

SEPTEMBER 25, 2001 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in the 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. Mr. Michael Underwood, County Administrator, and Mr. Gary Vorbeck, Director of Legal Services, were also present.

Commissioner Walker led with prayer following the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Chairman Walker called to order the Walton County Hospital Board of Trustees advertised meeting. The meeting was called in order to convey a quitclaim deed for the hospital to Walton County.

Commissioner Jones stepped out.

Attorney Vorbeck stated that he has prepared the deed for a signature from each individual board member conveying the old Walton County Hospital property to the county.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve conveyance of a quitclaim deed for the old Walton County Hospital to Walton County. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Commissioner Jones returned.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to adjourn the Walton County Board of Trustees Meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Chairman Walker called to order the Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Mrs. Patti Yates, Finance Supervisor, presented the Expenditure Approval List consisting of the following bills for payment:

General Fund	\$327,977.54
County Transportation Trust	313,566.23
Mott Sign Grant	6,445.79
N.W. Mosquito Control	2,652.90
Walton DeFuniak Library	13,508.67
Recreational Plat Fee	40,547.73
Solid Waste Enterprises	343,838.28
Mossy Head VFD	13,472.01
Glendale VFD	2,089.12
Darlington VFD	<596.53>
Liberty VFD	465.20
Red Bay VFD	287.50
Criminal Justice Ed. Fund	1,985.90
Capital Project Funds	85,860.61
Section 8 Housing	126,287.82
Tourist Development Council	73,201.67
Multi-Purpose Trust Fund	6,533.84

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve payment of bills as presented on the Expenditure Approval List with the exception of the \$18,390.00 bill to Vulcan Signs. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mrs. Yates requested authorization for payment in the amount of \$37,271.00 to Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for auto/property insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment to Florida Municipal Insurance Trust in the amount of \$37,271.00. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve payment to FCCI Insurance in the amount of \$37,133.00 for workman's compensation insurance. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. This payment will be paid out of the new budget.

Mr. William Pennington appeared before the Board to request authorization to make payment to Department of Management Services on an overdue phone bill in the amount of \$18,479.14. He explained that the bills are from 1995-1999 but could not explain why they were never paid by past administration. Research shows the invoices are valid.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve payment to the Department of Management Services in the amount of \$18,479.14 for phone bills. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Mr. Imfeld stated that money would need to be realigned in the budget to cover those expenses.

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, presented several issues relating to public works. He requested to defer his first item, a change order, pending completion of a contract. The Board concurred

Mr. Barry presented a request from the DeFuniak Springs Little League for assistance in clearing a portion of their property. Commissioner Pauls suggested allowing Mr. Markey, Parks & Recreation Manager, to look into this matter. Mr. Barry

explained that the field is open to the public and it also serves other communities throughout the county. Commissioner Ryan also agreed to the importance of assisting in this request to provide recreation for the youth of the community.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Little League's request and assist in clearing a portion of their land. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Commissioner Pauls requested that an agreement be drafted with the Little League that will make the field available to others in the community and to coordinate its activities through the recreation department.

Mr. Barry requested authorization to proceed with developing a design/cost estimate to construct a protective covering for the World War II Memorial in the courtyard. Mr. Barry will present the estimate back to the Board for approval. The Board concurred.

Mr. Barry requested to reallocate money from Courthouse Maintenance to Courthouse Equipment due to the need for new vehicles. Mr. Barry explained that the maintenance department's vehicles have excessive mileage and are too costly on repairs. He requested to surplus the old vehicles and purchase three new pick-up trucks and two mini-vans.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve to relocate funds in the Courthouse Maintenance budget and purchase three new trucks and two mini-vans. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Barry introduced Mr. Bill Schultz who requested to speak about Autumn Lane. Mr. Schultz stated that he has been maintaining the road or paying to have it maintained and asked to county to take over maintenance or deed it to him. He explained that the road is approximately 500' in length and there are no other property owners on the road.

Commissioner Pauls suggested having the Legal Services Department review the request and further stated that Mr. Schultz may have to go through the abandonment process. The Board directed Mr. Barry to work with Legal Services.

