

JANUARY 8, 2002 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Special Joint Meeting with the Council on Aging at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Tourist Development Center.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Tim Pauls, Vice-Chairman Larry D. Jones, Commissioner Herman L. Walker, Chairman Lane Rees and Commissioner Gene Ryan, Mr. Michael Underwood, County Administrator, Attorney Gary Vorbeck, Director of Legal Services, and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present. Mr. Freddy Baker and Mr. Joel Paul were both present to represent the Council on Aging.

Chairman Rees called the special meeting to order.

Mr. Baker appeared before the commissioners requesting direction. A letter from Commissioner Ryan, which outlined concerns for the proposed assisted living facility, was presented.

Chairman Rees introduced the members of the Council on Aging who were present: Mr. Joel Paul, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Kay Brady.

Mr. Underwood stated that he has made an attempt to locate facilities within the county where an assisted living facility could be located. One possible location would be the Lang property.

Commissioner Ryan stated that the location is crucial to providing for the well being of the clients.

Mr. Paul addressed the commissioners and stated that family members sometimes have to be placed in a nursing home because of the lack of affordable assisted living facilities. He explained how discussions about an assisted living facility began approximately three years ago. He stated that the Council on Aging is looking for ideas from the Board so they can proceed with moving this project forward.

Commissioner Walker commented that he does not feel the old hospital is suitable because of the current conditions of the building. He explained that the Board of County Commissioners has made a commitment to an assisted living facility in an approximate amount of \$750,000.00. He further stated that the 20-acre parcel (Lang property) would be a consideration and questioned what would be a good location and the right distance from town. Commissioner Walker commented on the need to provide for future growth. He also spoke about the need for a serene place for the clients.

Mr. Paul told of a previous conversation he had with several educators of the community and their concern to be able to retire and know that they have an affordable place to live.

Commissioner Pauls stated that a market survey could be performed to determine the need, location, and what kind of competition there may be. There are considerations that need to be made such as the distance to the hospital from the location of the facility. In addition, the needs of the people who will locate in the facility should also be considered.

Commissioner Rees spoke about the location near the COPE Center in an attempt to meet various needs already addressed.

Commissioner Walker answered questions by stating that he does not see the county attempting to recoup any costs for the property or construction of the facility. He feels the Board would give the Council on Aging the opportunity to manage the facility if they choose to do so.

Commissioner Ryan suggested that a market survey could be done to determine the needs of Walton County. He stated that the need for a facility is apparent. However, the location needs to be carefully considered because the residents need to continue being interactive with the community, not being distanced from the populous.

Commissioner Pauls questioned contacting the City of DeFuniak Springs to determine what facilities or property they own and the possibility of also partnering with them.

Commissioner Walker stated that all efforts need to be made financially to sustain an ALF, while considering the needs of future growth.

Commissioner Jones confirmed the fact that it was not their intentions to delay any of the process when they removed the old hospital from consideration.

Mr. Paul spoke about previous discussion with Dr. Thompson and the need to construct a 40-50 bed facility to make it cost effective. Mr. Underwood advised that he had spoken with Ms. Lovejoy of Okaloosa County who also advised that a 50-bed facility is what is needed to break even financially.

Commissioner Rees questioned the number of other assisted living facilities currently available in the nearby area. Mr. Paul stated that there are not any others, except private home facilities or the Stanley House, which Medicaid or Medicare patients do not qualify for. Commissioner Rees further questioned if a market survey would be

necessary. The Board agreed on the need for an ALF and feels that a market survey would not be necessary. Commissioner Pauls felt that a market survey should be performed to justify the expenditure because of taxpayer's money being spent.

Chairman Rees suggested proceeding with the market survey to determine the size of facility needed. Commissioner Walker stated that a firm has already been selected to design the facility, however, the size and location needs to be determined.

Commissioner Ryan stated that the goal is to establish an affordable facility for this sector of the market. Commissioner Walker agreed that no one should be turned away because of a lack of income.

Ms. Huffman, Council on Aging, voiced concern with any financial limitations being placed and stated that other income brackets, as well as the homeless, should be considered.

