

OCTOBER 24, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 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 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 Infinger.

Mr. Dan Bodiford, Clerk of Court, appeared before the Commissioners to report that October 31, 2000, is the statutory time that the books must close for the fiscal year. Mr. Bodiford advised that the Clerk's Office and the Property Appraiser's Office has closed their books and returned the excess fees. Mr. Bodiford stated that the Clerk's Office is waiting for the other constitutional offices to return any excess fees, budget transfers to be completed and Mr. Hilton Galloway, Auditor, to provide information in regards to the long-term Debt Group and Section 8. Mr. Bodiford reported that once all this is received the Board's books could be closed. Mr. Bodiford reported that the Clerk's Office has returned \$606,243.88 to the Board for excess fees and operational savings from the prior year.

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

General Fund	\$704,526.54
County Transportation Trust	90,218.64
N. Walton Mosquito Control	110.23
Walton-DeFuniak Library	2,775.69
Solid Waste	17,918.75
Darlington VFD	15.95
Liberty VFD	59.13
Red Bay VFD	556.83
Tourist Development Council	104,378.53
Section 8 Housing	18,387.53
Multi-Purpose Trust Fund	27.50
Mosquito Control State	90.00

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

Commissioner Butler presented an invoice from the Department of Interior in the amount of \$5,000 for expenses incurred under the Joint Funding Agreement dated October 1, 1999 for water resource investigation of the Choctawhatchee River near Bruce. The Board requested Ms. Shirl Williams, Administrative Supervisor, to investigate into this matter and see if an agreement has been executed.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board requesting the Board's approval of final payment to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$14,999.99 for the six inch concrete sidewalks along the bike path on CR30A from Seaside to CR 395. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to accept Mr. Bell's recommendation and approve final payment to Koch Pavement Solutions in the amount of \$116,424.89 for paving of East Point Washington Road (D1). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker arrived.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to approve payment to Florida Highway Products in the amount of \$126,197.14 for paving of CR 147 (D2). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve payment of an invoice to APAC in the amount of \$19,660.92 for the paving of Raley Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (Payment to be paid from D3 paving funds).

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to approve payment of an invoice to APAC in the amount of \$58,870.04 for the paving of East Yorkey Road (D2). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Walker commended the work crew involved with preparing the road stating that he had received numerous compliments regarding the improved condition of East Yorkey Road.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the purchase of 100 rolls of bonterra seed from ACF Environmental Service in the amount of \$4,700.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the request presented by the Tourist Development Council to purchase a computerized multi media system (Eco-Cultural Tourism Program) from JIL Computer Solutions in the amount of \$4,898.60. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve a request from the Red Bay Volunteer Fire Department to purchase various fire supplies

from Elite Fire & Safety in the amount of \$3,774.45. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell updated the Board on the meeting he, Attorney Miller and Mr. Michael Bomar, Hartman & Associates, Inc., had with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) concerning the Landfill contamination. Mr. Bell advised the Commissioners that October 31, 2000, is the deadline date to submit proposals to the DEP for resolving the contamination issue. Mr. Bell submitted a price sheet identifying the Remedial Action Installation projected cost that includes the aeration pond, aeration boxes, Hartman & Associates (HAI) alternative and FDEP/HAI hybrid.

Mr. Bell reported that the installation of six wells and operation with the aeration pond for twenty years would cost \$991,505.00. Mr. Bell stated that the DEP was in approval of this plan. Mr. Bell explained the projected cost of \$1,009,355.00 to install aeration boxes that are easier to maintain than the aeration ponds. Mr. Bell remarked that DEP does not oppose the aeration boxes to resolve the landfill cleanup.

Mr. Bell introduced Mr. Michael Bomar to explain the HAI Alternative. Mr. Bomar reported that the alternative solution was to install additional ponds to create additional waterfalls to assist in the aeration process before reaching Sandy Creek for an estimated cost of \$560,360.00. Mr. Bomar remarked that the alternative method would benefit the County by saving the County money due to the lack of maintenance and operation cost and reported that the DEP was not in favor of the alternative plan.

