

DECEMBER 10, 2002 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioner, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Larry Jones, Chair, Tim Pauls, Vice-Chair, Commissioner Lane Rees, Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, and Commissioner Ro Cuchens. Mr. Michael Underwood, County Administrator, Attorney Gary Vorbeck, Director of Legal Services and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Commissioner Cuchens led with prayer following the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of the following items. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

1. EAL Approval	
General Fund	\$ 633,822.32
County Transportation	\$ 152,647.18
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 682,329.01
Section 8 Housing	\$ 10,553.10
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 3,478.50
W. Co. Library	\$ 20,825.01
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 523.52
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 201,410.35
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 5,104.22
Glendale VFD	\$ 1,723.15
Darlington VFD	\$ 1,241.24
Liberty VFD	\$ 2,357.33
Red Bay VFD	\$ 259.00
Local Option Gas Tax	\$ 11,250.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 897.70

SHIP	\$	-
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	74,811.62
Mott Sign Grant	\$	-
Spec. Law Enforcement	\$	-
Driftwood Debt Serv.	\$	585.49

2. Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2002 – Regular Meeting
November 26, 2002 – Regular Meeting
3. Surplus/Disposal of Equipment

Mr. William Imfeld, Financial Director, appeared before the Board and introduced Ms. Cathy Campbell-Moose from the Scenic Corridor Association Florida Highway Beautification Council. She appeared before the Board requesting support for their application for a state grant in the amount of \$150,000.00, which requires a 50/50 match that the Association will provide. Ms. Campbell-Moose provided cost estimates for the beautification project of .7 miles of Highway 98. She stated that the local governing entity would fund the annual maintenance costs in the amount of \$39,722.00. The Scenic Corridor Association will prepare the grant, prepare all of the landscaping plans and installation, and provide all of the matching funds. The county would then provide annual maintenance beginning in 2004.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to support the Scenic Corridor Association in their grant application for the Highway 98 beautification project and commit to provide annual maintenance. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, appeared before the commissioners and advised that several homeowners on Holly Point Road have requested their road be paved, while some individuals are opposed to its paving.

Mrs. Steyerman, resident of Holly Point Road, appeared before the Board in opposition to paving the road. She stated that she is speaking on behalf of eight other property owners who are also in opposition. Mrs. Steyerman stated that she previously presented a petition with the signatures of those opposed to the paving. Those individuals feel that it will increase traffic and speeding as a result. She also advised the commissioners that there are large trees that would have to be removed, which they oppose, and therefore requested that the road not be paved.

Commissioner Cuchens questioned what other alternatives are available. Mr. Barry stated that the road could be left as it is or the RACO process could be used on it. An open graded asphalt or hot asphalt would be the other options. Mr. Barry recommended paving it with asphalt for safety reasons and to reduce maintenance costs. Commissioner Pauls commented on the importance of considering the cost of maintenance.

Mr. Bill Julian, homeowner on Holly Point, stated that the majority of property owners on Holly Point Road want to see it paved. He stated that the road was previously on the road-paving list, but has since been removed. Mr. Julian stated that all of the planning, engineering and DEP approvals are complete and ready to be paved. He does not feel that additional traffic and speeding will be a problem. The width of the road is 22 feet. Commissioner Pauls felt the road should only be 18 feet wide. Commissioner Pridgen questioned if a pervious surface could be used on the surface. Mr. Barry stated that it could lessen the width of the ditches using a pervious surface.

Mr. Ed Bowman, Holly Point Road, stated that the road has poor drainage and encouraged the commissioners to proceed with paving it.

Mr. Brad Currington, George Ellis Point Road, stated that other roads surrounding Holly Point Road are on the paving list and felt that Holly Point Road should be paved at the same time.

Commissioner Pauls stated that he would like for Public Works to look at the width of the ditches. Commissioner Cuchens requested additional time to research this issue further. No action was taken.

Chairman Jones called to order the advertised public hearing to consider adopting the Single Family Mortgage Bond Issue Resolution.