The Commissioners committed to an ALF for the lower income level. Chairman Rees suggested moving forward with an analysis.

Mr. Paul stated that an analysis could be performed without having to hire a consultant. A committee could be established using experts in this field who live in the area. Mr. Paul advised that there are Walton County residents who currently live outside the county in other facilities who also need to be considered in the survey; they may desire to move closer home.

Commissioner Pauls reminded the Board that consideration should be given as to the availability of utilities when choosing a location due to costs involved.

Mr. Bob Dobes advised that the Vision 20/20 is looking at future needs and stated that they could also look at the recreational visions and needs of the seniors.

Mr. Patterson stated that the amount of money and the location are the key elements that need to be agreed upon. He stated that other recreational facilities could be utilized. He felt that the area near the old Wal-Mart would be acceptable because of its convenience to the hospital.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Baker take the lead in having the market survey conducted and asked that he work with Mr. Underwood and Commissioner Ryan.

The Commissioners recessed this portion of the meeting.

The Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Jones led with prayer following the Pledge of Allegiance the American Flag.

Chairman Rees called the meeting to order and gave special recognition to Caring and Sharing for the assistance they provided to needy families during the holiday season. He also recognized Emerald Coast Realty Association for their help.

Chairman Rees informed the members of the audience of the passing of Mrs. Jane Fleet, wife of Colonel Robert Fleet, former Commissioner. A moment of silence was held in her honor.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve the minutes of December 11, 2001 – Regular Meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

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

General Fund	1,419,938.45
County Transportation Trust Fund	701,492.17
Mott Sign Grant	8,811.35
North Walton Mosquito	1,908.58

Library	14,304.21
Solid Waste	775,181.61
Mossy Head VFD	3,024.76
Glendale VFD	303.99
Darlington VFD	<287.90>
Liberty VFD	542.90
Red Bay VFD	3,156.42
Driftwood Debt Service	5,148.00
Section 8 Housing	124,519.02
Multi-purpose Trust Fund	25,107.00
Tourist Development Council	234,245.59
Local Option Gas Tax	20,295.16
Fine & Forfeiture	544,675.01
Recreation Plat Fee	453.74

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

Mrs. Yates presented the following additional payment requests to Watkins Engineers and Constructors:

Project-Sheriff's Annex	\$ 4,305.01
Sheriff's Annex	128,783.93
Infra-structure	55,994.70
Infra-structure	448,198.51
Courthouse Annex	162,683.33
Courthouse Annex	247,694.92

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve payment to Watkins Engineers as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board requesting approval for the Chairman's signature on a contract with the Florida Department of Transportation. The contract would allow the county to provided maintenance on two bridges on WC Currington Road upon completion of construction by FDOT.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Walker to accept the contract for the maintenance of two bridges on WC Currington Road. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Barry explained that the county has leased a Caterpillar Loader since 1996 and requested the Board approve for the Public Works Department to purchase the loader. He advised that the equipment could be purchased for \$26,830.90 and that the equipment would be used for approximately three more years. Mr. Barry explained that the purchase would benefit the county more than to continue leasing it.

Motion by Commissioner Ryan, second by Commissioner Jones to allow Mr. Barry to negotiate a purchase price with Thompson Tractor Company, Crestview, Florida, for the purchase of the loader and approve the purchase not to exceed \$26,830.990. Ayes 4, Naves 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Naye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Commissioner Walker felt that new equipment could be purchased for better value.

Mr. Barry requested approval to surplus a rubber tire roller (BCC 792) and permanently transfer it to Holmes County. He explained that the equipment is not functional and not economically feasible to repair.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to declare BCC 792, rubber tire roller, as surplus equipment and donate to Holmes County. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Chairman Rees applauded Mr. Barry for his efficiency and efforts in attempting to save taxpayer's money.

Mr. Barry presented a request from the City of Paxton for assistance in clearing a fencerow. He stated that his crews have a full schedule and requested guidance from the

Board as to their desire to assist Paxton. Commissioner Walker asked that the Board consider using District 2 employees to perform the work.

