

DECEMBER 12, 2000 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Tim Pauls, Commissioner Larry D. Jones, Chairman Herman L. Walker, Vice-Chairman Lane Rees and Commissioner Gene Ryan. Ms. Shirl Williams, Administrative Supervisor, Mr. George Ralph Miller, County Attorney, and Mrs. Rhonda Skipper, Administrative Supervisor to the Clerk of Courts, were also present.

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

Mrs. Suedelle Wilkerson, Finance Manager, provided the Board with a listing of current funds/fund names and a chart of accounts that appear on the Expenditure Approval List as requested. The following bills were submitted for payment:

General Fund	\$560,104.45
County Transportation Trust	150,245.64
N.W. Mosquito Control	671.30
Fine& Forfeiture	3,532.32
Walton DeFuniak Library	8,217.57
Recreation Plat Fee	1,432.60
Solid Waste	79,377.71
Mossy Head VFD	4,151.87
Darlington VFD	2,186.25
Glendale VFD	191.49
Liberty VFD	3,791.18
Red Bay VFD	4,226.27
Driftwood Debt Service	478.86
Capital Projects Funds	40,822.80
Multi-Purpose Trust Fund	21,031.50
Tourist Development Council	62,803.86
Section 8 Housing	619.20
Mosquito Control State	250.20
Local Option Gas Tax	22,571.80

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment of bills as presented on the EAL. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve final payment in the amount of \$36,979.40 to C.W. Roberts for re-surfacing of County Road 30A from Seaside to County Road 395. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve payment to Anderson-Columbia in the amount of \$390,568.14 for one-inch leveling and resurfacing of County Road 2. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. (Mr. Bell advised that the original contract was in the amount of \$408,558.70 for one-inch surfacing/leveling, but changes were made due to the condition of the road, therefore reducing the cost).

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the purchase of culverts and mitered ends from Gulf Atlantic in the amount of \$4,570.70 for Perkins Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Ryan Aye, Rees Aye.

Mr. William Imfeld, Finance Director, presented the following three bid responses regarding bid #00-041, Sedan for the Planning Department.

Triangle-Chevrolet	Malibu	\$15,900.00
Gary Smith Ford	Focus	13,100.00
Orville Beckford	Focus	13,100.00
	2000/Taurus	14,600.00
	2001/Taurus	14,792.00

Mr. Imfeld along with the Planning Department recommended the 2001 Taurus stating that it met the bid specifications.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to accept Mr. Imfeld's recommendation and award bid #00-041 to Orville Beckford for a 2001 Taurus for the Planning Department in the amount of \$14,792.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Imfeld reported that one bid was received from Orville Beckford Ford in the amount of \$29,675.00 for bid #00-042, which includes an 84 inch cabbed axle for EMS.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve awarding bid #00-042 to Orville Beckford Ford in the amount of \$29,675.00 each for two EMS trucks. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. (The Board requested Mr. Imfeld to do a follow up on why only one bid was received).

Mr. Imfeld advised the Board that New-Tel Communications was the only bidder that responded to the bid for the Public Works phone system. One option is to purchase new equipment in the amount of \$15,952.00 or refurbished for \$13,939.00, both of which have the same warranty. Mr. Imfeld stated that he spoke to Mr. Bell regarding the options and recommends purchasing the refurbished system.

Mr. Howard Newsome, owner of New-Tel Communications, explained to the Commissioners what equipment is provided for that costs. A battery back-up and a two-year service agreement for parts and labor is also included.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Rees to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bell and Mr. Imfeld and award the bid for the phone service to New-Tel Communications in the amount of \$13,939.00. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Naye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. (Chairman Walker explained his naye vote was because there was not sufficient justification for the cost breakdown).

Mr. Imfeld reported that no bids were received for the air conditioner equipment for the new Agriculture Building. Mr. Imfeld stated that Trane received a bid package,
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however, they did not respond. The Maintenance Department received one quote in the amount of \$66,000.00. Mr. Imfeld requested authorization to obtain phone quotes; the Board agreed.

Mr. Imfeld advised that four “No Bids” were received for the Fireboard’s new communication system. Mr. Imfeld stated that he is contacting the vendors to question why they responded “No Bid”. The Board requested Mr. Imfeld to proceed with his endeavors to ascertain why they all responded with a “No bid”.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt Resolution (00-74), amending unanticipated revenues into the budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. (Mr. Imfeld will supply the Board with information relating to the Dune Recovery Grant).

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Public Works Director, presented the Commissioners with a copy of the final report regarding the CR 30A Traffic Study (Rosemary Beach) prepared by Hamilton Smith Associates Consulting Group, Inc. Mr. Bell advised that there have been no changes to the study since the draft copy was submitted on November 28, 2000, with the exception of the speed limit issue. The cost of the study is \$11,000.00. Chairman Walker questioned Mr. Jack Arthur, Preble-Rish, Inc. Consulting Engineer, to the thoroughness, completeness and accuracy of the study. Mr. Arthur stated that it was a thorough study. Commissioner Ryan expressed his concern regarding safety. Mr. Arthur explained that safety was a major concern and the study includes the safety measures necessary. Discussion included conducting a public forum in order to have input and discuss variables, issues concerning right-of-ways, liabilities, traffic control devices and safety concerns.

In reviewing the study, Attorney Miller requested Mr. Arthur to clarify that the study was performed in Walton County stating that he had found “Escambia” County

mentioned throughout the study. Mr. Arthur assured that this was an error and should be “Walton” County instead of “Escambia”.

The Board agreed that a public workshop needs to be conducted in South Walton with Mr. Bell, Mr. Arthur and Mr. Dunser, along with the public to participate in the workshop to express their input and concerns regarding traffic problems in South Walton. The Board requested Mr. Bell to present the results of the meeting to the Commissioners, along with his recommendation and the proposed language to rescind the Planned Unit Development (PUD) as approved by the previous Board. Mr. Bell advised those present that the workshop would be scheduled after the first of the year and requested Attorney Miller’s presence.

Mr. Bell submitted requests from Mr. Paul M. Work, Jr., Transportation Coordinator of the Walton County School District, to grade the following roads in District 4: Kelly Place, Round Table Road, Donna Lane, Green Boulevard, White Road, Brown Mason Road, Ranger Road, and Oak Lane in District 1. Mr. Bell explained that the Private Road Grading Policy does not apply since the request is from the School District.