Mr. Bell described the FDEP/HAI Hybrid process in the amount of \$824,710.00 reporting that the six wells located along the property line with small ponds would have a recharge trench that would discharge the water and dissipate down into the groundwater.

Attorney Miller remarked that the DEP concerns is the fact that two years have lapsed and the contamination problem still exists and stated that he felt that if the Board elected to consider the HAI Alternative proposal, that possibly the DEP would approve the proposal.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to accept Attorney Miller's recommendation and approve the HAI Alternative Proposal in the amount of \$560,360.00.

Commissioner Walker stated that he was uncomfortable with the two-week time limit and the price involved with resolving the contamination stating that he would like an opportunity to attend the meeting with Attorney Miller, Mr. Bell, Hartman & Associates and the Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee to discuss this matter in depth.

Attorney Miller asked the Board if they would like him to attempt to contact the DEP and get an extension. The Board deferred voting until Attorney Miller returns.

Attorney Miller, Mr. Bell and Mr. Bomar stepped out.

Ms. Shirl Williams presented a copy of the contract for the purchase of the Warren Building for the Board's perusal. Ms. Williams advised that she would provide a copy of the contract for Attorney Miller's review and request him to begin the preliminary closing work. Ms. Williams advised that she would contact Mr. Larry Laird, Assistant City Manager & Building Official in regards to the Special Use Permit and asked the Board if they wished for her to file for the Special Use Permit instead of the Zoning Change. Ms. Williams stated that she would meet with Mr. Imfeld to establish an account and a budget amendment to cover the \$180,000.00 purchase price, \$5,000.00 estimated closing costs and \$10,000.00 for renovations.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to establish an account in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase, closing costs and renovations for the Warren Building. Any proceeds remaining after the closing shall be returned to the General Funds. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Naye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Commissioner Butler remarked that the contract stipulated that the buyer would pay the cost for the Title Insurance. Commissioner Walker stated that the seller should bear the cost for the Title Insurance. Commissioner Paul questioned the “special variance” and the “Special Use Permit”, Ms. Williams remarked that the “Special use Permit” would speed up the process but stated it is necessary to have the correct zoning. Ms. Williams reported that she would meet with Attorney Miller, Mr. Laird and Mrs. Janie Lindsey, Broker/Realtor, Lake DeFuniak Realty, to revise the contract.

Ms. Williams submitted a draft Ordinance for the Board’s consideration that provides regulations for small home vending operations. Ms. Williams explained that the current regulations prevent rural residents from utilizing this type business to supplement income. Ms. Williams stated that after the Board reviewed and submitted their comments, she would request a public hearing.

Ms. Williams then presented a draft Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forestry Service to initiate the Mossy Head/Liberty County property exchange and commented that Mr. Jim McFarland, Conservation Real Estate Group, has reviewed and approved the agreement. Ms. Williams requested that the Board approve the Chairman’s signature on the Contract subject to Attorney Miller’s review.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Chairman’s signature on the contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest

Service for the Mossy Head/Liberty County property exchange subject to Attorney Miller's review. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams submitted a request from the Clerk's Office to surplus the following non-operable items:

CC#	Description
439	IBM Monitor and PC
554	IBM Computer
455	Hewlett Packard Deskjet 320 Printer
464	IBM PC Monitor
478	Kyocera Printer
519	IBM 300 GL PC
309	Wheelwriter III

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the surplus items as listed above upon inspection to determine if they have any value.

Mr. Imfeld requested the Board's permission to allow the County an opportunity to gain some monetary value for the above equipment by offering the merchandise to scrap dealers.

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

Attorney Jonathan Walker appeared before the Commissioners with a draft Mosquito Control Agreement between the City of DeFuniak Springs and Walton County. Attorney Walker recited that the City shall pay the County the sum of \$875.00 per month for each month for the control of mosquitoes (total of \$10,500.00 annually).