Mrs. C.J. Pipkins, Assistant Executive Director for Escambia County Housing Finance Authority, presented information regarding their performance during the past three years of service to Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to adopt a resolution (2002-58) and enter into an interlocal agreement with the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority not to exceed \$150,000.00 Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Service Director, presented the committee and board vacancies. Mr. Little spoke with Mr. Nick Nickoloff, TPO Coordinator, who is working on the draft TPO Membership Reappointment Plan in an attempt to gain a third seat for Walton County. Mr. Nickoloff advised that if successful, the third seat may not come available until Spring 2003.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Commissioner Pauls to serve on the Workforce Development Board with Mr. Gary

Mattison representing him at the meetings. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to appoint Commissioner Cuchens to serve on the Regional Utility Authority. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Commissioner Rees to serve on the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization and appoint Commissioner Cuchens to serve when the third seat becomes available. Ayes 3, Naves 2. Rees Aye, Pridgen Naye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Naye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Commissioner Pridgen to serve on the Council on Aging Board. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Ken Little to serve on the Transportation Disadvantaged Board. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to appoint Commissioner Cuchens to serve on the West Florida Regional Planning Council. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to appoint Mr. Flip Spann, Architect, to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustments in place of Mr. Billy Wilson. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to reappoint Judith Williams to continue serving on the Design Review Board as a Design Professional. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to reappoint Ms. Susan Horne to continue serving on the Design Review Board as a general citizen. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to reappoint Ms. Polly Capps to continue serving on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, District 5. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls to appoint Mr. Larry Barrett, affected property owner, to replace Mr. James E. Ray on the Design Review Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Ms. Maria Milton to serve as the District 2 appointee on the Library Advisory Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to reappoint Ms. Sally Merrifield to continue serving as the District 4 appointee to the Community Development Citizens advisory Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Mr. Dave Lovell, Engineer with PBS&J, to serve on the Code Enforcement Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Mr. Richard Fowlkes, private citizen, to serve on the Code Enforcement Board in place of Art McLellan. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens to reappoint Mr. David Kramer, Realtor, to continue serving on the Code Enforcement Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to reappoint Ms. JoAnn Petty to continue serving as the District 3 appointee to the Library Advisory Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to reappoint Mrs. Meg Nelson to continue serving on the Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board, At Large. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to reappoint Ms. Judi Rutland to continue serving on the Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Little presented a draft of the Walton County Public Library System Art Exhibit Policy, which would allow the library to display local artwork without liability. Commissioner Pauls stated that a mechanism is needed to provide safeguards that would

allow the Library Board to take necessary action regarding inappropriate art. The commissioners made minor revisions, which will be reflected in the revised policy.

Motion by Commissioner Rees to approve the Walton County Public Library System Art Exhibit Policy as amended. Commissioner Pauls seconded the motion to include a commissioner in the Selection Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Chairman Jones called to order the advertised public hearing to consider a Non-ad-valorem Assessment Resolution. Mr. Underwood stated that the resolution would allow for collection of a special assessment for those individuals in the Lake Tantara and Imperial Lakes Subdivisions. The resolution is preliminary and required before establishing an MSBU.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens to adopt the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Resolution (2002-62). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Tom Powell, Economic Development Council, stated that he previously presented a County-wide Strategic Plan for economic development. He also presented the Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2002-2003. Both plans were previously taken under advisement and the recommended changes have been made. Mr. Powell requested the commissioners accept the proposed Implementation Plan with any further recommended changes necessary. He also requested the Board adopt a resolution in support of the County-wide Strategic Plan for economic development and the Implementation Plan for economic development for the county for fiscal year 2002-2003.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to accept the proposed Implementation Plan as previously amended and to move forward within the county's budget and using available manpower. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to adopt a resolution (2002-59) supporting the County-wide Strategic Plan for Economic Development and the Implementation Plan. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Powell stated that he would report back to the commissioners at a later date with an update on their accomplishments. Commissioner Rees commented that the marketing efforts are going well. He stated that they are continuing to look at aerospace and aviation as well as other businesses they are attempting to attract to Walton County. Mr. Powell advised that the Florida Great Northwest is doing the marketing for them.

Ms. Gail Powell scheduled on the agenda cancelled and did not appear.