Commissioner Ryan stated that the Policy needs to be reviewed and provisions made that would allow the Board to take over roads for maintenance at the Board’s discretion. The Board agreed to readdress the Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the School Board’s request for road grading and schedule a workshop to address maintenance of private roads.

Attorney Miller mentioned that the county has sporadically maintained roads in the past and expressed his concern with the Board not granting the request creating the possibility for an accident to occur and the liability the County would be faced with.

Chairman Walker called for a vote. Ayes 2, Nays 3. Pauls Naye, Jones Aye, Walker Naye, Rees Naye, Ryan Aye. Motion failed to grant the request..

Mr. Bell presented three requests from Mr. Russell Floyd, Landfill Supervisor, to purchase equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve advertisement for bids for the purchase of ten 20-yard roll-off dumpsters for the Landfill with funds from the Small County Grant. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Vice-Chairman Rees stated that he would like to conduct the workshop regarding the private road grading prior to approving the School Board's request.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to schedule a workshop during the last week of January 2001, to establish and adopt a policy for private road grading. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve advertisement for bids for the purchase of a front-end loader for the transfer station at the Landfill. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. (Mr. Bell stated that the current unit is a 1997 model can be traded in with the balance to be paid out of the Recycling Grant).

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve advertisement for bids for a replacement Elevation Scraper. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. (Mr. Bell informed the Board that the current scraper was utilized after Hurricane Opal in gulf water that has resulted in extensive operational costs).

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to accept Debbie Lane (Santa Rosa Ridge Subdivision-D5) for maintenance that was inadvertently omitted
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from the county maintained road list. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve advertisement for bids for a road department facility for South Walton to be constructed on County property located adjacent to J.D. Miller Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to authorize improvements to the Mossy Head Water Works facility and land for approximately \$6,000.00 for a District 3 office and pave the parking lot and access road into the entrance for approximately \$8,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Bell submitted a request from Commissioner Jones to have a traffic study conducted from the intersection of County Road 1087 and U.S. Highway 90 to approximately one-half mile west of Hinote Road in order to lower the speed limit in this congested area.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Pauls to adopt Resolution (2000-77) requesting the Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study at the intersection of County Road 1087 and U.S. Highway 98 to one-half mile west of Hinote Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Bell requested Attorney Miller update the Board concerning the encroachments on the surveys for the Warren Building. Attorney Miller reported that the surveys showed two overlaps, one on the east side (County owned) and one on the west side, a pie-shaped piece to the north approximately fifteen feet outside the present boundary. Attorney Miller also mentioned that a 5.6-foot encroachment exists on the

southwest corner of the property. Due to the urgency to close, Attorney Miller suggested that the Board acquire a title to both parcels and approve the closing with Mrs. Beverly Warren.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Jones to accept Mr. Miller's recommendation and acquire title to both legal descriptions and approve the closing on the Warren Building.

Commissioner Pauls expressed his feeling regarding closing before the encroachment is resolved and questioned the urgency. Ms. Williams responded that Mrs. Warren has held the property off the market for over eight months and remarked that the County needs the additional office space.

Chairman Walker called for a vote. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Pauls Naye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Bell submitted an information package on Phase I of the Governmental Education Center that included a summary of the estimated construction costs and architectural/engineering fees. Mr. Bell reported that the former Board had granted approval for CarlanKillam Consulting Group, Inc. to proceed with the building plan, but advised that the project has not been funded, namely the architectural fees in the amount of \$210,000.00. Mr. Bell recommended that the Commissioners conduct a workshop to include CarlanKillam, Watkins Engineers & Constructors, Inc., and the County staff to update the Board on the Coastal Branch Library, Governmental & Education Center infrastructure, Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff's Substation and the South Walton Health Department. The Board concurred.

Captain Thomas Pagels, Emergency Operations Center Director, provided the Board with a draft of the E911 Ordinance for the Board's review. Captain Pagels then

presented the following Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grants for fiscal year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

- (1) All Hazards Area I – Wide Telecommunications and Notification System
This project would enhance Walton and Area I county's ability to effectively support disaster response efforts in all ten Area I counties through the use of new art telecommunications technology. The total grant is \$300,000.00 with \$65,340.00 in-kind matching grant involving nine counties; Walton County's pro-rata share is approximately \$6,500.00.
- (2) Rapid Response Command Vehicle Project – Requesting \$15,000.00 for equipment with a \$48,000.00 match. The amount includes two programmable radio systems, computer system with cellular phone linkage and a weather system for the two, four-wheel drive emergency vehicles.
- (3) Red Bay Community Emergency Disaster Center and
- (4) Choctaw Beach Community Emergency Disaster Center - These projects would enhance the county's ability to effectively support disaster preparedness, response and recovery efforts. The total grant is \$209,000.00 (Red Bay) and \$206,000.00 (Choctaw Beach) with \$166,000.00 requested for each with a cash match of \$25,000.00 each and an in-kind match of \$18,000.00 for both. The Red Bay and Choctaw Beach Communities are providing the cash and in-kind match with the exception of \$12,000.00. If the grants are approved, the \$12,000.00 would be used to purchase two alternative 20 KW generators for the facilities.

Captain Pagels invited the Commissioners to support Red Bay and Choctaw Beach endeavors and attend a supper scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. advising that Senator Charlie Clary, Senator Durell Peaden, Representative Bev Kilmer and Representative Don Brown will be present.

Mr. Imfeld requested that all grants be directed to Mrs. Angie Biddle, Grants Coordinator, and himself for review in order to get an insight to fund grants and ensure proper funding.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Chairman's signature on the four Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grants as requested. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Matt Douglas, Director, Emergency Management Services, requested the Board's consideration to purchase data tracking software for the current billing vendor, EMS Consultants, Ltd., in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Douglas proposed to purchase this equipment with funds from the 2000-2001 County Award Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve \$5,000.00 from the County Award Grant money to purchase the software from EMS Consultants, Ltd. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Discussion was held to clarify the award of bid #00-042 was for two EMS trucks. Mr. Douglass requested the Board's approval to advertise for bids to remount chassis on two, one & one quarter ton pick-up trucks for EMS bid #00-042. The Board took no action.

