet with the DeFuniak Springs City Council and the Library Board to determine what property and equipment is owned by the County and the City.

The Board suggested that Mr. Owens and Attorney Miller work with the City in order to clearly define the inventory and submit the contract back for review.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Butler to adopt Resolution (2000-58) and approve the Chairman's signature as support for funding an archaeological site and historic structure survey with the Choctawhatchee Water Management Area on the upper Choctawhatchee River basin. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Attorney Walker presented a request from Ms. Sherry Martin, Visit Florida, Inc, Rural Development Manager, to appoint a contact person in Walton County to develop tourism in rural areas of Walton County. The Board instructed Ms. Williams to designate the appointment and report to the Board whom she appoints.

Ms. Williams submitted an amendment to the Workfare Agreement with Okaloosa-Walton Community College requesting that the contract term be renewed for a period of two years instead of one.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Butler to leave the one-year term limit on the Workfare Agreement with Okaloosa-Walton Community College (OWCC). Ayes 3, Nays 0. Ryan Naye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. (Commissioner Paul abstained from voting due to his employment with OWCC).

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Butler to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Workfare Contract with the Okaloosa-Walton Community College. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Ryan Naye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. (Commissioner Paul abstained from voting due to his employment with OWCC).

Ms. Williams requested the Board to consider deleting the minimum forty-eight (48) hours of leave time required to join the sick leave pool, during the open enrollment period this month, and donate eight hours. Ms. Williams stated that this request is as a result of employees wishing to donate hours from their personal sick leave to another employee (Mr. Larry Redmon).

Commissioner Walker questioned Ms. Williams if this was an appropriate and fair to those who were required to have the minimum of forty-eight hours in order to join. Ms. Williams stated that she felt this would benefit those employees that do not have the required number of hours to join during open enrollment (October 2000). Ms. Williams advised that if an employee does not have the required eight hours to contribute during open enrollment, the hours would be taken as they are earned until the 8-hour requirement is met.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Butler to amend the Personnel Policy and waive the minimum of forty-eight hours required to join the Sick

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

Ms. Williams submitted a request from Mr. Imfeld to streamline the courier positions in Central Purchasing. Mr. Imfeld reported that currently the one courier services all County Offices and Departments and the other courier services those same departments and offices for materials and supplies. Mr. Imfeld stated that he would like to combine the two functions and have one courier service both mail and materials for the Northern part of the County, while the other courier does likewise for the Southern part of the County, thereby, eliminating duplication and provide more efficient service to each of the offices and departments. Mr. Imfeld advised that the position of Courier-Mail is \$6.80 per hour and the position of Courier-Material is at \$7.20 per hour, therefore, the Courier-Mail position would increase by forty cents per hour. The Board took no action.

Commissioner Butler stepped out.

Ms. Williams requested the Board's consideration in modifying the lettering size on signs to be posted on property for major developments/variance request /Future Land Use Map Amendments. Ms. Williams reported that the current requirements would not fit on a 3-foot by 3-foot sign.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve decreasing the lettering size for signs to be posted on property that is the subject to a development or zoning change. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the amount of \$10,997.22 for the County's fire control assessment. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Butler returned.

Ms. Williams presented a request from the Clerk's Office to surplus the following items:

CC#341.....(1) IBM Line Printer \$5,720.00
CC#392.....(1) Monitor \$?
CC#439.....(1) IBM PC & Monitor \$?
CC#440.....(1) Kodak ImageLink/Scanner \$85,900.00
CC#455.....(1) DeskJet 320 Printer \$?
CC#483.....(1) Computer \$?
CC#554.....(1) Dell PC \$2,144.00
NO CC#(2) IBM Token Rings \$?
“ “(1) Mustek Scanner 12000SP
Serial #AN6106426 \$?
“ “.....(1) IBM P50 Monitor (Tax Collector) \$?
“ “.....(1) Epson LX810 Printer \$?
“ “.....(1) #44 IBM Typewriter \$?
(TOTAL VALUE OF LISTED EQUIPMENT: \$93,764.00)

Ms. Williams advised the Board that some of the equipment is inoperable and stated that Mr. Imfeld requests that the Clerk's staff advise him of what items do not work so they may be disposed of at the Landfill and the units that are operable will be offered to other departments, schools, fire departments and other organizations.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to accept the surplus items as listed above and the Clerk's staff to advise Central Purchasing of operable and inoperable items. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams advised the Board that she had received several resumes from Progress Employment for the position of Human Resource Director and reported that she plans to start the interview process by October 19, 2000 with a target date of November 20, 2000, as a start date.