Commissioner Paul remarked that residents of the City need to be aware that the spraying shall be conducted as needed and not on a regular basis or call-in basis.

The Board requested that Attorney Walker meet with Mr. Tommy Stephens, Mosquito Control, and the City of DeFuniak, to explain and discuss these concerns and create an addendum to the Contract.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to enter into a Mosquito Control Agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs subject to adding the criteria regarding spraying being conducted as needed.

Attorney Walker suggested that he schedule a meeting with Mr. Stephens and the City to discuss these issues and present an addendum to the contract stipulating the criteria.

Commissioner Paul and Commissioner Infinger withdrew the motion and second.

The Board took a brief recess at 9:40 A.M. and reconvened at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Bell appeared before the Commissioners to report that the Department of Environmental Protection has granted a reprieve until November 14, 2000 when the Board will meet again in session to consider selecting which proposal to resolve the Landfill contamination.

Commissioner Infinger withdrew his motion. Commissioner Ryan withdrew his second.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul to approve authorization for Commissioner Walker to represent the Board of County Commissioners and attend the meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the Landfill Remediation Action. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented an agreement with Olney Restaurant Supply concerning the paving of Hatchew Road (off South Holiday Road) (D5). Mr. Bell recited the terms of the agreement stating that the County will provide the engineering plans for paving

approximately 600 feet of Hatchew Road and Olney will pay for the paving cost and enter into a Developer's Agreement with the County. Attorney Miller questioned Mr. Bell if the paving cost could be collected up front and if not, to stipulate in the contract for the paving cost to be received up front.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the Olney Restaurant Agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell submitted letters of concern from residents regarding the hazardous intersection at U.S. Highway 98 and South Shore Drive (Bayside Community) requesting assistance in resolving this treacherous intersection by placing a traffic light at the intersection. Mr. Bell requested that the Board adopt a Resolution asking the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to review this intersection and conduct a traffic study.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to adopt Resolution (2000-65) requesting assistance from the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Department of Transportation to review and conduct a traffic study at the intersection of U.S. Highway 98 and South Shore Drive (Bayside Community). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell provided the Board with information on the Stallworth Lake/Beach Highlands beach access and parking advising that there was no parking areas designed for this location. Mr. Bell reported that the driveway installed by Mr. John Roach, Stallworth Lake property owner, does not exceed the width of other driveways in the area and stated that Mr. Roach would like to proceed with completing his driveway, at his expense, and stated that he would assist the County and the Tourist Development Council (TDC) in

repairs and improvements to the Beach Highlands access. Mr. Bell recommended that the Board allow Mr. Roach to complete his driveway and requested the Board to allow himself, Mr. Roach and the TDC to establish plans for improvements of the walkover, parking and beach access and submit their recommendations to the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to allow Mr. John Roach to complete, at his expense, his driveway at Stallworth Lake/Beach Highland. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to enter into an inter-local agreement with the Walton County School District to provide clay for the baseball field at Walton Senior High School. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell updated the Board on the request from Sprint for an easement for the placement of telecommunications equipment at the South Walton Governmental/Education Center (SWGEC). Mr. Bell reported that the proposed site surveyed is located at the south entrance to the SWGEC (proposed location for the Okaloosa Walton Community College) and is .13 acres. Mr. Bell advised that Attorney Miller would prepare the easement agreement with a contingency clause stipulating that in the event that the County needs this location that Sprint will have to relocate and Sprint agrees to maintain an aesthetic value to the property.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to authorize Attorney Miller to prepare an Easement Agreement with Sprint for the .13 acres with a contingency clause that Sprint will maintain an aesthetic property value and relocate in the event that the County would need this location. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a request from the Walton County School District to grade Donna Lane, Green Boulevard, White Avenue, Brown Mason Road and Ranger Road. Mr. Bell reported that these five roads are located east of CR 1087 in the Lake Tantara area and are not maintained by the County. Attorney Miller mentioned he has received a verbal agreement that these roads be deeded to the County but stated that he has not received the original document.