The Commissioners took a brief recess at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

Mr. Ken Little, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, introduced Mr. Gary Mattison whom was selected as Human Resource Director and gave a brief overview of his experience. Commissioner Rees stated that he met with Mr. Mattison and that he does concur with the committees' recommendation to hire Mr. Mattison.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the appointment of Mr. Gary Mattison to the position of Human Resource Director. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Mattison.

Mr. Little provided the Board with literature on the Institute for Senior Professionals (ISP) and introduced Mr. George Russell, representing the ISP of Okaloosa-Walton Community College. Mr. Little reported that the previous Board approved ISP to develop a set of policies and procedures for the County for a pro-bono fee. The Board

requested Mr. Little to provide Mr. Mattison with a copy of the program and authorized the ISP to proceed with the policies and procedure manual.

Mr. Little presented a letter for Chairman Walker's signature in support of St. Agatha's Episcopal Church endeavors to seek a grant to help preserve the church facility.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to grant Chairman Walker's signature on the letter of support for St. Agatha's Episcopal Church. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Jonathan Walker, County Staff Attorney, submitted a resolution repealing Resolution #2000-68, which prohibits family members from working together at EMS. Mr. Walker introduced Mr. Gilbert Wall who explained that he and his wife work at the same EMS station but separate shifts and remarked that Resolution #2000-68 prohibits family members from working together at the same EMS station. Mr. Walls requested the following language: "or different EMS shifts" be added to the Resolution allowing them to work different shifts.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to repeal Resolution #2000-68 and adopt Resolution (#2000-75) to allow EMS family members to work at the same station but on separate shifts. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mrs. Suzanne Adams, County Safety Officer, appeared before the Commissioners to request their consideration to allow her to rent Red Cross resources, such as equipment and manuals and authorize her as an instructor to teach Red Cross courses to county staff. The courses would include CPR, First-Aid and ergonomics. Mrs. Adams stated that she would like to start the training classes in January 2001. The three courses are four hours each and would be scheduled during the eight-hour workdays. Mrs. Adams advised that the mannequin would be cheaper if purchased direct in lieu of renting them from the Red

Cross. She stated that the cost is approximately \$1,200.00 for an adult/infant mannequin. Mrs. Adams reported that additional replacement lungs would be required to be purchased from time to time to prevent cross contamination. The certification of the three courses will cost five dollars per person for each class and will be paid by the County. She will coordinate the training classes with Mr. Bell.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to authorize the Chairman's signature on the American Red Cross Agreement. Ayes 5, Naye 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mrs. Sylvia Bruner, Manager of Associates Financial Services Company of Florida, Inc., DeFuniak Springs, appeared before the Commissioners to request satisfaction of judgment for a nineteen year old judgment lien or a partial release in the amount of \$1,413.28. The judgment was filed on February 24, 1982 by Walton County Hospital against property previously owned by Ms. Elizabeth A. Baker. Mrs. Bruner explained that the current owner purchased the property without title insurance and no title search was performed. The judgment was discovered while attempting to finance a mortgage for her client.

Attorney Miller stated that previous Boards have waived the interest but required payment of the principle amount. Exceptions have been made to forgive the lien or issue a Satisfaction of Judgment.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Rees to grant the partial release and satisfy the judgment in the amount of \$1,413.28. Ayes 1, Nayas 4. Pauls Naye, Jones Naye, Walker Naye, Rees Naye, Ryan Aye.

Attorney Walker addressed the Board on behalf of Mr. David Kramer. Attorney Walker reported that the former Boards allowed special exceptions to zoning restrictions for special use on property. Attorney Walker expressed Mr. Kramer's discern in regards to

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the reverter clauses not appearing in the Ordinances. Attorney Walker explained that Mr. Kramer owns a parcel that technically could be affected by a former reverter (back to a former classification) clause and asked if the reverter clauses should be addressed on a case-by-case basis or do an exhaustive search. The Board concurred that these reverter clause issues should be examined on a case-by-case basis.

The Board recessed at 4:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 5:00 p.m., in Courtroom A of the Walton County Courthouse.

Chairman Walker called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Rob Neale, Planning Commission Chairman, presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Gricius Small Scale Amendment. Mr. Joseph F. Gricius, Jr., is requesting a small-scale amendment of one acre currently zoned Coastal Center to be changed to Light Industrial. The applicant is proposing 120 climate control self storage units totaling 14,535 square feet. This site is located just north of South Walton Utility Companies spray field.

Chairman Walker called for public comments or questions.

Commissioner Pauls questioned the street classifications for industrial use. Mr. Jack Rhodes, representing Mr. Gricius, gave a brief overview explaining that Light Industrial is being requested due to the General Commercial designation that was allowed under Coastal Center, stating that the proposed area is an extension of the existing Coastal Center land use designation.

Attorney Miller questioned if the Planning Commission had addressed the problems due to the impervious surface created by the climate control units and the impact on drainage. Mr. Rhodes stated that this concern was not presented during the meetings

but reported that a civil engineer has been retained as part of the development order packet to comply with county guidelines in relation to storm water management on this particular site. Mr. Rhodes pointed out the location of the proposed project. Mr. Neale advised that Mr. Gricius would have to present the development plans to the Planning Commission to address other issues.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and adopt an Ordinance (2000-28) approving the Gricius Small Scale Amendment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Jordan/Harper Small Scale Amendment. Mr. Edwin Flynt Jordan and Ms. Jeanine Harper are requesting a small-scale amendment on 1.43 acres currently NPA/RPA to be changed to Village Mixed Use. This property is currently vacant with a proposal of three 6,500 square foot commercial office buildings totaling 19,500 square feet. This site is located on the east side of CR 30A approximately 1527 feet south of the western 30A/98 intersection.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Mr. Mitt Fulmer representing Mr. Jordan and Ms. Harper advised that he was in the process of purchasing the proposed site.

Commissioner Pauls questioned the reverter clause affecting this property stating that a minimum of five acres is required for Village Mixed Use. Mr. Neale stated that this request is an expansion of Village Mixed Use and Attorney Miller mentioned that the reverter clause was stipulated in the minutes but not included in the Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and adopt an Ordinance (2000-29) granting the Jordan/Harper Small Scale Amendment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Destin WCF-Leeward Key Condominiums. He advised that US Cellular is proposing the installation of eight antennae and two 100" x 40" equipment cabinets. The subject parcel is located at the Leeward Key Condominium off of Old 98 and is zoned Coastal Center.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Mr. Jerry Muldowney was present to represent the applicants. No one voiced any opposition.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve Destin WCF-Leeward Key Condominiums. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Hemingway's of Santa Rosa Beach subject to FDEP Stormwater/Wastewater, USACOE Dredge & Fill State permits, and Planning Department Technical Review Environmental Assessment. Ms. Roxanne Costello is proposing a 4,500 square foot restaurant on 0.77 acres zoned Village Mixed Use located next to the Tops'l Driving Range Parking lot on CR30A.