Mayor Hayward Thomas requested assistance in clearing a fencerow at the Paxton Cemetery and a fencerow on the south side of the Town Hall.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to allow District 2, with the help of the inmate squad, to assist Paxton in clearing of the fencerows. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Barry explained that he contacted the Southern Scrap Company in Pensacola and they offered to perform the same services as Cumbaa Enterprises. However, they would not agree to remit to the county 20% of the monies collected as a result of their resale of the county's white goods. Mr. Barry explained that he made the decision to continue contracting with Cumbaa Enterprises for the white goods contract.

Mr. Barry presented the bid evaluation for the South Gulf Drive Drainage Improvement Project. He advised that he received only one responsive bid from Gum Creek Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$127,000.00 and recommended to award the project.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Walker to approve to award the bid to Gum Creek Farms for the South Gulf Drive Drainage Improvement Project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Barry presented the bid evaluation for US 98 & Scenic Gulf Drive turn lane. The following two responsive bids were received: Gum Creek Farms, Inc., \$26,500.00 and APAC-Florida, Inc. for \$35,200.00. Mr. Barry recommended awarding the contract to Gum Creek Farms in the amount of \$26, 500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Walker to accept Mr. Barry's recommendation and award the US 98 & Scenic Gulf Drive turn lane contract to Gum Creek Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$26,500.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Barry explained that the scales at the landfill failed the test as performed by the Florida Department of Agriculture. The inspector advised that the scales need to be replaced or overhauled. Mr. Barry explained that they are temporarily patching the scales. He explained that a preliminary estimate to overhaul the scales is \$25-30,000.00. The cost for replacing the scales would be approximately \$45,000.00. Mr. Barry recommended purchasing a new 60-foot scale and explained that a small county state grant is available that could be used for the purchase. The Board requested Mr. Barry obtain additional quotes for both the repair and purchase of the scales.

Mr. Barry explained that the Courthouse Maintenance Department is working under time constraints and requested to adjust their overtime budget by reallocating \$10,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to reallocate \$10,000.00 to the Courthouse Maintenance Overtime line item. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. The Board suggested looking at all budgets in the overtime area and requested that Mr. Mattison look at the overall Overtime Policy.

Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resources Director, appeared before the commissioners with a recommendation for the final appointment to the ADA Committee. He recommended Mr. Michael Burke, a disabled Veteran.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Burke to the ADA Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Mattison presented the recommendation for the new Staff Attorney, Kira Honse. Attorney Vorbeck introduced Ms. Honse stating that she comes highly qualified. Ms. Honse addressed that commissioners and gave a brief explanation of her experience.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Pauls to accept staff's recommendation and approve the hiring of Ms. Kira Honse as Staff Attorney. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye. Ms. Honse will begin on January 16.

Mr. Jack Arthur, Growth Management Director, presented the revised Parasail Ordinance and requested to set a public hearing for adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to hold a public hearing to consider adopting the revised Parasail Ordinance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Ms. Ingle questioned the commissioners regarding the Clerk's responsibility for issuing permits for parasail operators. She also explained that the workload is heavy for her employees and asked if there were any plans for the Board's employees to begin issuing the beach permits again.

Commissioner Pauls advised that the Beach Activities Director's job description has been completed and that position should be filled in the near future. Mr. Arthur advised that the Board would be taking the beach permits back as soon as the Beach Director is hired and has a place to work.

Mr. Jonathan Berry, Parasail business owner and operator, suggested the Board take input regarding the current operations. He feels the revised ordinance has been drafted in a manner to remove as much parasail activity as possible. Mr. Berry voiced concern with safety issues and proper use of corridors.

Mr. Dave Meadows questioned the timeframe for applying for a parasail operator's permit. Discussion followed regarding the February renewal date and the limited number of permits issued. The commissioners also discussed repealing the current ordinance and not issuing any permits.

The Board agreed not to issue any further Parasail Operator's Permits until a final decision is made regarding the revised ordinance.

Attorney Vorbeck advised the Board that Attorney J. David Holder, Attorney for the Code Enforcement Board, has submitted his letter of resignation from that Board. He has agreed to represent the Board through January. Advertisement has been sent out and Mr. Vorbeck will present a recommendation back to the commissioners.

