

OCTOBER 23, 2001 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 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, Mr. Gary Vorbeck, Director of Legal Services, and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

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

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resource Director, appeared before the Board and introduced three new staff members: Michael Lane and Tim Durbin who will serve in the Growth Management Department, and Ed Baltzley, as Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

General Fund	1,162,649.24
County Transportation Trust	376,522.69
N.W. Mosquito Control	150.79
Walton-DeFuniak Library	4,895.67
Solid Waste	288,627.63
Mossy Head VFD	3,161.24
Glendale VFD	7,838.33
Darlington VFD	6,445.64
Liberty VFD	542.60
Red Bay VFD	856.50
Capital Project Fund	662,561.61

Tourist Development Council	114,788.57
Section 8 Housing	12,551.56
Multi Purpose Trust Fund	22.00
Driftwood Debt	144,937.50

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve payment of the bills as presented on the Expenditure Approval List. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mrs. Yates also presented an additional invoice for Leavins-Hughes Well Drilling in the amount of \$5,676.00 for drought relief.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve payment to Leavins-Hughes Well Drilling in the amount of \$5,676.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Ms. Ingle commended the finance staff for their labors. She stated that they have closed out the year-end and the auditor has begun auditing the Clerk's portion. The Board's side will be closed by the end of this week and ready for the auditors.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve payment to Ammons Dozier and Trucking in the amount of \$6,000.00 for demolition work from Hurricane Georges. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. William Imfeld, Financial Director, appeared before the Board and also commended the Clerk's staff, which made the work for his staff more streamlined.

Mrs. Angie Biddle, Grants Coordinator, presented the EMS Rural Matching Grant application and the EMS Matching Grant on behalf of the Emergency Medical Services, which are 75/25 matches. The first grant in the amount of \$166,588.00 is for construction of an EMS sub-station in Mossy Head and medical equipment. Under the 90/10 matching

grant EMS is requesting \$149,929.00 and the county's portion would be \$16,658.00. Upon approval, the same application would be submitted under the 75/25 grant in the event it is declined under the 90/10 grant. United Volunteer Fire Department is also requesting a grant application in the amount of \$6,010.00 with the county's matching portion of \$601.00, which would purchase medical equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve submittal of grant applications as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Imfeld presented the scoring results for the Professional Services Contract for the Sheriff Department regarding their personnel, organization and pay. A committee of five individuals, Sheriff Johnson, Ms. Williams, Gary Mattison, Ken Little, and Mr. Imfeld, evaluated the responses. The following firms responded: Cody & Associates, Inc., Coca Beach, Florida; Public Sector Personnel Consultant, Royal Palm Beach, Florida; Springsted Incorporated, Virginia Beach, Virginia; City Strategies, Inc., Destin, Florida; and Professional Management Advisors Associates, Inc., Coral springs, Florida.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to accept staff's recommendation and approve Cody & Associates, Inc. as the top ranked firm and Public Sector personnel Consultant as the number two ranked firm. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Discussion followed regarding the contract amount and the Board agreed to allow Mr. Imfeld and Mr. Underwood to negotiate the contract price and sign the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to adopt a resolution (2001-60) amending the budgets to roll forward budget revenues and

expenditures for an uncompleted grant and for an undelivered capital encumbrance from fiscal year 2000-2001 into fiscal year. The funds were from the Glendale Fire Department, \$614.00 and Library, \$1,475.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Imfeld explained that the Board previously approved to distribute funds from the Choose Life license plates to Healthy Families and St. Margaret's. Healthy Families has returned the monies stating they no longer qualify. Mr. Imfeld requested to redistribute the funds to St. Margaret's.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve for the funds from the Choose Life license plates to be redistributed to St. Margaret's. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board regarding Thompson Road and the paving of certain roads. Mr. Lloyd Thompson requested Thompson Road be placed on the county's two year road paving list. Mr. Barry advised that it is on the list. Chairman Walker advised Mr. Thompson that funding must first be secured and right-of-way obtained before paving could occur.

Mr. Thompson addressed the Board regarding right-of-way issues on Thompson and McCullough Roads. He also stated that Dr. Garcia, who lives on Miller Lane, makes a tremendous contribution to the county and asked that Miller Lane be paved. Chairman Walker stated that Mr. Barry would research the issue.

Ms. Edwina McKee also commented on the closing of Thompson Road and stated that speed bumps need to be installed for safety.

Mr. Barry stated that he spoke with the Sheriff regarding lowering the speed limit on CR3280 from Black Creek Blvd to Highway 331. He explained that the road is becoming dangerous because of heavy traffic congestion and dump trucks that are hauling from the clay pit. Discussion followed regarding a previous contract with White Construction for the widening and repairs on CR 3280. Mr. Barry explained that he would like to temporarily lower the speed limit from 55 to 35 with prior advertisement and notice to the public.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve Mr. Barry's request to temporarily lower the speed limit on CR 3280 from 55 to 35 due to safety reasons and after proper notification. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Mr. Barry will advertise for two weeks prior to the change.

Commissioner Pauls pointed out that Walton County does not have any specified weight limits on any county roads and stated that this issue should be addressed.

Chairman Walker asked Mr. Vorbeck to work on an agreement with White Construction for the widening of CR 3280 as discussed in previous meetings.

Mr. Barry advised that three bids were received on the uniform bid. Upon review of the bids, he recommended Unifirst, who offered the overall best details. Mr. Barry requested authorization to negotiate with Unifirst for uniforms for county work crews for an amount up to \$16,000.00 annually. Chairman Walker pointed out that some employees are currently involved in a contract and questioned how they would be compensated. Mr. Barry stated that they would be equally compensated and as their contracts expire, he would like to include them in the contract with Unifirst.

Mr. Barry spoke about the Safe Haven Program, which identifies county workers to children who may be in danger. He explained that the program is advertised in the schools and the children are made aware of the type and color of uniforms so they may call out for help when they feel threatened.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve for Mr. Barry to negotiate a contract with Unifirst for an approximate annual amount of \$16,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Barry presented a request that the county provide engineering and permitting for the dredging of the canal in the Daugeette Canal Subdivision. He explained that the Board previously considered this issue in June. There has not been any determination that the county is at fault in this situation.

Mr. Tom Piggott, President of the Daugeettes Canal Improvement Association, appeared before the Board and gave a brief history on the creation of the Daugeette Subdivision. Mr. Piggott stated that they would like the county to provide engineering services for the dredging of the canal. He stated that a large portion of run-off is red clay from the county roads and an estimated cost to obtain a permit would be \$17,832.00. Attorney Vorbeck questioned if the county is responsible for creating the problem and if not, would there be any public benefit to the public for the county to correct it.

Ms. Dorothy Miller stated that the county dug out the ditches seven years ago resulting in the clay washing into the canal.

Chairman Walker suggested that Mr. Barry contact Preble-Rish and have them look at the situation and to explain to the Board their responsibilities. Commissioner Pauls stated that he would like to see evidence that the county is responsible for causing

the problem. A letter from Charles Boulian, County Engineer, stated that there is no documentation showing that the county is at fault.

Mr. Tom Stein, resident of Daugette Subdivision and utility contractor, also appeared before the Board and answered questions relating to the canal.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to approve payment to hire Preble-Rish to perform necessary engineering services to obtain the permits. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Barry advised that commissioners of a request by the Ponce DeLeon Post Office for maintenance on Sheffield Lane. He stated that the county constructed the road in 1981, however, it has not been maintained since. The post office stated that the road is in need of maintenance in order for them to deliver mail. After further discussion, the Board determined that Sheffield Lane is a private road.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to deny the request to perform maintenance on Sheffield Lane. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Commissioner Jones requested further clarification be made and if found to be a county road, then they would make repairs. The commissioners also directed Mr. Barry to make these determinations and to decline the requests if there is no public benefit derived from the repairs.

Mr. Underwood presented a letter from Mr. Russell Floyd, regarding the need for additional land for more landfill capacity within 18 months.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Emergency Response Director, appeared before the Board and presented the proposed agreement between Walton County and the Department of

Community Affairs to complete a hazardous materials site-specific analysis. The analysis would identify all hazardous sites in the county. Mr. Bell recommended performing these duties in-house using Emergency Management staff.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve performing a hazardous materials site-specific analysis using Emergency Management staff. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Bell presented the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement has been updated and reviewed by Attorney Vorbeck. The Emergency Management Act gives local governments the authority to make agreements for mutual assistance in emergencies, and through such agreements to ensure the timely reimbursement of costs incurred.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement as recommended. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to renew the Medical Director's contract with Dr. Rueben Garcia in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Mr. Bell advised the commissioners that these services were placed out for bid last year with no response.

Mr. Bell presented a request on behalf of the South Walton Fire District who is requesting their annual subsidy of \$500,000.00. The funds will be distributed according to contract.



Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve a memorandum of understanding between Walton County EMS and United Fire District. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Bell stated that he would be presenting an update regarding the animal control facilities during the afternoon session. He also advised that he would be meeting in Tallahassee with the Emergency Management Task Force regarding the safety of Walton County due to the recent Anthrax threats. Mr. Bell has also been working with DeFuniak Springs Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and the Health Department.

Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resource Director, brought before the Board a recommendation to raise the salary of the Executive Director of the Tourist Development Council. Mr. Mattison explained that the current salary range is \$54,080.00 to \$104,936.00. Ms. Titus is currently at \$77,251.00 and did not receive an increase at the time of the Analytica Study. She was hired in 1999 and has received only one 3% pay increase since accepting the position. Human Resource has reviewed comparable salaries and recommends a 10% increase, \$85,000.00 - \$90,000.00, because of the growth of the organization and additional responsibilities. The Council recommended a pay range of \$96,000.00, which represents a 24% increase.

Mr. Ken Gifford, Chairman of the SWTDC, addressed the commissioners regarding Mrs. Titus' abilities, responsibilities and also spoke about her caliber of work. The TDC Board voted unanimously in favor of a new pay range from \$98,200.00 to \$150,000.00. He spoke about the strategic plan and her many accomplishments. Mr. Gifford feels that she was shorted when she first accepted the position. The TDC Board

feels that she has far exceeded her goals and recommended to compensate her to be in line with her peers.

Motion by Commissioner Jones to accept Mr. Mattison's recommendation and increase Mrs. Titus' salary to \$87,500.00. Chairman Walker stepped down and seconded the motion. Ayes 2, Nays 3. Pauls Naye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Naye, Ryan Naye. Motion failed.

Commissioner Pauls and Rees commented on how low the salary is. They stated that this is one of the most important aspects of Walton County and good leadership is needed.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Pauls to accept the recommendation of the TDC Board and grant Mrs. Titus' an increase to \$96,000.00 effective with the next payroll. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Pauls Aye, Jones Naye, Walker Naye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Jones both recognized the outstanding job performance of Mrs. Titus.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizen Services, informed the commissioners that the State of Florida Veteran's Affairs is seeking contributions for the WWII Veteran's Memorial. No action was taken.

Mr. Little presented the two proposed plans for the 2001 of Commissioner districts.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt Redistricting Plan Six. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Pauls Naye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Naye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to incorporate the legal descriptions for Plan 6 (exhibit A) into the minutes for the newly reviewed district boundaries, contingent upon satisfactory review by the Legal Services Division. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

The commissioners recessed at noon and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Rees presented information about the Economic Symposium sponsored by Gulf Power featuring the marketing efforts for Walton County. Florida Great Northwest has printed baseball cards featuring 16 counties including Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the minutes of September 25, 2001 – Regular Meeting, October 1, 2001 – Land Use Hearing, and October 9, 2001 – Regular Meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Commissioners Jones suggested that the December 11, 2001 meeting be held in Mossy Head due to the cancellation of the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was scheduled for Mossy Head.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to hold the December 11, 2001 meeting at the Mossy Head Community Center at 1:00 p.m. for staff recommendations and 5:00 p.m. for the public.

Commissioner Jones recommended developing a citizens advisory committee or steering committee for the Mossy Head Industrial Park comprised of representatives from the Mossy Head Water System, Mr. Russ Barry, Mr. Underwood and Mrs. Angie Biddle.

Chairman Walker suggested making a decision about who would serve on the committee and report back to the Board at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with the names.

Commissioner Ryan did not present any items for discussion.

Commissioner Pauls commented on the importance of keeping the public informed on road paving issues.

Commissioner Pauls presented information regarding a presentation he made to the Okaloosa-Walton County MPO regarding the need for a by-pass around Choctaw Beach. The process needs to be initiated with a letter from the Chairman of the MPO asking Eglin Air Force what impact this could have. Commissioner Pauls requested the Board adopt a resolution addressed to the MPO in support of this issue.

Commissioner Ryan stated that he is in support of the by-pass and felt that support from Eglin needs to be obtained.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Vice-Chairman Rees to adopt a resolution and to work with Eglin on developing a by-pass around Choctaw. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. The sketch is preliminary and can be altered.

Discussion followed regarding the two positions on the MPO that represents Walton County versus seventeen other positions.

Commissioner Pauls presented information regarding the Planning Commission project reviews. He stated that the majority of reviews are performed in the south Walton and a large number of staff has to travel. He feels that careful thought should be given as to where staff should be located for best efficiency. Vice-Chairman Rees suggested that

thought should also be given to the future growth of the county and the location in the county that growth will take place.

Commissioner Pauls voiced the need for growth management regarding traffic issues and the grid system including Veteran's Road, Old Blue Mt. Road and others.

Chairman Walker called to order the advertised public hearing to consider modification of ordinance 96-19, which clarifies the definition for unsafe buildings. Mr. Arthur explained that this would give the Building Department staff better authority to abate unsafe buildings. Mr. Arthur recommended approval.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Rees, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt an ordinance (2001-20) clarifying the definition for unsafe buildings. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Chairman Walker called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the Animal Control Ordinance. Mr. Ronnie Bell reviewed the ordinance and pointed out the changes that have been made.

Mr. Don Crim stated that he feels the ordinance should not designate or separate areas of the county. The same law should apply to the entire county.

Mr. Richard Whitaker questioned the legality of applying the law to parts of the county. Attorney Vorbeck stated that the commissioners can designate areas as they determine necessary.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to close the public hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt the Animal Control Ordinance (2001-21) as revised on September 25, 2001. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Commissioner Jones stated that he is in support of the ordinance, however, he is not in favor of arbitrarily dividing the areas to which it applies. Commissioner Rees agreed.

Mr. Bell explained that the RFQ for animal control shelters has been advertised and will be opened next week and present a recommendation to the Board on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bell stated that he and Mr. Cliff Knauer, Preble-Rish, visited Okaloosa County's facilities. Mr. Bell will present a proposed location for the facility and associated costs.

Mr. Bell spoke about the building that was originally purchased for the regional distribution center that now belongs to the Board of County Commissioners. He advised that he is in the process of constructing that 10,000 square foot portion previously approved for additional space for his staff.

Chairman Walker stepped out and Vice-Chairman Rees accepted the Chair.

Vice-Chairman Rees called to order the advertised public hearing to consider establishing rates for sewer services for users, which will be connecting to a low-pressure sewer system provided by Regional Utilities.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, President/General Manager of Regional Utilities, stated that they are in the process of installing low-pressure sewer systems in areas north of Highway 98. Pumps will be installed at each individual home and will belong to the homeowner. Mr. Wilson stated that there would be lifetime maintenance on the pumps

and a fee needs to be established. He recommended a charge of \$6.00 per household per month to service the pumps. Maintenance would cover the cost of repairs or replacement and 24 hour service would be available for maintenance.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve a mandatory rate of \$6.00 per month, per household, for the pumps as part of the low-pressure sewer system. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to authorize Regional Utilities to request for grant reimbursement payment #2 in the amount of \$88,986.63. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Wilson advised that water systems have been placed under high alert because of the terrorist activities that have occurred recently and informed the commissioners that they have placed additional security on their water system.

Mrs. Kris Titus, Executive Director of the South Walton Tourist Development Council, appeared before the commissioners requesting approval to appoint Mr. Maurice Gilbert and Mr. Jim Meeker to the TDC Board of Directors. Mrs. Titus explained for the commissioners Mr. Meeker's background and experience and stated that he is currently the General Manager for the Hilton.

Chairman Walker returned.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the appointment of Mr. Meeker and Mr. Gilbert to the TDC Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mrs. Titus presented the TDC's annual report and reviewed last year's goals along with the upcoming years goals.

Mrs. Titus presented information regarding the Blue Wave Beach Roundtable. The focus was to bring together residents who live on the beach, vendors, and county organizations who deal with the beach. She stated that the information gathered is to determine if the TDC is advancing in the right direction and are there improvements that could be made. Mrs. Titus advised that there were remaining funds from the roundtable meetings that could be used to implement a strategic plan using the information gathered. She advised that they are moving forward with the strategic plan. Commissioner Pauls commented that the groups who met are in support of the TDC's direction. He feels that this information will assist with the job description for Beach Activities Manager.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Dr. Susan Turner, Walton County Health Department, appeared before the commissioners and presented information on Anthrax and Bioterrorism. Chairman Walker suggested that Mrs. Heather Wellman coordinate the dissemination of information to all employees.

Chairman Walker left for a prior scheduled meeting.

Mr. Jack Arthur, Growth Management Director, advised the Board that the Dune Lake Task Force has been changed to the Dune Lake Advisory Board. He stated that the Board needs structure if they are to continue. Mr. Arthur recommended adopting an ordinance designating the structure the Board would follow. Vice-Chairman Rees suggested that those serving on the Dune Lake Advisory Board have staggered terms. The Board directed staff to draft an ordinance developing the needed structure for the Dune Lake Advisory Board and report back.



Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to appoint Frank Schewelzer to the Code Enforcement Board to serve as a business person. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to appoint John Ingram, Jr. to the Design Review Board to serve as a Design Professional. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to reappoint Cindy Meadows to the Planning Commission, Member at Large. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to reappoint Phyllis Bleiweis to the Planning Commission, Member at Large. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to reappoint, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to reappoint Albert Paris to the Planning Commission, District 4 Representative. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

The commissioners did not take any action to reappoint Joe Johnson at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to appoint Jimmy Carter to replace Ricky Rookis on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, Member at Large. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to appoint Frank J. Hall, Jr. to replace Richard Stafford on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, District 5, who declined to serve. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to reappoint Thomas Terrell to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, District 3. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to reappoint Mike D’Autilla to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, Member at Large. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to appoint Charlotte Flint to the Code Enforcement Board replacing Herbert L. Miller, General Contractor. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Naye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to reappoint Thomas Stein to the Code Enforcement Board, Subcontractor. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to appoint Alan Newsome to the Code Enforcement Board in place of Jan Moore, Alternate. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Naye.

The position Mr. Phillip Spann is holding on the Code Enforcement Board is pending a reappointment.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to reappoint Barbara McLellan to the Library Advisory Board, District 4 Representative. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Pauls to reappoint Jack Dennis to the Library Advisory Board, District 1 Representative. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

A final decision has not been made on the remaining Library Board positions.

Vice-Chairman Rees requested that certificates of appreciation be given to board members who will no longer be serving. Mr. Little will prepare the certificates.

Attorney Vorbeck presented copies of an engagement letter from Oertel, Hoffman, Fernandez & Cole, P.A. for information regarding pending issue with the Corp of Engineers and DEP. Mr. Underwood stated that he has been in contact with them and it appears that better communications appear to be starting.

Mr. Vorbeck presented a set of proposed rules/procedures for informational purposes regarding quasi-judicial hearings.

Mr. Underwood advised that November 30<sup>th</sup> has been set to finalize the purchase agreement for the Mossy Head property. The purchase is \$772,400.00 for 1180 acres in Liberty County, which will be exchanged for 519 acres in Mossy Head. Mr. Underwood explained that St. Joe's agreement expires on October 31<sup>st</sup> and requested a six-month extension.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to a six-month extension with St. Joe. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Underwood presented a letter from Mr. Freddy Baker, Council on Aging requesting a letter of commitment to construct a 50-bed facility in Walton County. He stated that the architectural RFQ's are being reviewed regarding renovations of the old

hospital. The commissioners agreed that they already made a commitment to this issue at an earlier meeting.

Mr. Underwood advised that 2WR has submitted a proposal and question the total percentages of the construction price.

Mr. Don Rutland, 2WR, appeared before the commissioners and explained that he met with staff regarding fees. His firm felt that the fees quoted were based on the services they would provide. There was confusion regarding the costs of the contract and what would be included for the costs. The commissioners agreed that the issue needs to be settled up front. Commissioner Jones felt that a bottom line amount should be agreed upon not leaving an open-ended amount. Mr. Underwood agreed to continue working with Mr. Rutland to come up with a set cost.

Mr. Underwood advised the Board that he received bids from the architectural firms and he is in the process of creating a committee to rank the firms.

Mr. Underwood spoke about properties the county owns surrounding the landfill. He stated that the Lang property needs to be cleaned up and taken care of before it becomes run down. Vice-Chairman Rees suggested Mr. Underwood prepare a recommendation and present back to the Board.

Vice-Chairman Rees questioned Attorney Vorbeck regarding the timeline on Destin Commons. He commented that Okaloosa County denied Walton County's complaint on October 9<sup>th</sup> and Walton County now has 30 days from that date to file suit. Attorney Vorbeck recommended the commissioners hold a special meeting to discuss this issue. Mr. Underwood, Commissioner Pauls, and Attorney Vorbeck will meet with Commissioner Burkette and Mr. Holley of Okaloosa County.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Valerie Simmons addressed the Board on behalf of Don Chambers regarding the availability of sewer for Inlet Beach. She stated that 85% of the people polled were in favor. Commissioner Rees requested Mr. Vorbeck to study the issue. Mr. Vorbeck stated that he has spoken with MR. Dewey Wilson of Regional Utilities. The Board directed Mr. Vorbeck and Mr. Underwood to meet with Mr. Paul Craig Roberts and Attorney Clayton Adkinson of Inlet Beach. Discussion followed regarding sewer systems being placed on the county's right-of-way and the possibility of Mr. Wilson installing the lines to serve Inlet Beach.

Mr. Underwood advised that he is in the process of setting up a staff picnic for all Board employees on December 5, 2001 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the DeFuniak Springs Lake yard. He stated that he would also like to present special recognition to those employees who have served Walton County for 20 years or longer.

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ryan. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lane Rees, Chairman

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