Mrs. Latilda Henninger, Planning Director, reported that the Planning Department Technical Review has been resolved and stated that the State permits are in progress.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Mr. Rhodes representing Ms. Costello was present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Pauls advised that the site is located next to Topsail Hill, not Tops'l. Mr. Neale remarked that the Planning Commission was aware that the location is Topsail, and Tops'l was an error.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve Hemingway's of Santa Rosa Beach

subject to outstanding State permits. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented a development proposal by Mr. Robert Hardwich for Pinecrest at Inlet Beach which is located on the south side of 30A, approximately ¼ mile west of the CR30A/98 intersection. Mr. Hardwich is proposing a 12-single family lot subdivision on 2.84 acres zoned NPA/Infill. Approval is subject to FDEP stormwater, wastewater, drinking water permits and the Planning Department Technical Review, site plan, landscape plan and final sewer letter.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Mr. Russ Aldrich representing Pinecrest was present.

Mrs. Henninger reported that the outstanding items regarding the Planning Department Technical Review involves reconciliation of the landscaping plan to the site plan. She stated that the sewer availability letter has been received and replied that the Planning Department is awaiting a signed contract from Regional Utilities and Inlet Beach Water System.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Pauls to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Pinecrest at Inlet Beach subject to all outstanding items and an executed Agreement between Regional Utilities and Inlet Beach Water System. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented Mr. George Copelan's proposed project, Santa Rosa Place Apartment, which consists of 76 apartments on 9.9 acres zoned Village Mixed Use located on the north side of Highway 98 behind Santa Rosa Village Shopping Center. Approval is subject to FDEP stormwater; drinking water, wastewater & USACOE/FDEP dredge & fill permits.

Chairman Walker called for public input. Commissioner Pauls asked questions regarding the Village Mixed Use category. Mr. Aldrich representing Mr. Copelan, stated that there is no plan to develop this site for commercial use. He stated that the two property owners to the north desires to have a fence erected between their property and this project. The cost will be shared fifty/fifty between Mr. Copelan and the two property owners.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Santa Rosa Place Apartments subject to all outstanding items. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Topsail Hill State Preserve subject to FDEP stormwater, drinking water, wastewater, and USACOE/FDEP Dredge & Fill State permits. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Parks and Recreation is proposing an expansion of park amenities specifically the parking area, tram road, bathrooms, and beach boardwalks. The development proposal is an expansion of the existing Topsail Hill State Park, south of 98 and west of CR30A.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Mrs. Henninger reported that the Planning Department is in receipt of the FDEP drinking water permit and the DEP Dredge & Fill permits.

Mr. John Lewis, Connelly & Wicker Consulting Engineer, representing the developer stated that a parking lot and visitor center is being proposed with several pedestrian pathways to be created in the future. He advised that these amenities are not part of this proposal.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Topsail Hill State Preserve

subject to all outstanding items. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Fields abandonment request on behalf of Mr. Anthony Fields who is requesting the abandonment of that portion of 7th Street between Gammage Street and the abandoned portion of South Walton Street to the north and the easement adjacent to the north of Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 39, Town of Santa Rosa Subdivision. The property is north of the intersection of Gammage Street and 7th Street, east of 393 North and north of U.S. Highway 98. The Planning Commissioner recommended approval of the abandonment subject to the utility easement and approval for stormwater management from County Engineer, Mr. Nelson Miner.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Mr. Rhodes, representing Mr. Fields, reported that CHELCO guide wires that extend into the easement are not included in the Planning Commission's recommendation and advised that the petition would be amended to read, "abandonment of the portion of 7th Street adjacent to Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 39, Town of Santa Rosa Subdivision and stated that Mr. Fields would have no objection to abandoning that portion that is utilized as a roadway and therefore, the County could retain the rights to the easement for the purpose of drainage.

Chairman Walker asked if there was proper drainage and requested Ms. Williams to follow up with Mr. Miner concerning the stormwater issue.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve scheduling a public hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. to consider the Fields Abandonment subject to approval of the stormwater management issue. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request of Mr. Michael W. Griffin. Mr. Griffin is requesting the abandonment of that

portion of the easement reserved for North Waters Street adjacent to the south boundary of Lot 12, Block 23, Map of Santa Rosa, which is located at the south end of North 5th Street, east of CR393 North and north of U.S. Highway 98.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Mr. Rhodes, representing Mr. Griffin, was present to answer any questions. Chairman Walker questioned Mr. Neale if he had received a reply from Mr. Miner concerning the stormwater management. Mr. Neale responded that the Planning Department had not received an answer.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Jones to approve scheduling a final public hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 1:45 p.m. regarding the Griffin Abandonment request subject to approval of the stormwater management issue. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented an abandonment request on behalf of Forman Family Trust to abandon a 66 foot easement lying between Lot 16 and Lot 1 of Section 26, T2S, R20W, less and except the west 200 feet of both lots. The subject property lies north and adjacent to U.S 98, approximately 1.5 miles west of U.S. 331. The Planning Commission recommended approval with exception of the drainage ditch and subject to the fifteen foot CHELCO easement.

Chairman Walker called for public comment. Mr. Rhodes, representing the Forman Family Trust, gave a brief overview of the request identifying the area requesting to be abandoned. Mr. Rhodes reported that the applicant is allowing the drainage ditch to be utilized as an easement for the purposes of drainage and should the ditch need to be relocated within the easement area, the developer would pay the cost of relocating.

Chairman Walker asked if easements could be sold in lieu of abandonment. Attorney Miller stated that they can be sold.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to hold a final public hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. to consider the abandonment request from Forman Family Trust. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Rhodes requested that the legal advertisement be amended to delete the “less and except the west 200 feet of lot 16” and the legal description reflect the entire parcel of Government Lot 16 and advised that his client owns all of Government Lot 16. Attorney Miller responded that the legal description could be amended but stated that this amendment request was not brought to the Planning Commission. Attorney Miller requested that this amendment request be submitted to the Planning Commission for approval then re-submit to the Commissioners.