Mr. Brad Pickle, South Walton Tourist Development Council, appeared before the commissioners to request approval to award an RFQ to Marlowe & Company for Federal Shore Protection. The TDC recommended this firm as the top ranked firm in the country. The cost is \$3,500.00 per month and will be paid from TDC funding.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to approve an agreement with Marlowe & Company as the consultant for the Walton County Beach Nourishment Program. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Rees commended the TDC for the good job they are performing. Even with the overall economy being down, Walton County's Bed Tax collections were up 26%.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Attorney Vorbeck presented a guide to Quasi-Judicial Land Use Hearings for review. The purpose of the guide is to provide reference materials to Planning Commission members and Board members regarding the Quasi-Judicial procedure. The resolution, if adopted, would cause all members of the Board and Planning Commission to declare their ex parte contacts before the hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the Quasi-Judicial Guide to Land Use Hearings and adopt a resolution (2002-61) establishing a process to disclose ex parte communications. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Daniel Lesh appeared before the Board in opposition to the purchase of the Stallworth property. Mr. Lesh stated that he is also speaking on behalf of Mr. John Goff, President of the Stallworth Homeowners Association. He stated that they do not want county money spent on this purchase. Commissioner Pauls commented that this is an excellent opportunity for the county. He also stated that there is a great possibilities of being reimbursed for the expenditure. Judge Tom McGee, President of the South Walton Community Council, reiterated their support for the purchase of the Stallworth property. Mr. Richard Fowlkes, President of the Blue Mt. Beach Association, also voiced their support for the county to purchase the property. He commented on the importance of preserving the property.

Chairman Jones called to order the advertised public hearing to consider final plat approval for Bayou Landing and Watersound Beach Phase I.

Mrs. Jennifer Christensen, Planning Technician, presented Bayou Landing final plat for approval. Staff recommended approval. There was no opposition voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve Bayou Landing final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mrs. Christensen presented Watersound Beach Phase I for final plat approval. Staff recommended approval. There was no opposition voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve Watersound Beach Phase I final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resources Director, presented a change to policy 19-Discharge, and requested the Board approve the amendment. Mr. Mattison stated that the policy was amended for clarification.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen to approve the amendment to policy 19.4. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Michael Underwood, County Administrator, presented a change order request on behalf of Donofro and Associates for work being performed at the old hospital. Mr. Collier advised that a Structural Engineer is needed to assess the meeting room area. He explained that the structure needs to be made more sound in that area by adding additional steel beams. The contract the county has with Donofro does not include this

type of work. Commissioner Cuchens requested the total amount expended on this building. Mr. Collier stated that current expenditures are about \$300,000.00 and about \$30,000.00 for asbestos removal.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the change order as requested. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Rees Aye, Pridgen Naye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Naye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Underwood stated that the following seven firms responded to the RFQ's to update the comprehensive plan: Berryman & Henigar, Belflower, Fowler & Associates, Kenneth Goldberg, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Larue Planning & Management and Solin & Associates. The following top three firms were selected: Solin & Associates, Larue Planning & Management and Kimley-Horn and will make their presentations on January 14, 2003.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls to accept staff's recommendation and hear presentations from the top three ranking firms on January 14, 2003. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Staff Attorney, Kira Honse, addressed the commissioners regarding a legislative requirement. She advised that school districts, municipalities and counties must work together to keep each other informed regarding proposed development within the county through interlocal agreements. The county has been delegated to coordinate this effort, but will receive \$6,620.00 to help defray costs. Ms. Honse recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to accept the recommendation and approve to proceed with an interlocal agreement with the Walton

County School Board and the three local municipalities. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Underwood reminded the Board of the employee picnic that will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2002 and asked that each commissioner attend.

Commissioner Pauls advised that Highway 30A is now eligible to be designated as part of the Scenic Corridor. He requested approval to submit the application to the State to be able to continue with the process. Commissioner Pauls stated that the process can take up to a year.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to adopt a resolution (2002-60) supporting the letter of intent requesting that Highway 30A be designated as a Scenic Corridor as part of DOT's Highway Program. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Pauls presented a proposed ordinance regarding activities on the beach. He stated that many meetings have been held with various individuals and beach vendors. Commissioner Pauls stated that he would like to see a change regarding the number of people required at special events in order to obtain a permit. He suggested it be changed to 50 people. Ms. Honse advised that she has worked on this issue since hired and the proposed ordinance codifies all of the beach ordinances. She stated that she drafted this ordinance using some of the language from other counties. Mr. Don Crim requested clarification regarding overnight camping and the pitching of tents on the beach.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to set a public hearing on January 14, 2003 at 5:15 to consider adopting the Beach Activities Ordinance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Pauls requested that a response letter be sent to the Department of Community Affairs regarding the Local Government Certification Program. Commissioner Pauls presented a letter from DCA advising of an opportunity for counties to be certified with regards to planning issues. He therefore requested an application be submitted. The Board requested time to review this issue.

Commissioner Pauls requested that a re-hearing be scheduled to consider an Occupational License. He also requested that staff update the new commissioners with information that has already been researched.

Commissioner Pauls presented information regarding the newly drafted Right-of-Way policy for review. The draft policy also addresses speed humps, lighting, engineering inspection, and storm water regulations. This will be addressed at a later date.

Commissioner Pauls asked that the Board request notification from FDOT regarding the PD&E study on Highway 98 and requested that one employee from Public Works and one from the Planning Department be appointed to attend the FDOT meetings. Mr. Underwood stated that he contacted FDOT and expressed the need for notification in order to have representation at the meetings. He advised that Mr. Dan Arner, County Engineer, and Mr. Ken Shannon, Planning Department, has been appointed to attend those meetings.

Commissioner Pauls presented a request on behalf of Mr. Ed Moreau to accept an easement as part of the Chat Holly extension project. The Board asked Mr. Barry to review this issue further.

Commissioner Pauls requested a strategic planning session be scheduled. Mr. Underwood stated that staff has identified a facilitator, Mr. Tony Arrant, who will be contacted to schedule a date. Mr. Underwood will report back to the Board.

Commissioner Cuchens and Chairman Jones did not present any items for discussion.

Commissioner Pridgen requested that Adams Road, Blue Bird Road and Harrison Road, District 2, be added back to the county's maintained road list. He stated that they were previously maintained and unsure why they are no longer being maintained.

Commissioner Pauls reminded the Board of the road maintenance policy and stated that the Board needs to remain consistent.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Cuchens to add Adams Road, Blue Bird Road, and Harrison Road back to the county's maintained road list. Commissioner Pauls felt that documentation should be provided showing these roads have been maintained in the past. He stated that he was not opposed to maintaining them, but wants consistency with policy.

Commissioner Rees commented that items should not be discussed if they are not on the agenda. He stated that it is important to inform people of the issues that will be discussed so they can be present if they want to be able to speak.

Chairman Jones called for the question to add these three roads to the maintained road list. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Rees Naye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Naye.

Commissioner Rees advised the community of an opportunity for Walton County residents to be Pages during the Legislative Session. He directed those interested to contact their Senator.

Commissioner Rees spoke about the possibility of providing live coverage of the commissioner meetings via cable T.V. Ms. Ingle reminded the commissioners of the additional costs associated with this type of coverage, such as additional personnel to video tape the meeting, additional storage space and reproduction costs. Commissioner Rees stated that additional research would be needed. Commissioner Pauls requested this issue be researched further. Mr. Little will research this issue and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Rees presented discussion regarding sewer at Inlet Beach. Mr. Bob Mitchell, Inlet Beach Water, and Mr. Dewey Wilson, Regional Utilities, were present to answer questions. Commissioner Rees presented a letter from Mr. Paul Craig Roberts, President of Inlet Beach Water, regarding grant monies received for the expansion of sewer and water in south Walton County. Mr. Roberts stated that they are willing to cooperate with the expansion. Mr. Wilson stated that Inlet Beach is approaching 100 units in their original contract. Approximately one mile of line will have to be extended to Inlet Beach to accommodate the necessary capacity. He stated that he would install the line and Inlet Beach would construct the lift station. The approximate cost to extend the line would be \$100,000.00 and would be paid from grant funding. The lift station would

be construct according to Regional Utilities specifications. Commissioner Rees commented that Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Wilson and Shannon, an Engineer from Regional Utilities, have agreed to meet on a monthly basis for better communications. Inlet Beach will also be working on a master plan.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to support Regional Utility to use approximately \$100,000.00 in grant funding to install the necessary lines to Inlet Beach. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, President and General Manager of Florida Community Services, stated that they have already applied for the same grant for next year in the amount of \$1.5 million and requested the Chairman's signature on letters to the legislative delegation.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letters to the legislative delegation for grant funding. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jeffrey Brown appeared before the commissioners regarding the ordinance for plumbing contractors. He stated that the passing score was raised from 70 to 75. At the time he took the test the score was 70 and stated that he made a score of 73 on his test, but never fully activated his state license. Mr. Underwood explained that the ordinance was already adopted with a required passing score of 75 when Mr. Brown applied for his license in Walton County and there is no provision for grandfathering. Mr.

Brown requested assistance from the Board. The commissioners agreed to research the issue further.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Larry D. Jones, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court