Commissioner Ryan commented on the success Administration had in choosing a Financial Director through an Interview Committee and suggested that the same

procedure be used to employ a Human Resource Director. Commissioner Walker responded by stating that Ms. Williams has the authority to appoint a committee to proceed expediently with interviewing a Human Resource Director. The Board took no action.

Ms Williams requested the Board's approval to participate in the Workforce Investment Act Youth (WIA) Program and allow a student from Walton High School to work in the Planning Department after school. The salary is paid entirely by the program. Ms. Williams reported that the Planning Department requests approval to begin utilizing Ms. Shayna Oliva as soon as possible. The Board instructed Ms. Williams that as part of her duties as Administrative Supervisor, she could approve the part-time worker for the WIA program. The Board took no action.

Ms. Williams reported that after the Board adopted the pay grade plan October 3, 2000; she discovered that there was some fine-tuning required before entering it into the payroll data. Ms. Williams requested authority to move some of the positions either up or down, one pay grade, and to add the positions that were left off.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Butler to allow Ms. Williams to make adjustments to the pay grade plan before it is entered into the payroll system. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Butler questioned the Health Department report on AIDS and Ms. Williams stated that the number reported by the Health Department was not AIDS cases but screenings that have been conducted.

Ms. Meg Stevenson, Editor, DeFuniak Herald & Beach Breeze, requested the Board to clarify if the County Policy prohibits a county employee from speaking with the Press and asked if the County has a Policy.

Ms. Stevenson reported that she discussed this issue with the First Amendment Foundation and they stated that there is no state law prohibiting County employees from speaking with the Press and remarked that in speaking with a Media Attorney, public employees are allowed to speak with the Press. The Board requested Ms. Stevenson to provide the information she obtained to Attorney Miller for his recommendation.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to recess until 5:00 p.m. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Board reconvened at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Butler Elementary School.

Chairman Butler called the public hearing to order to consider the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Mr. Mike D'Autilia, Planning Commission Board Member, presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Centex Homes-Model Center Complex subject to the Planning Department Technical Review – landscaping and the Scenic Corridor-survey, landscaping, irrigation and sign information. Centex Homes is proposing 5,000 square feet of office and five model home showplaces on 2.3 acres zoned Coastal Center. The proposed site is located on the north side of U.S. Highway 98, approximately 330 feet west of Holiday Road.

Chairman Butler called for public response. Ms. Robin Gaskin, with Choctaw Engineering and Agent for Centex Homes advised that the irrigation was installed.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve Centex Homes-Model Center Complex. The motion and second to approve are subject to the Planning Department Technical Review – Landscaping and Scenic Corridor- survey, landscaping, irrigation

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

Mr. D'Autilia submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Tullis Commercial Project contingent upon the Planning Department Technical Review-variance required for less than twenty foot buffer on the south property line (100 feet) and FDEP Stormwater Permit. Mr. Robert Tullis is proposing 2,252 square feet of retail and 2,252 square feet of general office space on .357 acres zoned Village Mixed Use. The project is located approximately 1.5 miles east of the CO 395/30A intersection on the south side of CR 30A.

Chairman Butler called for public input. No one voiced opposition.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commissioner and approve the Tullis Commercial Project subject to the Planning Department Technical Review-variance required for less than twenty foot buffer on the south property line (100 feet) and FDEP Stormwater Permit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. D'Autilia reported the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the proposal submitted by Hibiscus Coffee and Guest House. The site proposed for a 5,500 square foot bed and breakfast with retail on .52 acres zoned Residential Preservation Area is located in Grayton Beach, south of CR 30A on the east side of CR 282. The proposal is contingent upon FDEP Stormwater and Wastewater Permits.

Chairman Butler called for comments. No one from the audience voiced any comments.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve Hibiscus Coffee and Guest House

subject to FDEP Stormwater and Wastewater Permits. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. D'Autilia presented the proposal of Pintail Development Corporation for the Village of Blue Mountain Beach/Commercial Tracts 1&2. Pintail is proposing a 10,000 square foot two story restaurant on parcel 1 consisting of .71 acres and a 7,500 square foot two story real estate office on Parcel 2 that is .75 acres. The site is located on the east side of CR 30A, north of Blue Gulf Resort. The recommendation of the Planning Commission is to approve subject to the Planning Department Technical Review of the survey and elevations and FDEP Stormwater and Wastewater Permits.

Chairman Butler called for comments. Attorney Miller questioned Mr. Jack Rhodes if this development was part of the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Rhodes answered "yes". Attorney Miller remarked that all the native vegetation was gone; whereas, Mr. Rhodes remarked that per the letter he received from Mr. Jack Arthur, Engineer, Preble-Rish, there were no DEP or vegetation codes on this site and they were in compliance with the drainage, clearing and grading of the site. Attorney Miller requested to see a copy of the letter submitted by Mr. Arthur. The Board deferred action until Attorney Miller's review of the letter.