Mr. Neale presented the Tops’l Group request for a determination of whether a proposed change in the build out date of the Tops’l project would constitute a substantial deviation from the original development order. The request is to extend the date from December 30, 2001 to December 29, 2006 for the development located in Section 35, T2S, R21W. The Planning Commission’s recommendation to extend the build out date for the Tops’l Development of Regional Impact (DRI) until December 29, 2006. This does not constitute a substantial deviation as defined in 380.06(19), Florida Statutes and to adopt the Tops’l Amended DRI Development Order as presented by the Tops’l Group, Inc.

Attorney Jesse Rigby of Clark, Partington, Hart, Larry, Bond & Stackhouse, representing Tops’l Group, Inc., submitted a handout from the Planning Department concerning the Tops’l DRI and the current and projected traffic counts that the DRI would impact. Attorney Rigby gave a brief background and provided information pertaining to the development and the extension request to the build out date. He reported that the development has been reviewed, in full, advising that no additional units have been

requested, if there were, then there would be an increase that has not been reviewed and this would be considered a substantial deviation.

Mr. Allen Boudreaux, President of The Tides @ Tops'l Owners Association, voiced his disagreement with Council stating that the request is a definite and substantial deviation.

Attorney Michael Donaldson, Carlton & Fields, Tallahassee, expressed a simple explanation of Florida Statute 380.06(19) and the provision regarding extension of the build out time of seven years or more remarking that it is presumed to be a substantial deviation. Attorney Miller questioned Attorney Donaldson how the Tops'l request was distinguished in regards to the Killlearn Case, stating that the Tops'l is in the exact position. Attorney Donaldson explained that the Killlearn Case (1976 Development Order) had no build out date, but an estimated date of completion and advised that prior to 1977, a build out date was not required.

Ms. Amy Perry, Attorney with Fleet & Associates, Destin, representing the Summit at Tops'l Owner's Association, objected to the extension of the build out date, mentioning that the request is a sixteen-year accumulative extension which is a substantial deviation and requested that Tops'l comply with the additional DRI review process.

Attorney Rigby remarked that the original DRI does not specify a build out date and the first build out date was stipulated in Ordinance 94-5.

Attorney Miller asked Attorney Donaldson and Attorney Rigby to submit summaries and proposed findings of facts and conclusion of law for the Board's review.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to table the public hearing until Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 5:15 p.m. at Butler Elementary to consider the Tops'l DRI Notice of Proposed Change.

Mr. Neale stated that these concerns and facts were voiced during the Planning Commission's meetings. He stated that their decision was based on information from the Department of Community Affairs and the West Florida Planning Council and that the request was not a substantial deviation.

Chairman Walker called for a vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Neale presented the proposed language regarding the density transfer and clustering for protection of wetlands.

Chairman Walker requested public comments. Commissioner Pauls expressed his concerns regarding situations that will be encountered with properties that include more than one parcel and the limitation that is included in the language, compatibility language and additionally, the exclusion of density in the clustered developments. Commissioner Pauls requested the Board consider postponing or to table this amendment until the compatibility language is prepared.

Mr. Neale submitted the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the proposed language with the addition that under no circumstances this allows the density to be greater than the gross underlying density.

Attorney Lloyd Blue remarked on his involvement with permit applications and commented that this is a continuing effort to move wetland protections along but stated that the Ordinance as it stands, encourages destruction of wetlands.

Attorney Miller advised the Commissioners that the amendment has already been approved. Mr. Neale responded that the amended language was more specific.

The Board took no action due to the amendment being included in the next public hearings scheduled on the agenda.

Mr. Neale submitted a recommendation from the Planning Commission that the Board of County Commissioners take into consideration the appointment of an attorney to the Planning Commission to assist with legal issues that arise during their meetings. Ms. Williams questioned Attorney Miller if there would be a conflict in Attorney Walker serving as Council. Attorney Miller stated that experience is required. Attorney Walker is already being paid and would not cost the county and additional monies. Chairman Walker and the Board expressed their appreciation for the work that the Planning Commission does. Vice-Chairman Rees stated that he feels that Attorney Walker is qualified because the Planning Commission meetings are not quasi-judicial. Commissioner Jones stated that some of them can be quasi-judicial.

Chairman Walker called to order the public hearing to consider adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment #00-1.

Mr. Tom Blackshear, County Planner, presented the following Large Scale Amendments for the Board's consideration.

Amendment 00-1.A.1: Cheatham Industrial Site - Mr. Blackshear reported that Mr. Roger Cheatham agreed to maintain a 25-foot wetlands buffer in regards to concerns by the Department of Community Affairs and attempt to get a letter of map amendment to verify that his property is not in a flood plain area.

Chairman Walker called for public comments and questioned the industrial concerns and classifications. Mr. Blackshear advised that the Planning Commission would review the Land Development Codes and Comprehensive Plans in February 2001.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees, to approve the Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-1.A.1 and adopt an Ordinance, (00-30) Cheatham Industrial Site. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-1.A.2: Severe Weather Shelters - Mr. Blackshear submitted a request from Captain Pagels to change Emergency Operations Center to the Walton County Division of Emergency Management; and “encouraging large scale developments to provide on-site severe weather shelters”.

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-1.A.2 and adopt an Ordinance, (00-30) Severe Weather Shelters. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Ayes, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-1.A.3: Affordable Housing and DRI's: a text amendment to promote affordable housing through actions that can be taken by an Affordable Housing Development Board.

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve adding the language as presented to the Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-1.A.3 and adopt an Ordinance, (00-30). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-1.A.4: Shoreline Hardening – designed to have the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code consistent with DEP/COE rules. The added language is as follows: “be of sufficient depth”; “50”; and “however, new seawalls and new bulkheads are not allowed”.

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to include adding the language as presented to the Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-1.A.4 and adopt Ordinance (00-30). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Ayes, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-1.A.5: Redrawing the New Town Center Polygon – added language: “This master plan will be developed in accordance with the multi-modal transportation strategies of objective T-1.6, which encourages a balance of auto, truck, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems in Walton County. The master plan shall also be developed consistently with the strategies and principles of Objective R-3.3, which deals with the development of a trails and greenways system in South Walton County”.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Ms. Susan Paladini stated that she loved the additional language and requested that a reference be included concerning the October 31, 1996 New Town Master Plan.