Attorney Mark Davis, representing Sugar Cliffs Homeowners Association, appeared before the Board with information regarding the declaratory judgment he has filed in court. He stated that his client contacted him regarding a county easement along their property. The public records do not indicate a recorded dedication or recorded easement and they are questioning whom care, custody, or control belongs to. Mr. Davis considered filing an abandonment; however, he could not determine that there had ever been an actual dedication of the easement to the county. Therefore, he has filed a Declaratory Judgment asking the Circuit Court make the determination if a dedication has occurred. If a dedication has occurred, he agreed that the easement belongs to the county.

Mr. Davis voiced concern with the boardwalk that is on the easement and concerns with liability. He stated that his client is only asking the courts declare rights. Attorney Davis advised that his client would probably proceed with abandonment if the courts declare it as an easement, depending on the discovery. He stated that he would like to see some resolve to the problem before April and would be communicating further with the county.

Mr. Howard Carr, along with numerous residents, were also present to show their concern regarding Sugar Cliff's.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Underwood presented a contract from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Board's approval. The agreement is for the enhancement of public recreational boating facilities at the Juniper Lake Park. The Fish and Wildlife would construct the facility and turn it over to the county for maintenance upon completion.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve the Cooperator Agreement with Fish and Wildlife for the boating enhancement project at Juniper Lake. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Underwood presented a records disposition request for the Clerk's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the records disposition request on behalf of the Clerk's Office. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mrs. Heather Wellman, Public Information Officer, presented several examples of new county logos for the commissioner's consideration. She presented her recommendation and that of staff and stated that it was chosen for easy reproduction.

Discussion was held regarding the abstract design and the need to make it more clearly identifiable with the county. The commissioners requested the artwork be sent back for additional variations.

Ms. Bonnie McQuiston informed the commissioners that the Walton County Taxpayer's Association would sponsor a luncheon on January 14 for their meeting with DEP.

Mr. Underwood presented a list of suggested names for the roads lying in the Governmental Education Center. Mr. Don Crim suggested adding Fleet Drive or Chick Grant Drive in honor of Colonel Fleet or Mr. Chick Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls to designate the following names: Coastal Centre-Road A, Greenway Trail-Road B, Community Way-Road C, and Substation Street-Road D. The motion died for the lack of a second. The road names will be considered individually.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to name Road A-Coastal Centre Blvd. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Naye, Rees Aye, Ryan Naye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to name Road B-Greenway Trail. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Naye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Walker to name Road C-Community Way. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Naye.

After discussion regarding a name for the Road leading into the south Walton Sheriff's Substation, Commissioner Walker motioned to name the road McMillian Blvd because of former Sheriff McMillian's involvement with obtaining the land. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Ayes 2 Nays 3. Pauls Naye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Naye, Ryan Naye. Motion failed.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Jones to name the road Sheriff Drive. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Naye.

Mr. Underwood presented two resolutions for the Board's consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt a resolution (2002-01) for the initiation of litigation against Okaloosa County regarding the Destin Commons Development. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Walker to adopt a resolution (2002-02) adopting a Conflict Resolution with Okaloosa County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

For clarification, Mr. Underwood stated that he is not moving into the house on the Lang property.

The Board recessed.

The Board reconvened for the 5:00 p.m. portion of the meeting.

Ms. Kris Titus, Executive Director of the Walton County Tourist Development Council, appeared before the commissioners and stated that tourism is up 11% for the month of November. Ms. Titus presented an ordinance (2002-01) amending the 3% TDC

Tax including the two-year expenditure plan. She advised that the TDC Board unanimously approved the plan.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Ryan to adopt an ordinance (2002-01) adopting the TDC's two-year plan. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Ms. Titus presented and explained the TDC's scorecard, which shows the lodging information, occupancy, rates, and revenue related issues.