Commissioner Walker suggested a “special assessment” be assessed to unimproved properties when developed and then sold stating that when the County makes improvements, such as maintaining the road, the property value increases and the average taxpayers bears the cost for the improved property. Commissioner Ryan agreed that a “special assessment” is necessary but remarked that adjustments need to be made to the present Road Policy or create a new policy.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to authorize the County to grade Donna Lane, Green Boulevard, White Avenue, Brown Mason Road and Ranger Road.

Commissioner Infinger reminded Attorney Miller that his presence is required when the Board meets to discuss the Road Policy. Chairman Butler called for a vote. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. (Commissioner Walker explained that his naye vote was due to the County having a Private Road Policy in existence and should be enforced in situations such as this).

Mr. Bell presented a video of Dolphin Drive located off Allen Loop Road in District 5 advising that the road was inadvertently left off the County Maintained Road Systems Map and reported that the County has maintained approximately 800 feet of the road for many years.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to approve inclusion of Dolphin Drive (D5) to the County Maintained Road System Map. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to advertise for bids to pave approximately one mile of J.W. Hollington Road and approximately one mile of Don Graff Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (The paving of these roadways will be paid from the District 1 Road Paving Funds).

Mr. Hilton Lawson approached the podium to explain that the original survey and the State survey of the area north of Mack Bayou Road differed by 58 feet, plus or minus. Attorney Miller informed Mr. Lawson that he would have the Disclaimer prepared for the Board's perusal during the evening meeting.

Commissioner Ryan requested the Board to allow him an opportunity to revisit the issue concerning the Road/District Foremen's grade while Mr. Bell was present. Commissioner Ryan made a motion to increase all foremen to Grade 14, seconded by Commissioner Infinger.

Discussion revolved around the responsibility of each foremen and classification. Questions were directed to Mr. Bell concerning the classification and responsibilities of Road Foremen versus Road Superintendents. Mr. Bell responded by stating that all foremen have responsibilities and the issue is the 'grade' in which the employee is classified stating that the responsibilities determines the grade. Commissioner Walker remarked that he felt that Mr. Bell and Ms. Williams were responsible for evaluations and determining the pay scales. Chairman Butler called for a vote. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Vice-Chairman Infinger left to attend a funeral.

Mr. Matt Douglas, EMS Director, reported to the Commissioners that the Emergency Medical Service received high praise for their quality assurance and reported that no deficiencies were found and proudly announced that the EMS passed State inspection on vehicles and service records and complimented his crew and staff for this accomplishment.

Mr. Douglas provided the Commissioner with a chart grafting the calls received from January-June 2000. The grafts indicate the number of calls received by station, type and area. Mr. Douglass reported that monies collected for fiscal year 1999/2000 totaled \$934,268.31, a 7.1% increase over the previous year.

Ms. Sandra Golden, Site Manager, clients of Resource for Human Development and Ms. Lana Campbell appeared before the Commissioners and Ms. Campbell on behalf of the clients and staff read a letter of appreciation to the Commissioners for their donation of \$26,000.00. Ms. Campbell recited the accomplishments and success stories that the funds have provided for the clients announcing that she has enrolled as a freshman at the Okaloosa-Walton Community College and reported that she has an "A" average in her first College Algebra class. Ms. Campbell and the clients expressed their gratitude by presenting the Board with a framed Certificate of Appreciation. The Board thanked Ms. Golden, Ms. Campbell and the clients for their presentation.