Mr. Blackshear advised Ms. Paladini that the amendment could have language added that would respect the principles expressed in the previous master plan. Attorney Miller responded that the 1996 master plan changed therefore; there is no consistency with the plans.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to approve inclusion of the proposed language to the Future Land Use Map 00-1.A.5 and adopt Ordinance (00-30). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Blackshear advised Attorney Miller that he would fax the proposed language for his review.

Amendment 00-1.A.6: Septic Tanks Along Choctawhatchee Bay: Commissioner Pauls mentioned that language needs to be included to reference flood plains.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. After review, the Board requested the following language: “shall support; by requiring utility providers.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Jones to add language to Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-1.A.6 and adopt Ordinance (00-30). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-1.B.1: a text amendment to enhance the chances of obtaining a grant to purchase 6.5 acres along Choctawhatchee Bay.

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to adopt the language to include in the Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-1.B.1 and adopt Ordinance (00-30). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-1.B.2: Correction of a scrivener's error near the intersection of Moll Drive and U.S. Highway 98.

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve the Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-1.B.2 changing approximately 3.8 acres near the intersection of Moll Drive and U.S. Highway 98 to correct a scrivener's error and adopt Ordinance (00-30). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

There being no public comments, Vice-Chairman Rees motioned to close the public hearing regarding the adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment #00-1, second by Commissioner Pauls. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Ayes, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Chairman Walker called to order the public hearing to consider adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment #00-2.

Amendment 00-2.A.1: Mossy Head Industrial Areas: Mr. Blackshear reported DCA's concerns and reassurance that the area will be served by central water and sewer. The Board requested Mr. Blackshear to draft the language in regards to Mr. Tom Terrell, Board President of Mossy Head Water System supplying the water to the Industrial area and the developer will provide central sewer.

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-2.A.1, Mossy Head Industrial Areas and adopt Ordinance (00-31). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-2.A.2: a text amendment to encourage clustering of residential densities to avoid impacts on wetland areas.

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-2.A.2 and adopt Ordinance (00-31). Ayes 4, Nays 1. Pauls Naye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-2.B.1: Russell Mossy Head FLUM Amendment.

Chairman Walker called for public comment. Mr. Russell stated that wells and septic tanks are needed for the development.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-2.B.1 Russell Mossy Head FLUM and adopt Ordinance (00-31). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-2.B.2: Hardage Bowman Bayou.

Chairman Walker called for public comments. Ms. Paladini remarked that the Rookis proposal is contingent upon water and sewer to the area.

Commissioner Pauls questioned if the issue of hurricane evacuation routes and shelters were dealt with. Mr. Blackshear responded that the amendments 00-2.B.2 and 00-2.B.3 were private request.

Attorney Miller informed the Commissioners that the applicants (00-2.B.2 and 00-2.B.3) have agreed to enter into a developer's agreement with the County agreeing that there would be no construction unless sewer and water were available.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-2.B.2 to include the density language and adopt Ordinance (00-31). Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Amendment 00-2.B.3: Rookis & Andrews Harstvedt Road Amendment

Chairman Walker called for public comments, none were voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve Future Land Use Map Amendment 00-2.B. 2 and 00-2.B.3 and adopt Ordinance (00-31). Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

There being no public comments, Vice-Chairman Rees motioned to close the public hearing regarding adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment #00-2, second by Commissioner Jones. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Attorney Miller proudly announced that he is in receipt of the Warranty Deed from the State for the property exchange of the Sheriff's Substation. Attorney Miller advised the Commissioners that he has the Deed from the County for execution by the Chairman along with the Environmental Affidavit, HUD 1, and closing statement. Once executed, Attorney Miller advised that he would fax the documents to the State for final approval and await notification for recording.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Jones to authorize the Chairman's signature on the documents. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

The Commissioners recessed briefly at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. W.C. Bartlett appeared before the Commissioners requesting that the County replace the bridge over Limestone Creek on Beck Bridge Road. Attorney Miller informed the Board that a former Board approved for him to prepare the petition for Mr. Alford for abandonment of the bridge and closing of the road approximately 200 feet south of the bridge. Shortly thereafter, a moratorium was adopted on abandonments.

Mr. Bill Alford responded that the bridge was destroyed during Hurricane George (1998) and voiced his concerns along with his sons, Mr. Greg Alford and Mr. David Alford, concerning night hunters, parties and vandalism that occur on this road. Mr. Alford provided the Board with a map showing the roads and the four bridges within a three-mile distance that could be utilized to get to and from residences. Mr. Alford also reported that fill washes away when it rains and ends up on the Alford's property.

Mr. Edward Brown and Mr. John Pennington requested the Commissioners to replace the bridge.

Mr. Bartlett reported that he had a list with 80 plus names requesting the bridge to be replaced (approximately 20 Alabama residents).

The Board requested the following: Mr. Minor to report the conditions of the four bridges over Limestone Creek and submit his findings to the Planning Commission; Mr. Alford to contact the Planning Department to start the abandonment process; Attorney Miller to prepare the petition for Mr. Alford's signature and Mr. Bartlett to supply Ms. Williams with a copy of the names requesting the bridge to be replaced.

Vice-Chairman Rees questioned those in attendance to raise their hands if they were present concerning the Grayton Beach issue, there were many in attendance.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees to re-arrange the scheduling times on the agenda to allow the Grayton Issue to be presented.

Member of the audience objected. Vice-Chairman Rees withdrew his motion.

Mr. Timothy Roberts requested grants for Imperial Lakes Subdivision in the approximate amount of \$161,885.00 for repairs to the dams. Mr. Roberts was instructed to contact Mr. Terry Smith, Soil Conservation, in relation to the cost, engineering and funding sources to repair the dams.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Pauls to authorize Mrs. Biddle, Grants Coordinator, to assist Mr. Roberts in the grant application process for Imperial Lakes Subdivision. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Ryan Aye, Rees Aye.

Mr. Danny Curry scheduled on the agenda had previously cancelled his appearance.

Mrs. Jackie Malone reported that the State Housing Initiatives Partnership has received an additional \$43,067.00 of funds for the 2000/2001-budget year and submitted the following recommendations:

- \$28,760.00 - 2000/2001 SHIP Substantial Housing Rehabilitation Activity
- \$10,000.00 – 2000/2001 SHIP Moderate Housing Rehabilitation Activity
- \$ 4,307.00 – 2000/2001 SHIP Administrative Budget
- \$19,954.00 - Interest earned (1999/2000) - 1999/2000 SHIP-Substantial Housing Rehabilitation Activity

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to accept the monies from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, accept & approve the interest earned and amend the SHIP budget as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Ms. Celeste Cobena, Beach to Bay Connections, Inc., reported that a \$50,000.00 grant has been submitted to the Florida State of Greenway and Trails for property located on the northeast corner of County Road 30A and County Road 283 in Grayton Beach State Park. She stated that this site is not acceptable for the South Walton GeoPark Bike Trail/State Park Forest Trailhead. Ms. Cobena reported that in her search, she discovered that there is no record of the grant or the proposed property being presented to the Commissioners. Ms. Cobena commented that Mr. Jay Odom, Developer, has offered \$90,000.00 matching funds for a parking lot. Ms. Cobena stated that the action taken by Mr. Van Ness Butler, Jr., former D5 Commission, Ms. Kassy Keyes, Walton County Lobbyist and Mr. Jay Odom was not Board approved and is a misappropriation of public land and public funds. Ms. Cobena suggested rejecting the grant and begin this process over.

Mr. Edmund Alexander voiced his opposition of a parking lot on CR30A & CR283. Ms. Nancy James, representing the South Walton Community Council, stated that proper procedures were not adhered to regarding the proposed site and project.

Ms. Kassy Keyes responded stating that the County, Mr. Butler, submitted a draft proposal for a trailhead at the corner of County Road 30A and County Road 283 to the Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT). Ms. Keyes reported that the OGT has been supportive of this endeavor and has offered the County the \$50,000.00 grant to develop a trailhead for the bike trail, advising that no grant has been applied for and no signed contract and informed the Board of the current status of the proposal. Vice-Chairman Rees asked Ms. Keyes if she was receiving a retainer. Ms. Keyes responded that she and Mr. Odom have been friends for a number of years as well as a client.

Mr. Jay Odom stated that he owned property in the vicinity of this location and advised that there are misconceptions concerning the proposal and finalization of the

project. Mr. Odom stated that the proposed location is in the geographical center of the bike path and the State owned land, therefore being an ideal location for the bike path.

Mr. Albert Gregory, Division of Recreations & Park, replied that they support the bike trail and requested two things: (1) should the County elect to establish a trail head on State Park land, the only request would be that the County only ask for the land needed to build the trail head facility; (2) the County should identify a local manager for the facility. When questioned if the proposed location is suitable Mr. Gregory stated that it would depend on the needs and the County's call advising that the State would work with the Commissioners in any way possible and mentioned that there is another alternative location.

Vice-Chairman Rees asked for clarification that the Board has not approved this location and proposal.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to submit a letter to the Office of Greenways & Trails, Division of Recreation & Parks, stating that the Board did not support this location, but is considering it. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Ms. Heather Pense, Office of Greenways & Trails, explained that the grant funds could be moved to another grant cycle with a deadline of January 31, 2002. This would allow eighteen months beyond the deadline for completion of the project. Ms. Pense remarked that she was under the impression that the Board had sanctioned the process submitted to the OGT but reported that no grant has been processed.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to schedule a public hearing to consider the South Walton GeoPark Trail/State Park Forest Trailhead pending a date and selected location in South Walton. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. George Russell, member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, advised the Board that the Regional Planning Council is planning a kick-off to update the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. The study will look at the projected use of the trails in the MPO and invited the Commissioners to attend the kick-off scheduled for tomorrow.

Mr. Freddy Bishop, President of Portland Community Center, requested that the Board apply to Eglin Air Force Base for a ninety-nine year lease for a recreational center for the Community of Portland. The property is located on Site C-6 Road and Eglin Reservation west of Site C-6 Road.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to direct Mr. Bell and Attorney Miller to facilitate negotiations with the Eglin Air Force Base for the forty-acre parcel as stipulated above for a recreation center for the Portland Community. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Commissioner Jones commended Mr. Bishop for all his efforts and endeavors for this cause.

Ms. Susan Paladini appeared to discuss the deviation of the Governmental Services Center, Phase I Plan and asked the Board to re-examine the Settlement Agreement dated May 25, 1999. Ms. Paladini provided a copy of the Map attached as part of the Settlement Agreement. Attorney Miller informed the Board that the two items specifically addressed in the Settlement Agreement pertained to roads and wetlands. He also reported that an attempt to ensure the progression within the boundaries was in conceptual agreement and substantial performance with the master plan.

The Board requested Ms. Williams to provide Mr. Bell with these concerns and have him to report his findings and/or results to the Commissioners.

Attorney Lloyd Blue, representing restaurants and businesses in the Grayton Beach area, requested a variance to the Grayton Beach Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and
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requested that the hours of service be extended from 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. for the Christmas and New Year's weekends. Opposition was voiced to the request due to the noise, intoxication, and profanity with residents living within the vicinity of the bars.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to deny the request.

Mrs. Rhonda Skipper remarked that reservations at Criolla's have been purchased in advance for these weekends and guests are expecting the holiday hours to be extended.

Chairman Walker called for a vote. Ayes 1, Nays 4. Pauls Naye, Jones Aye, Walker Naye, Rees Naye, Ryan Naye.

Chairman Walker called for a motion to grant the request. Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to grant a variance to the Grayton Beach Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and extend the hours of service until 2:00 a.m. for the Christmas and New Year's weekends. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Naye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mickey Whitaker requested final plat approval for Summer Dream, Phase II. Attorney Miller reviewed the plat advising that the plat was in order.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve Summer Dream, Phase II final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Jonathan Rhodes presented the following three plats for approval:

- (1) WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 2, 2nd & 3rd Floor
- (2) WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 2, 1st Floor
- (3) WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 9

Attorney Miller reviewed WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 9, and authorized recording subject to Planning & Zoning signing the plat.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 9, for recording subject to the signature of Planning and Zoning. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 2, 1st Floor for recording contingent upon the Planning and Zoning execution. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve WaterColor Town Center Homes, Building 2, 2nd & 3rd for recording subject to signing by Planning & Zoning. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Vice-Chairman Rees expressed his concerns with the Human Resource Department location, commenting that no signs are displayed on the roadways for directions, no signs are posted within Public Works indicating where the office is located, and mentioned that the location is upstairs and not handi-cap accessible. Vice-Chairman Rees suggested that the County look into other available office space that might improve the Human Resource Department.