Mr. Barry introduced Mr. Al Buford who presented a request for maintenance on Palmetto Road in the Indian Bay area. He could not locate information that the county has maintained the road, but all the surrounding roads have been. Mr. Barry explained the poor condition of the road and stated that it is in need of major repairs. Mr. Buford explained that extensive water damage has created a major problem, which is enhanced due to the mosquito borne virus that exists. He also asked that all of Bayshore be maintained along with Palmetto. Mr. Barry agreed that the roads need to be repaired and brought up to better standards. Mr. Vorbeck stated that he would research this matter.

Mr. Barry requested direction regarding maintenance of the jail. He stated that the secured areas are not maintained by maintenance staff and are in very poor condition because staff has not been allowed in these areas in the past; however, Sheriff Johnson is now requesting assistance and will provide security of county employees. The Board directed the work to be done.

Vice-Chairman Rees questioned Mr. Barry regarding Destin Commons Mall and asked that he look into alternative routes. Mr. Barry advised that he is currently reviewing those issues.

Commissioner Pauls questioned Mr. Barry regarding storm water plans. Mr. Barry stated that he is also reviewing this issue and would like to meet with the Board to discuss these issues further.

Discussion was held regarding Thompson Road and the Cease and Desist Order from the Army Corp of Engineers. Chairman Walker stated that he would like the county to develop a working relation with them in order to solve this and other potential problems.

Commissioner Pauls questioned Mr. Barry regarding Indian Woman Road. He advised that C.W. Roberts contracted the project and the job is still incomplete. He asked that the project be reviewed and completed according to the timeline. Commissioner Jones suggested adding wording to the contract stating that the contractor is responsible to maintain the road during times of delay in completing a road. It is important that constituents know that the county is working.

Mr. Underwood requested to communicate with DEP and Corp of Engineers before negative action is taken that could cause an adverse reaction on the county.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, who was scheduled on the agenda, did not present any items for discussion.

Mr. Gary Mattison appeared before the commissioners and presented some amendments to the personnel policies. He requested policy 5.11, Trip Authorization, be changed and also require a requisition approving all trip related expenditures.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve the amendment to policy 5.11-Trip Authorization. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Mattison also requested to change policy 5.50-Travel Reimbursement by removing the first two paragraphs and placing them under policy 6.40 Use of Government Property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve the revision to policy 5.11 as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

The Board will revisit the proposed revision to policy 5.50.

Mr. Underwood stated that he would present some proposed wording at a later date regarding out of town travel per diem.

The commissioners discussed the need to establish policy allowing expenditures for meal allowance for representatives or legislative people visiting with the commissioners.

Vice-Chairman Rees suggested utilizing the services of the Institute for Senior Professionals at Okaloosa Walton Community College to assist with drafting policy.

The commissioners directed Mr. Imfeld to work with Mr. Vorbeck regarding the development of a line item budget for expenditures for meal allowance. Mr. Imfeld stated that policy needs to be established first.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizen Services Director, appeared before the Board along with Mr. Phillip Anderson to present the revised Redistricting Plan. Vice-Chairman Rees

commented that he has reviewed the revisions and would like to keep the districts as close to the current boundary lines as possible. He also asked that the District 1 border be kept below Interstate 10.

Chairman Walker requested the committee review the minor changes that were pointed out today. Commissioner Jones also agreed that changes should be kept to a minimum.

Mr. Little stated that he would be preparing a list of names for reappointment to the Library Board and would present that in the near future.

Vice-Chairman Rees commented on the beginning of a new budget cycle and the goals and objective of each department. He commended Mrs. Wellman, Public Information Officer, and Attorney Vorbeck for completing theirs.

Mr. Billy McConnell, Regional Utilities, requested authorization to submit their monthly disbursement request for their grant.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve a request from Regional Utilities authorizing submission of the monthly disbursement request. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Commissioner Ryan commented on a seminar that he attended, which focused on disaster. Discussion was held at the seminar regarding construction of new facilities and the need to design capture space for safety issues. He stated that during the design phase of the county's new building, this should be considered. Commissioner Pauls agreed and stated that better measurements need to be taken regarding security.