Mr. Phil Givens, Walton County Fireboard Chairman, introduced Mr. Roger Roy, Assistant Fire Chief, Liberty Volunteer Fire Department and Mr. Ron Prokop, Fire Chief, Darlington/Gaskin Volunteer Fire Department, who also serve on the Fireboard Communications Committee to explain the problems in existence with the fire communications at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and their proposals to resolve

these problems. After disclosing their resolutions, Commissioner Walker questioned the amount needed to enhance the radio communications; Assistant Chief Roy announced that \$35,000.00 would set the foundation in resolving these communication problems. Commissioner Walker questioned if Fire Departments had budgeted this money; they answered “No”; Chairman Givens stated that this was an EOC communication problem, not the Fire Departments. In order for all parties involved to discuss these concerns, the Board requested Ms. Williams to contact Captain Tom Pagels, EOC Director, to be present at 1:30 p.m. this date.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Walker to appoint Commissioner Gene Ryan to represent the Walton County Board of County Commissioners and serve on the Economic Development Council Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye. (This appointment is to replace Commissioner Joel Paul who is presently serving).

Commissioner Walker scheduled on the agenda did not present any items for discussion. Commissioner Ryan passed on his topic due to Attorney Miller not being present.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the minutes of October 10, 2000 – Regular Meeting; October 11, 2000 – Value Adjustment Board Meeting and October 12, 2000 – Special Meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Butler called to order the public hearing to consider granting a franchise extension to Mediacom Cable TV.

Ms. Barbara Bonowicz, Director of Government Affairs for Mediacom, and Mr. Shane Ruth, Technical Supervisor, appeared before the Commissioners requesting the renewal of the franchise. Commissioner Paul stated that he would like a provision in the agreement that each Commission meeting be taped and televised. Attorney Miller advised that the tapes of the meetings would become public record and Mediacom is not in favor of being responsible for requests of public records, however, they are willing to broadcast the meetings and have made that part of the agreement. Mr. Miller advised that it would be the County's responsibility to equip, video each meeting, bear the cost of supplies, and retain the records. Attorney Miller further reviewed the agreement recommending minor changes. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve Mediacom's franchise agreement for a period of ten-years subject to the contract amendments being made and brought back to the Board for final review. 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 purchase of the Lang Property as the proposed site for the Humane Society. Ms. Williams stated that Ms. Lang is requesting \$140,000.00 opposed to the \$130,000.00 appraised price.

Commissioner Ryan advised the Board of another 40-acre parcel being presented for consideration. The property is unimproved acreage located on North Norwood Road at an asking price of \$70,000.00. Considering the needed improvements required to make the property functional for the Humane Society, the costs could possibly exceed \$150,000.00. The Lang property already has the necessary amenities needed to operate. No one from the public commented.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Infinger to proceed with acquiring the Lang property for \$140,000.00.

Ms. Williams stated that \$69,000.00 has been appropriated for the Humane Society's building, which they have now agreed to designate a portion of this toward the purchase price of the property because there is already a building on the site.

Commissioner Walker stated that he does not have a problem with purchasing the property, however, he feels that the house is not appropriate for office space.

Chairman Butler called for the vote. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye.

Mr. William Imfeld, Financial Director, presented a budget amendment request in the amount of \$80,191.00 to roll forward unspent funds for the Wee Care Park, Phase I.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt a Resolution (00-64) amending \$80,191.00 into the current budget from unspent grant funds. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt a resolution (00-64) amending the Fine and Forfeiture and Capital Project Funds in the amount of \$1,547,915.00 to fund the construction of the new South Walton Sheriff's Satellite Office. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Ms. Williams advised the Commissioners that she spoke with Sheriff McMillian who stated that the State is performing a communications study and recommended delaying the purchase of any communication equipment for the fire departments until the study is complete.

Mr. Phil Givens stated that it takes approximately four months to receive the report upon completion of the study. The fire departments feel that they do not have that much time due to the safety factors involved with the lack of communication equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to accept the recommendation of the fire departments and prepare the appropriate funding for the purchase of radio equipment and upgrades in the amount of \$35,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

Mr. Bell presented some of the long-range plans for the New Town Governmental/Education Center as approved during the last meeting. Mr. Bell presented the site plan map as prepared by CarlanKilliam Architects. Commissioner Walker questioned the additional entrance into the center and stated that he is not willing to pay for the related costs because he feels that the entrance has been added to benefit the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bell advised that the entrance has been added to assist with the flow of traffic, although it will benefit the Chamber and the Arts Center. Mr. Bell stated that \$4.9 million has been previously approved for infrastructure. The temporary trailers, which house the Courthouse Annex, will be located in the middle of the construction, therefore they are proposing the initial work begin first on the new governmental building to eliminate the temporary trailers. If the Board approves to move forward, the plans could be submitted to the construction manager in order for them to submit their maximum price.