Ms. Titus explained that a comprehensive monitoring program has been developed to continue collecting scientific data in order to build upon the State of the Beach analysis conducted by Taylor Engineering Inc. Periodic beach change measurements will continue to be collected regarding the dune, beach and offshore areas. By purchasing a comprehensive surveying system to measure onshore and offshore areas, TDC staff will be able to collect data in-house to produce the annual State of the Beach Report and assist the County and bed tax collectors in quantifying damages caused by tropical storms and hurricanes. The TDC recommended and requested approval for their staff to proceed with the bid process in accordance with the county's Purchasing Department.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve for TDC staff to proceed with the bid process for the purchase of necessary equipment. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Arthur presented an ordinance (2002-02), for the Board's consideration, which establishes a Dunes Lakes Advisory Board, its duties, and the membership and terms.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt ordinance 2002-02 establishing the Dune Lake Advisory Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, President and General Manager of Florida Community Service Corporation for Regional Utilities of South Walton, appeared before the Board requesting approval to surplus and sell five well sites. He explained that only two of the sites are large enough for a home to be built on and the county has no use for them. The other three are too small and will not be sold. He therefore requested approval to sell the lot on Camp Creek Road and one at Seabreeze Subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Ryan to approve to surplus and sell the two parcels of property by bid with the right to reject any or all bids. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

Commissioner Pauls addressed the Board regarding the fulfillment of the Settlement Agreement for the Governmental Education Center for the greenways and trails. After research, he found that there has not been an actual budget or plan to complete the trail system. An estimate was prepared by Watkins Engineers in the amount of \$136,275.56. Mr. Pauls requested to proceed with establishing a budget not to exceed \$140,000.00. He explained that \$283,000.00 would be returned from the infrastructure, which could be used for this budget. Commissioner Pauls also suggested appointing a trails committee to establish the location of an 8 foot trail way.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Jones to allow Mr. Pauls to appoint a committee in order to prepare a recommendation and establish a

budget not to exceed \$140,000.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pauls Aye, Jones Aye, Walker Aye, Rees Aye, Ryan Aye.

The committee suggested by Commissioner Pauls consists of Scott Jackson, Celeste Cobena, Susan Paladini, Tracey Howell, Roy Brown, Tom Patton, Mike Underwood, Brian Kellenberger, and himself.

Commissioner Pauls requested to postpone discussion of the issue relating to right-of-ways pending additional needed information.

Commissioner Ryan addressed the Board regarding possible uses for the buildings currently located at the EOC. The 25,000 square foot buildings were originally purchased for the regional distribution center. Mr. Ryan suggested the following alternatives: 1- erect one at the EOC and one at the site of the YMCA or at the Mossy Head industrial site. Option 2- one could be placed at Mossy Head and one at the Wee Care Park, option 3- one at the EOC and divide the other one constructing half for the District 4 yard and half for District 5. Option 4- would be to place one at the Wee Care park and again divide one between District 4 and 5.

Mr. Kellenberger offered construction prices for breaking the building down, which totaled approximately \$31.00 per square foot to construct and complete or \$9.00 per square foot for the building itself. The Board agreed to review this issue further.

Mr. Chuck Lawson, YMCA, stated that they would like to present a comprehensive plan for the counties recreational activities as a whole. He advised that they will be looking for two 25,000 square foot buildings for the needs of the YMCA. He agreed this issue needs further review and advised that Vision 20/20 would be meeting in about six weeks and would look at this issue again.

Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Walker did not present any items for discussion.

Chairman Rees informed the Board that Walton County was on the honor roll of the National Association of Counties for security efforts made during the 9/11 incident.

He also brought to the attention of the public the Point Washington State Forest 5-year resource Management Plan that is available for review.

Chairman Rees stated that the commissioners, along with staff, are attempting to streamline their meetings for efficiency. In an attempt to do so, a consent agenda will be developed to help speed the process.

Mr. Underwood advised that discussion has also taken place about combining the staff portion of the meetings into one per month. The commissioners agreed and the next evening meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 and there will not be a 1:00 staff portion.

Chairman Rees opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Nancy James invited the commissioners to the South Walton Community Council Meeting on January 24 with guest speaker David Taylor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Lane Rees, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court