Mr. Pat Markey, Parks and Recreation Manager, requested authorization to work with the cities located in Walton County to assist with grant writing. Paxton has a

FRDAP Grant they need assistance with. Mr. Markey stated that he has spoken with the cities to determine their desires regarding grant writing and they are asking for Walton County's support.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve assisting the City of Paxton with grant writing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Markey also requested to assist the City of Freeport, who would like to construct a swimming pool, parking lot and restroom facilities. They are seeking in-kind assistance from the county. Upon completion of the project, they would like to turn it over to the county for maintenance and coordination of activities. Mr. Markey stated that the Recreation Department would be responsible for staffing. He advised that the grant application would be more favorable with the county's support. Commissioner Pauls felt that this was a good idea.

Vice-Chairman Rees stated that Freeport is an excellent location for the pool because of it being centrally located in the county and also suggested that activities be coordinated with the schools.

Chairman Walker voiced concern with taking over the pool because of the liabilities involved. Mr. Underwood stated that he spoke with the Florida Underwriters Insurance Group who said they would insure Walton County relatively cheap. Mr. Markey advised that the City of Freeport would turn the pool over by lease for \$1.00 per year.

Commissioner Ryan questioned if there is additional property available on the proposed site. Mr. Markey advised there is additional property, however, he was unsure

if it was Freeport's intentions to include it. Mr. Ryan stated that with the growth in Walton County the facilities are needed.

Mr. Underwood advised that the FRDAP application requires a cooperative agreement between Walton County and the City of Freeport in order to take over operations of the pool.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the proposal and instruct county staff to work with the City of Freeport to develop an agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Commissioner Pauls commented on the need for additional recreation in the county.

On behalf of the Florida Division of Forestry Point Washington & Pine Log State Forests, Chairman Walker announced their meeting scheduled for October 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Walton TDC Office. The meeting was rescheduled to this date due to the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners Ryan and Jones did not present any items for discussion.

Commissioner Pauls stated that the coastal dune lakes are one of Walton County's most valued assets. After Hurricane Opal a portion of roadway near Oyster Lake was destroyed and later rebuilt. He felt that it was not properly reconstructed because a box culvert that was put in changed the level of the lake not allowing it to open and close to the gulf. A permit was previously initiated to change the outfall of the lake. The permit was cancelled during Commissioner Butler's term in office. Mr. Pauls provided minutes from a previous Board meeting that stated it was not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan to change the outfall of the lake. The applicant then changed from the county to the property owner who has resubmitted another application. He then presented a copy of a

letter from the Walton County Planning Department dated March 26, 2001 stating that there was not a problem as submitted and will not contravene local setback requirements, zoning or building codes, and is consistent with the state-approved Local Comprehensive Plan. A letter was then sent from Coastal Tech regarding completion of the permit application. Mr. Pauls sent a letter to DEP and the Office of Beaches and Coastal Systems stating that in his opinion it is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed outfall change is within the county's right of way and the county has not approved the work. It is his opinion that the county should not approve it. He wanted the commissioners to be aware because of potential litigation and asked the Board to maintain their commitment to not alter the outfalls of the lakes in significant ways. Mr. Pauls asked the commissioners to support the minutes of September 1999 that the permit to change to outfall of the lake is not consistent with the county's plan.

Commissioner Jones suggested that the Planning Department be instructed that any issuance of such determination is subject to Board approval. The Board directed Mr. Jack Arthur to write a letter to the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems stating the county's position.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Ryan did not return after lunch due to a prior scheduled engagement.

Mr. Imfeld presented a resolution (2001-56) amending \$43,067.00 into the budget from SHIP funds.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve resolution 2001-56 amending \$43,067.00 into the budget from SHIP funds. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Commissioner Pauls spoke to the commissioners about the Coastal Center and Coastal Center Mixed Use categories and presented maps, which depicted the problem areas that exist in regards to residents being located in the Coastal Center category.

Mr. Pauls also stated that there is only one entrance into Walton County along U.S. Highway 98, he therefore feels that the county should take a leadership position regarding the location of major commercial development in the county. He spoke about the level of service on Highway 98 versus Okaloosa County's level of service and explained that the Comprehensive Plan should be general, providing goals, but the Land Development Code is to be specific.

Commissioner Pauls requested that Mr. Underwood proceed with the grant application for the Geopark bike trails in the amount of \$1.9 million. The Board concurred.