Mr. Jack Huggins, Chamber of Commerce Building Committee, addressed the Commissioners and stated that the Chamber feels that the placement of the new Chamber building will be a benefit to the center. Mr. Huggins also believes that the parking and entrance will be an asset to the entire complex.

Ms. Kitty Taylor, representing the Arts Center, commented that the plans look good and also felt that the entrance would benefit the entire site plan.

Mr. Finley Skocdopole, CarlanKilliam, stated that they are currently working under a 7% architectural design fee, which will also apply to the parking designs, connector roads and utilities. Mr. Bell advised that after approval of the site plan, CarlanKilliam would proceed with a set of plans to be presented to Watkins, Construction Manager. The estimated build out cost for the parking, lighting, sidewalks, storm water, water and sewer is \$785,000.00 in addition to the estimated \$3 million for the courthouse annex.

Discussion was held regarding southbound turn lanes into the governmental center.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Paul to grant approval of the site plan for the Governmental/Education Center. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye, Paul Aye. Commissioner Walker requested specific costs be presented in writing before he could vote in favor of proceeding.

Motion by Commissioner Paul, second by Commissioner Ryan to allow CarlanKilliam to proceed with the building plans for the Governmental/Education Center for the building structure. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye, Paul Aye.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Commissioner Paul left due to an illness in the family.

Ms. Sheri St. Charles, American Tower, appeared before the Commissioners requesting conceptual site approval. American Tower is proposing to lease a portion of property from the South Walton Fire Station for the placement of a 330' communications tower located on CR393. Emergency services will be placed on the tower free of charge and additional space will be available for additional carriers in the future.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to grant conceptual approval for American Towers to continue through the development process for the placement of a communications tower at the South Walton Fire Department. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Commissioner Paul announced a blood drive currently taking place and encouraged people to participate.

Mr. David Jones, President of Mossy Head/Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the Commissioners to request the purchase of (9) nine hand held radios at a cost of \$474.00 totaling \$4,266.00. One radio is being replaced by insurance. Mr. Jones stated that they have the money in their budget to cover the expenditure.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the purchase of radio equipment for the Mossy Head/Oakwood Hills Volunteer Fire Department. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Mrs. Kris Titus, Executive Director of the Tourist Development Council, appeared before the Commissioners regarding the appointment of new TDC Council Members.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Ms. Donna Bauer and reappoint Mr. Ken Gifford as Tourist Occupancy Tax Collectors; appoint Mr. Van Ness Butler and Mr. Dewey Wilson; Interest in Tourism. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Walker Aye. Chairman Butler abstained from voting on the issue because of his involvement.

Mrs. Titus also presented TDC's annual report of their accomplishments. Mrs. Titus informed the Board that revenues are up 19% and Fall and Winter revenues have

increased by 26% over the 1998/99 totals. Beach nourishment revenues for the period October 1999 through July 2000 totaled \$1,214,105.

Mr. Vernon Thowe, Tri-Village Fire Department, appeared before the Commissioners requesting assistance in purchasing a new fire truck and necessary equipment not to exceed \$100,000.00. Mr. Thowe proposed to repay the loan back over a 10-year period. The fire department is in need of a set of Jaws of Life and other equipment that would be helpful in assisting the fire department. Mr. Infinger suggested that Mr. Thowe look into obtaining a grant for the Jaws of Life. Mr. Thowe stated that the purchase of this new truck should help update their department and carry them at least 10 years without requesting to purchase any additional fire trucks.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve a loan repayment agreement with Tri-Village Fire Department for the purchase of a fire truck and necessary equipment not to exceed \$100,000.00; to be repaid over 10-years. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye. Attorney Walker will draft an agreement.

Mrs. Sandra Cecil appeared before the Board on behalf of Mr. William T. Foreman who has requested county maintenance on his road in the recent past. Mr. Foreman has problems maintaining his road due to his physical condition. Mrs. Cecil presented a letter from Mr. Foreman's doctor who recommended regular maintenance of the road. Commissioner Ryan agreed that the road is in poor condition and needs repairs.

Attorney Miller advised the Board that it would be in violation of current policy to make the requested repairs on private property. Mrs. Cecil requested if Mr. Foreman could repay the county over a period of time for the labor. Attorney Miller advised that the county does not have a legal basis to perform the work.

The Board agreed that if Mr. Foreman would purchase the needed material to stabilize the road and have it delivered, then they would be willing to grade it upon a request under the road grading policy and payment of the appropriate fees. Mr. Foreman will contact Mr. Bell to schedule a time.

Mrs. Cecil thanked Commissioner Ryan on behalf of the residents of Foreman Road for the repairs recently made to that road and requested a dead end sign be placed at the beginning of the road.

Mr. Jack Rhodes presented Enchanted Estates final plat for approval. Attorney Miller reviewed the plat and advised that the plat is in order with the exception of the proper signatures from Planning and Zoning and two trustees.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to approve Enchanted Estates final plat for recording subject to receiving the proper signatures. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Chief Frank Hall and Mr. Roger Roy, Liberty Volunteer Fire Department requested a loan from the county for the purchase of a pumper tanker in the amount of \$180,000.00. Mr. Hall stated that the equipment they would like to replace is over 30 years old. Mr. Hall stated that the purchase of the requested pumper tanker should update the needs of their department for at least 10 years depending on the amount of growth.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Walker to approve a loan repayment agreement with Liberty Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$180,000.00 to be repaid over a 10-year period. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Ms. Darlene Locke representing Mr. Russ Aldrich of Emerald Coast Associates, appeared before the Commissioners and presented the following three plats for final

approval: Spires Second Addition; Destin RV Beach Resort at Miramar Beach, a Condominium; and Seacrest Beach, Phase 5.

Attorney Miller reviewed the plats and stated that they are in order and ready for recording. Mr. Miller asked that the letter of credit be returned to the bank and the seal be placed on the plat for Seacrest Beach.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve Spires Second Addition final plat for recording. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve Destin RV Beach Resort at Miramar final plat for recording. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve Seacrest Beach Phase 5 final plat for recording. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Attorney Miller presented a disclaimer on Mack Bayou Road for the Commissioners signature. Mr. Miller explained that the road was constructed in the wrong place.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Infinger to approve the Chairman's signature on a disclaimer for Mack Bayou Road subject to correction of the legal description. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Ryan Aye, Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Aye.

Ms. Paula Ryan, White Oak Real Estate Development Corporation, West Palm Beach, presented the Board with an update on the application submitted to the State for affordable housing. Ms. Ryan stated that she was not successful due to the competitive

nature of the application. Ms. Ryan requested the Commissioner's continued support in order to bring affordable housing to Walton County by adopting a resolution to resubmit an application during the January funding cycle.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt a resolution (00-66) in support of submitting an application during the January funding cycle for affordable housing. Chairman Butler passed the chair to Vice-Chairman Infinger and seconded the motion. Ayes 2, Nays 1. Infinger Aye, Butler Aye, Walker Naye. Commissioner Ryan abstained from voting due to Ms. Paula Ryan being his daughter.

Questions were raised regarding the legality of the vote. Attorney Miller researched the issue and felt that with the information he had it was a legal vote due to the majority of those voting rules. He will research the issue further for confirmation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
Herman Walker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Dan Bodiford, Clerk