Mr. D'Autilia presented the Planning Commission's recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners create a resolution directed to the Bed Tax Collectors, via the Tourist Development Council, to notify renters of the number of available parking spaces and to restrict off site parking and parking in the right-of-way.

Chairman Butler called for comments. The Board suggested that Attorney Miller and Ms. Williams work together in preparing the resolution and submit draft to the Board for review.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to adopt a resolution, prepared by Attorney Miller and Ms. Williams, to notify renters of the number of available parking spaces and to restrict off site parking and parking in the right-of-way. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Rhodes presented Attorney Miller with the letter from Mr. Arthur. Attorney Miller advised that he did not understand the intent of the letter regarding the vegetation. Attorney Miller asked Mr. Rhodes if his client would agree to replace the landscaping, via a Developer's Agreement, if it was discovered that they were in violation; Mr. Rhodes responded that he would have to confer with his client.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve Village of Blue Mountain Beach/Commercial Tracts 1&2, subject to the Planning Department Technical Review of the survey, elevations, FDEP Stormwater and Wastewater Permits and contingent upon a Developer's Agreement prepared by Attorney Miller, Ms. Williams and Mr. Jack Arthur. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Paul introduced Freeport Mayor, Mickey Marse, who requested the Board's permission to buy the Choctaw Beach Water System and Villa Tasso Water System, as-is. Mayor Marse also requested that the Board consider allowing him to establish State Highway 20 from the Okaloosa County line to Freeport as the franchise area. Attorney Miller advised that a public hearing should be conducted to consider these two requests.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to schedule a public hearing to consider the requests of Mayor Marse.

Mr. Ed Bradley, a resident of Choctaw Beach, informed the Commissioners that a Community meeting was being held tonight concerning the requests. Other members of

the audience requested that the public hearing be held in Choctaw Beach and place an advertisement in the Daily News.

Commissioner Paul amended his motion to schedule the public hearing at the Choctaw Beach Community Center, on Monday, November 27, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams advised that she would contact Freeport City Attorney, Clayton Adkinson of the meeting and Attorney Miller requested Mayor Marse to instruct Attorney Adkinson to proceed with a notice of public hearing and prepare a draft ordinance for the public to pick up and review prior to the public hearing stipulating the specific areas to be effected by the requests.

Commissioner Paul next introduced Mr. Tom Powell, representing the Walton County Economic Development Council (EDC) to discuss and answer any questions concerning participation in a proposed regional marketing effort to promote Northwest Florida.

Mr. Powell requested the Board's consideration in supporting Florida's Great Northwest, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.00. Mr. Powell advised that the first meeting will address issues of location and stated that he would propose a locale near the I-10 exit (Industrial Park). Commissioner Paul remarked that this is an opportunity if the Board wishes to support the EDC and have a position on the Board of Directors.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to fund \$10,000.00 in support of Florida's Great Northwest, Inc.

Discussion concerning the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) member needs to also represent the EDC Board and Attorney Miller to review the documentation.

Commissioner Paul clarified his motion: fund \$10,000.00 in support of Florida's Great Northwest, Inc., and the Board of County Commissioners designate a person to the

EDC Board as a representative of EDC and BCC, second by Commissioner Ryan. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

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

Commissioner Infinger advised the Commissioners that a Playground Surfacing Grant through the Department of Environmental Protection is available on used tires for the Wee Care Children's Park with a matching county grant in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to apply for the Playground Surfacing Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Wee Care Children's Park. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Ryan scheduled on the agenda did not present any items for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the minutes of September 25, 2000-Public Hearing; September 26, 2000-Regular Meeting; October 2, 2000-Public Hearing, and October 3, 2000-Special Meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Vincent Labit and Mr. Neal Nugin scheduled on the agenda was not present.

Ms. Williams reported that the contract with the Department of Community Affairs for paving Perkins Road was ready for the Chairman's signature.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Perkins Road contract with the Department of Community Affairs. (Attorney Miller requested the Board to review the contract thoroughly).

Mr. Joe Gordy, Cellular South, appeared before the Commissioners requesting a preliminary conceptual approval to make application to the Planning Commission for five potential commercial tower sites.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to approve Cellular South to proceed with the application process with the Planning Commission to secure the five potential commercial tower sites. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Paula Riggs appeared on behalf of her father, Mr. Earl Day, and other property owners in Seagrove, in regards to abandonment of Poe Avenue (D1). Attorney Miller interrupted Ms. Riggs to inform her that a public hearing has been scheduled on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, at 5:05 p.m. and stated that it would be inappropriate to discuss this matter at this time. Ms. Riggs informed the Commissioners that she will not be able to attend the November 14th meeting but will submit her statement in writing. The Board deferred discussion until November 14, 2000.