Mr. Pauls stated that he would continue working with Mr. Underwood regarding the Scenic Gulf Drive corridor project. He also advised that he is awaiting the manual from DOT regarding Scenic 30-A Highway and would be developing a corridor advocacy group.

Commissioner Pauls responded to comments in the paper regarding Life Flight by stating that all life is precious, he does not regard one life over another as insinuated. He felt that such comments are detrimental to the county working together as a whole and that the life flight would benefit everyone in Walton County.

Mr. Lloyd Thompson, scheduled on the agenda, chose not to speak today.

Chairman Walker called to order the advertised public hearing on behalf of Mrs. Karyn Norton with the Escambia County Housing Authority.

Mrs. Norton explained to the commissioners why she feels the Escambia County Housing Program would provide better service to the people of Walton County. Mrs. Norton gave an overview of their program stating that they provide three different interest rates options to meet the needs of individual applicants. She also stated another benefit of their program is that they offer more down payment assistance. Mrs. Norton presented statistics showing that 7-8 people in each district have received loans in Walton County. She further explained the number of personnel on their staff, along with each one's duties.

Chairman Walker extended the public hearing to include Mr. Ralph Cellon, Jr., of Morgan Keegan & Company, on behalf of Bay County Housing Finance Authority.

Ms. Martina Slaughter, Bay County Housing Finance Authority, spoke on behalf of Mr. Cellon. She explained that Bay County consists of only one program because that is the desire of the lenders. They are able to provide different options, depending on what the lenders ask for. Mr. Bob Coleman, Morgan Keegan, Memphis, Tennessee, said that Bay County is seeking to contact the counties that were not previously successful in receiving funding and feels that they can surpass the current number of Walton County loans. Ms. Slaughter stated that they have 21 employees, three of which are in Florida.

Mrs. Millie Chapman, First National Bank and Trust, stated that her bank has participated for two years and feels the Escambia County Program is a wonderful program. It is her wish to continue participating with the same program again this year.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Jones to close the public hearing. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Pauls to adopt a resolution (2001-57) continuing with the Escambia County Housing Authority Program for the next year. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye. Ms. Chris Laird, 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank, Freeport, Florida, also applauded the Escambia County Housing Program.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve the contract with West Florida Regional Planning to provide planning services and authorize the Chairman's signature. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve Watersound Bridges Phase I, final plat for recording, contingent upon receipt of the letter of credit and review by Attorney Vorbeck and Mr. Jack Arthur. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

The commissioners held interviews with the three top ranking architectural firms for construction of additional jail space; Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc., JRA Architects, Inc., and 2WR-Homes Wilkins Architects.

Mr. William Rutherford, CRA, appeared before the Board and introduced his staff. Mr. Rutherford spoke about other facilities they have constructed. After touring the current Walton County jail facility, he stated that they are proposing to construct a new pod to the north of the current jail because of the investment already on site. They also

proposed to construct a new kitchen between the two buildings to best serve the layout of the facility and inmates. He explained that the facility could house males, females and juveniles because of the design. Mr. Rutherford showed proposed construction plans for parking under the additional pod allowing the most cost effective method of operation. Cost estimates provided by CRA totaled \$6,893,000.00 for onsite expansion and \$10,010,000.00 for off site construction, which would take an estimated 18 months to complete.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Jim Roberson, JRA Architects, Inc., appeared before the Board giving an overview of his firm's 26 years of experience in jail construction and further introduced his staff. Mr. Roberson gave the commissioners the option of building a new facility offsite, adding a second story onto the existing jail or to construct a new pod in the back of the current jail.

Commissioner Pauls questioned how parking would be addressed in their plans. Mr. Roberson stated that they have not addressed parking issues at this time. He also stated that approximately \$500,000.00 is needed for renovations and estimated costs for the new construction would be approximately \$2.5 million.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Don Rutland, 2WR, appeared before the Board along with members of his staff Mike Watson, Mike Rutland, Bert Wilkins and Tim Holmes. Mr. Watson presented an overview of their firm, their team, and their experience. He explained the wide variety of experience they have in construction of numerous types of building. Mr. Rutland spoke about the former analysis they performed on the existing jail and the options for

constructing the new jail. Mr. Watson spoke about his firms' strengths, track record, availability of staff and service upon completion. Mr. Rutland told the commissioners that he wants to create a firm and jobs in Walton County by opening an office here. The estimated time for completion by 2WR was 24-28 months and stated they felt it would be more economical to construct on the current site.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

The commissioners reconvened and ranked the firms as follows: first choice-2WR; second choice-CRA; and third-JRA.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to accept the ranking for architectural firms for construction of additional jail space as follows: 2WR, CRA, JRA. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye.