Vice-Chairman Rees briefed the Board on his attendance at the Florida Associations of Counties Trust meeting.

Chairman Walker requested the Board's consideration to raise the minimum pay for full-time employees to \$7.00 per hour and questioned Ms. Williams regarding the impact that may result from this request. Ms. Williams stated that it would affect seven employees; three would acquire a fifty-cent increase and four would receive a twenty-five cent increase.

Chairman Walker stepped down as Chairman and turned the Chair over to Vice-Chairman Rees. Vice-Chairman Rees accepted the Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Pauls to establish the starting salary of \$7.00 per hour for full time employees.

Commissioner Ryan questioned the impact of the step system. Ms. Williams answered that it would be the policy of the Board to start the employee at \$7.00 per hour.

Commissioner Ryan expressed his concern on how this request would affect the Analytica Study.

Commissioner Walker amended the motion to read: to establish the starting salary for all employees to be at least \$7.00 per hour for full time employees, contingent upon Ms. Williams' recommendation during Thursday, December 28, 2000, Regular Meeting, second by Commissioner Pauls. Vice-Chairman Rees called for a vote to the amended motion. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to modify the GED/High School Policy and remove the requirement of acquiring a GED or having a High School Diploma.

Mr. Don Crim questioned if the Policy addressed a disadvantage child, Ms. Williams answered that the Policy did not address this issue, but would research into the matter.

Vice-Chairman Rees called for a vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Walker to approve the November 27, 2000 – Public Hearing minutes. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

The Board submitted changes and corrections to the minutes of November 28th and requested to review these corrections and re-submit them for approval.

Commissioner Jones mentioned that D4 Road Crew is still doing maintenance in D3 and requested that the Road Crews maintain the districts as lined up by the Commissioners. Commissioner Ryan responded that when the redistricting was complete, the maintenance districts did not coincide with the political districts. Commissioner Pauls expressed concerns regarding D1 and D5, stating that D5 is still maintaining the old D5 boundaries.

Commissioners Pauls requested that Mr. Bell update them regarding road maintenance and explain how the system works in order for the Commissioners to understand where the Districts will be represented in maintenance.

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

Commissioner Pauls briefed the Commissioner of his attendance at the MPO, Disadvantage Transportation Board, Affordable Housing Seminar and the Jobs & Education Partnership meetings. Commissioner Pauls advised that he would submit a recommendation regarding Treasure-Island Marina during the Thursday, December 28, 2000 – Regular Meeting and requested that advertisement be published so the public will know when the topic would be discussed. Attorney Miller interjected and respectively asked the Board not to discuss the Treasure Island Marina case with the Judkins since a verified complaint has been filed.

Attorney Miller advised the Board that he represented the Walton County Canvassing Board and stated that the case had been dismissed due to Walton County filing an affidavit. He also received a declaratory judgment for a recount of absentee/military ballots but advised that it does not apply to Walton County. Mr. Miller attended the GRIT

bankruptcy hearing in Tampa, and a resolution has been met. He advised that the County will take it's own plans in which \$147,000.00 has been paid with two remaining therefore, Walton County will not have to participate in other Counties loss. Suit against the County & the Construction Company for a building permit issued, no verified complaint filed as yet.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the Chairman's signature on the Emergency Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$181,440.00 for assistance to low-income persons whose wells have been affected by the drought. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Ms. Williams submitted a list of Committees upon which the Commissioners serve and requested that nominations be made for the Committees represented by the former Commissioners.

Vice-Chairman Rees agreed to be a representative on the Florida Association of Counties Trust, Regional Utilities Authority, Tourist Development Council, and Coastal Dune Lake Task Force.

Chairman Walker agreed to serve on the West Florida Regional Planning Council and will continue to serve on the FAC Board of Directors and Small County Coalition.

Commissioner Jones agreed to be a representative on the Council on Aging, Resource Conservation Development Committee and Small County Coalition.

Commissioner Ryan agreed to be a representative on the Jobs & Education Partnership and continue representing the Juvenile Justice Board, MPO, Regional Utilities and Economic Development Board.

Commissioner Pauls agreed to be a representative to the Disadvantage Transportation Board, Council on Aging, Tri-County Board, Beach Improvement and the MPO.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the appointments to the Committees as mentioned above for a one-year term. Ayes 5, Nays, 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Pauls to appoint Mr. John Moores to the Grievance Committee to replace Mr. Lane Rees. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Jones to confirm the appointment of Tom McGee to the Planning Commission to represent D1. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Walker to confirm the appointment of Mr. Bill Wyrrough to the Planning Commission to represent D5. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Pauls to confirm the appointment of Ms. Cindy Meadows to the Planning Commission to replace Ms. Valerie Simmons due to her term expiring. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Walker to confirm the appointment of Ms. Phyllis Bleiweis to the Planning Commission to replace Ms. Laverne Camacho due to her term expiring. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Vice-Chairman Rees reported that the following Boards have vacancies: Code Enforcement Board, Workforce Development Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment, D3 and the Library Board, D3 (Commissioner Jones will recommend a selection).

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Pauls to confirm the appointment of Mr. Mike D'Autilia as an At-Large member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, to confirm the appointment of Mr. Jack Ingram to the Design Review Board.

Commissioner Ryan requested that the selections for the Design Review Board be provided to Ms. Williams and allow her an opportunity to submit the recommendations. Ms. Williams informed Chairman Walker and Commissioner Jones that she is awaiting their selections.

Commissioner Pauls withdrew his motion.

Vice-Chairman Rees selected Ms. Susan Horn to be added to the Design Review Board as General Citizen to replace Mr. Frank Hall. Commissioner Pauls concurred.

The Commissioners requested Thursday, December 28, 2000 – Regular Meeting to finalize the appointments.

There being no further discussion, motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to adjourn at 11:30 p.m. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

APPROVED: _____
Herman L. Walker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Dan Bodiford, Clerk

Amended by Board vote on January 09, 2001; pages 5, 23, 34 and 35