The Board recessed briefly at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Ms. Marte Hoffman, representing the Freeport Youth Buccaneer Football Program, appeared before the Commissioners requesting assistance to support the Pee Wee football team and supplied a cost breakdown to uniform approximately 120 players in the amount of \$7,131.43. Ms. Hoffman apologized to the Board regarding not appearing to submit a request during the budget workshops stating that this was their first year and she was not aware of the budget process.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to contribute \$2,500.00 to the Freeport Youth Buccaneer Football Program. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. (The Board reminded Ms.

Hoffman to present any request during the budget workshops and Ms. Williams advised Ms. Hoffman that she would contact her).

Ms. Hoffman thanked the Commissioners and advised them that she would supply them with a schedule of the games.

Chairman Butler requested Ms. Shari Judkins to approach the podium and present her items for discussion.

Attorney Miller questioned Ms. Judkins as to which topic she was going to discuss first; Mr. Mike Judkins remarked that it would be the “boat” one. Attorney Miller informed Mr. & Mrs. Judkins that in speaking with the property owners directly affected by Treasure Island (Mr. Gurr and Mr. Whitfield) that they were satisfied with and willing to wait on the settlement agreement and stated that he did not feel it was appropriate for the County to consider the issue at hand until the proposed agreement is presented.

Mr. Judkins requested that the Board rescind their vote and stated that the Commissioners do not understand and know all the inconsistencies between the Planning Department and Administration concerning the guidelines as stipulated in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code and requested the Board to review the Complaint.

Attorney Miller informed the Board that the litigation between S & S Materials, Inc. vs. Walton County has been turned over to Council in Tallahassee (representing the carrier) and reported that they have received an extension and plans to file a motion to dismiss the complaint. Attorney Miller updated the Board on the South Walton Sheriff's Annex reporting that the information requested by the Department of Environmental Protection has been compiled and faxed and are awaiting the Deed.

Mr. Bill Bard, Complainant, read a letter into record requesting the Board to rescind their September 12, 2000 vote regarding Treasure Island Marina-Destin Sea Ray.

Mrs. Judkins appeared to present her second scheduled agenda item. Ms. Judkins reported that the Perry Wooten building located on Holiday Road was not grand fathered in. Attorney Miller reminded Mrs. Judkins that per the meeting they had Friday, October 6, 2000, they had agreed to meet Mrs. Latilda Henninger to discuss this concern, but due to Mrs. Henninger being sick they were not able to meet. Mrs. Judkins stated she would wait for Attorney Miller's legal opinion.

Chairman Butler called for Mr. Vincent Labit, Mr. William T. Foreman, Jr., and Ms. Marsha Wilson, all scheduled on the agenda; they were not present.

Ms. Susan Paladini read Attachment C into record. Ms. Paladini reported her objections to the number of inconsistencies regarding the proposed New Town EAR Amendment and the Settlement Agreement dated May 25, 1999. Attorney Miller requested the Board's consideration to take this subject matter under advisement with Mr. David Guest, representing Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund.

Secondly, Ms. Paladini requested that the Board consider the safety of the children and install a turn lane or traffic light at Chat Holley Road.

Chairman Butler questioned if there was anyone in the audience scheduled to appear. Chairman Butler called for Mr. Foreman; he was not present.

Mr. & Mrs. Blane Odom along with Ms. Lois Bailey approached the podium to discuss Treasure Island Marina. Attorney Miller again responded by advising that a Settlement Agreement is being proposed and will be available for distribution within a week and hopefully, satisfactory to all involved.

Mrs. Odom complained that they were not contacted in sufficient time to appear at the meeting with Treasure Island and affected property owners and requested that the meeting be scheduled when everyone could attend and suggested 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Bailey requested the Commissioners to reconsider their vote. Commissioner Paul informed Ms. Bailey that he has tried, unsuccessfully, to get a noise ordinance passed during his term in office. Ms. Bailey thanked Commissioner Paul for his comment.

Attorney Miller expressed his sentiments to those in attendance regarding the Settlement Agreement stating that he felt the agreement would be acceptable to all concerned and requested them to wait until the Settlement Agreement is presented.

Chairman Butler called again for Mr. Foreman; he was not present.

The Board requested Mrs. Skipper to attempt to contact Mr. Foreman and Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Paladini requested that the South Walton New Town Center Settlement Agreement be submitted to DCA; whereas, Attorney Miller advised that the Settlement Agreement has been sent to DCA.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:35 p.m. and Commissioner Walker left the meeting.

Due to no one present scheduled on the agenda, Chairman Butler advised to close the Regular Meeting and a motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Paul Aye.

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

ATTEST: _____
Dan Bodiford, Clerk