Attorney Vorbeck presented the revised Animal Control Ordinance for review.

Mr. Vorbeck advised that Mr. Van Ness Butler, Jr. has reviewed and consents to the lease agreement for the Catherine Cole Taylor Center for the Arts. Ms. Meg Stevenson, Board Member for the Arts Center, requested a modification to the agreement from "performing arts" to "community arts", this would also provide for visual arts.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve the lease agreement for the Catherine Cole Taylor Center for the Arts as amended. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye.

Attorney Vorbeck presented the Scope-of-Work and Compensation Schedule for the Noise Ordinance Consultant.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve the scope-of-work and Compensation Schedule for the noise consultant. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye. Mr. Vorbeck stated that he would develop a contract to go with it.

Mr. Vorbeck presented a request on behalf of Regional Utilities to set a public hearing on October 23, 2001 at 2:15 p.m. to consider a rate increase. The Board concurred.

Mr. Vorbeck advised that Walton County has filed a verified complaint with Okaloosa County and Mr. Underwood is securing an expert from Orlando to study the traffic issues.

Mr. Vorbeck advised that a date and time needs to be set to hold an executive session with the attorney's and the commissioners regarding the Treasure Island Marina case. Ms. Williams will coordinate a date.

Mr. Robert Registrar addressed the commissioners regarding proper use of inmate labor. After reading the legal opinions, it is his opinion that if the commissioners cannot fund an entity, then inmates are not allowed to be used either. He further questioned the use of inmates for Christmas Reflections. Attorney Vorbeck stated that the use of inmates must provide a public service to the community. Mr. Vorbeck will research the use of inmates for Christmas Reflections and report back to the commissioners. Vice-Chairman Rees commented that they are trying to follow procedures to assure that the organizations they support serve a public purpose.

Ms. Linda Morse questioned the commissioners about continuing the Animal Control Authority but not their contract. She also asked why the Humane Society used county equipment on private property. The commissioners responded that the contract

has not been cancelled and they are attempting to develop an ordinance and would then address the management issues.

Commissioner Ryan returned.

Mr. Brian Kellenberger, Watkins Constructors, reported that the Coastal Branch Library has been completed and they were able to save money on the project. Mr. Kellenberger then presented the keys to the commissioners who then presented them to Mr. Dan Owens and Ms. Marilyn Coe. Vice-Chairman Rees commended the Library Board on their vision and stated that the construction of this library is the first in over 100 years in Walton County. A Grand Opening has been set for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve a records disposition request from the Clerk's Office and to accept CC#643, Dell Latitude Laptop computer, as surplus equipment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve submittal of a letter of support on behalf of the Florida Chautauqua for their grant application. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Underwood stated that the Board previously entered into a Joint Participation Agreement with DOT to relocate the traffic light on US 331 from the Winn Dixie intersection to the Bob Sikes intersection. The county agreed to provide funding for construction of an eastbound turn lane on Bob Sikes Road for an estimated cost of \$46,228.72, which the county would be required to pay, in addition to 10%.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to approve payment in the amount of \$46,228.72 to DOT for construction of the eastbound turn lane

on Bob Sikes Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Vice-Chairman Rees stated that he received a letter from Valarie Simmons regarding Inlet Beach and asked Mr. Vorbeck and Mr. Underwood to review the matter.

Ms. Nancy James stated that the South Walton Community Council would be meeting to discuss the Quasi-Judicial proceedings and invited the commissioners to attend.

Mrs. Heather Wellman advised the commissioners that the Legislative Session would enter into special session, which could affect special projects. Mr. Underwood will look into this matter with Mr. Ron Book, Lobbyist.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Herman L. Walker, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts