

NOVEMBER 25, 2003-REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

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

Chairman Jones led with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. He then called the meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for the election of a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Pauls stated that usually the Vice Chairman is elected to serve the position of Chairman, but it was his desire not to be nominated because of his other responsibilities in District 5. He therefore nominated Chairman Jones to continue serving as Chairman of the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees, that Chairman Jones retains the position of Chairman for an additional year. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen, that Commissioner Pauls retain the Vice Chairman position for an additional year. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye,

Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye. Both Chairman Jones and Commissioner Pauls accepted the positions as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board.

Ms. Ingle expressed her appreciation to Chairman Jones for all his help to the Clerk's Office during the past year and commented him on the admirable job he has done as Chairman of the BCC. Ms. Ingle also announced that the Clerk's Office had again received an award from the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting. She complimented the County's OMB Office for working with the Finance Department to obtain the necessary information.

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

1. Expenditure Approval List

General Fund	\$	39,048.35
County Transportation	\$	4,871.99
Fine & Forfeiture	\$	-
Section 8 Housing	\$	7.87
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$	196.39
W. Co. Library	\$	195.36
Recreation Plat Fee	\$	-
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$	364.59
Mossy Head VFD	\$	69.06
Glendale VFD	\$	-
Darlington VFD	\$	-
Liberty VFD	\$	-
Red Bay VFD	\$	142.79
Local Option Gas Tax	\$	-
Capital Projects Fund	\$	-
SHIP	\$	750.00
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	64.43
Mott Sign Grant	\$	-
Debt Service Hospital	\$	-
Spec. Law Enforcement	\$	-

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| Driftwood Debt Service | \$ | - |
| Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund | \$ | 383.43 |
| Imperial Lakes MSBU | \$ | - |
| Public Safety-911 | \$ | 2,298.51 |
2. Approve Minutes of October 29, 2003-Regular Meeting
 November 03, 2003-Comp Plan Update
 November 04, 2003-Land Use Hearing
 November 06, 2003-Regular Meeting
 3. Records Disposition Request
 4. Child Dependency Grant-In-Aid

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, reviewed a change made to the Public Works' Division Activity Update. He stated that the paving of the 36-foot wide road into the Freeport Industrial Park was not completed, but would be within the next week. Commissioner Pauls questioned about the time frame for the Rosemary Beach stop signs. Mr. Barry responded that the Engineering Department had submitted information to Rosemary Beach and was waiting for a response.

Chairman Jones called to order the public hearing for final plat approval of the following plats: Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase II and Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase III. Mrs. Jennifer Christensen, Planning Coordinator, presented the final plat of Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase II for approval. Phase II of Cypress Breeze Plantation consists of a 30-lot single-family detached residential subdivision. Planning staff recommended approval subject to review and approval of the final letter of credit. There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve the final plat of Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase II for recording subject to review and approval of the final letter of credit. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mrs. Christensen presented the final plat of Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase III for approval. Phase III of Cypress Breeze Plantation consists of a 49-lot single-family residential subdivision. Planning staff's recommendation was for approval subject to review and approval of the final letter of credit. There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the final plat of Cypress Breeze Plantation Phase III for recording subject to review and approval of the final letter of credit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Barry requested that two county roads that do not appear on the current list of county maintained roads be added to the list. Mr. Barry stated that Professional Place was inadvertently left off the county maintained road list and should be added back to the list. Garden Street has been evaluated by the County Engineer and has also been recommended for addition to the list. Mr. Barry recommended that the BCC allow the EOC and Public Works to add both of the roads to the list of roads maintained by Public Works.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees, to add both roads, Professional Place and Garden Street, to the list of county maintained roads. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented a request from Back Forty Timber for permission to use, on a temporary basis, a parcel of county owned land near the Walton Correctional Institution. He stated that if the BCC agreed to this use, Legal Services would provide an agreement for Back Forty Timber to sign for the use of county property.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Rees, to approve the request from Back Forty Timber for access to county property. Commissioner Cuchens questioned where the property was located in relation to the Lang Property. Mr. Barry explained the location of the property. Further discussion was held regarding Back Forty Timber's responsibility to maintain the property. Commissioner Cuchens suggested that the county videotape the property before and after Back Forty Timber uses it. It was the general consensus of the Board to include in the agreement that there would be compensation to the county for any deterioration of the land. A vote was called for the motion on the floor. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry announced that two grants had been received by Walton County. One of the grants received was a Water Quality Improvement Grant for the Hammock Point Area. This grant will allow for improvements to be made to the quality of the water, specifically reducing the amount of sediment entering into the Choctawhatchee Bay. The second grant applied for and received by the county was a grant for the Oyster Lake Reclamation Project. This grant will allow for four structures to be placed around Oyster Lake, which will enable the county to improve water quality, restore the proper level of the lake, and connect wetlands that have been interrupted over the previous years. The Board expressed appreciation to those that assisted with the two projects.

Mr. Gary Hulion, Code Enforcement Coordinator, stated that the Planning Commission had not reviewed the revised language to the existing Fence Requirements for Small Lots Ordinance. He recommended that the Board allow additional time for the Planning Commission to review the language of the ordinance and address other issues

that have come before the Board. He also recommended that the deadline of December 18 for temporary signage be further extended for another month.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees, to extend the deadline for temporary signage for another month. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Services Director, noted that it was time for appointment to the Tri-County Community Council. Mr. Little stated that Commissioner Pridgen was appointed previously and recommended that the Board reappoint him to serve another term.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to reappoint Commissioner Pridgen to serve on the Tri-County Transportation Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Attorney Vorbeck noted that the county needed to advertise for a public hearing for the C.W. Fisher abandonment. It was agreed upon that the public hearing would be held January 13, 2004. The Board also discussed rescheduling the BCC Meeting on December 23. It was agreed that a meeting would be held on December 16 for approval of the expenditures list only.

Mr. Brad Pickel, Director of Beach Management, addressed the Board concerning the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement Federal Shore Protection Program and gave a summary explanation of the history. He explained that in 2002, the BCC requested the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) complete a Federal Shore Protection Program Reconnaissance Study of Walton County's shoreline that was funded entirely by the federal government. Mr. Pickel stated that the next step in the process is a 3-year

feasibility study that must be cost-share 50/50 with a non-federal sponsor and a Feasibility Study Cost Sharing Agreement must be signed. The county's portion of the project would be \$300,000.00 and would be paid through the Beach Nourishment contingency funds. The TDC recommended signing a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the federal government for the Federal Shore Protection Program Feasibility Study of Walton County beaches and approve project funds from the Nourishment contingency reserves.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve signing a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the Federal Government for the Federal Shore Protection Program Feasibility Study of Walton County beaches and approve project funds from the Nourishment contingency reserves. Walton County's portion will be \$300,000 this year. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Pickel addressed his second issue, which was the Inlet beach Porous Groin Demonstration Project Grant Agreement. He stated that in October, the BCC hired Benedict Engineering to conduct the Inlet Beach Porous Groin Demonstration Project. He further stated that the project was eligible for state cost sharing as an experimental project and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection had agreed to pay \$428,989.00 of the total project cost. The TDC recommended signing the FDEP grant agreement to fund \$428,989.00 of the Inlet Beach Porous Groin Demonstration Project.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls, to allow the TDC to sign the FDEP grant agreement to fund \$428,989.00 of the Inlet Beach Porous Groin

Demonstration Project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Kris Titus, Executive Director of the South Walton Tourist Development Council, appeared before the Board in regards to vending on the Walton County beaches once they have been nourished. She said that homeowners and property owners have contacted the TDC asking how the vending will be regulated. Mrs. Titus stated that she had discussed the issue with Ken Wilde, Beach Activities Director, and Kira Coley, Staff Attorney, and they feel that the issue should be addressed by amending the Beach Activities Ordinance. She requested that the Board direct staff and Legal Services to draft an amendment to the ordinance. The Board concurred.

Mrs. Titus stated that the Board previously passed a resolution excluding all of the Four Mile Village homeowners, at their request, from the Beach Nourishment Project. She further stated that Dr. Patton, Four Mile Village homeowner, had requested that his property be included in the project and Mr. Hugh Lambert was present to address concerns that he had in regards to Dr. Patton's request. Mr. Hugh Lambert appeared before the Board to address his concerns. He stated that he disagreed with the determination that the beaches are eroded and felt that if the beaches were eroded, the property owners should be given the option to restore the beaches at their own expense. He felt that the establishment of an erosion control line would take away the property owner's rights. Dr. Steve Patton addressed the Board to speak in favor of the beach nourishment project. He stated that he did not understand Mr. Lambert's opposition to him participating in the project. He further stated that he believed that the beaches were critically eroded and requested that the Board allow him to participate in the program.

Mr. Ed Goodman requested that the Board dismiss all comments that were made in terms of making their decision. Further discussion was held. It was the decision of the Board to continue with the project as it was amended, to include Dr. Patton's property.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Emergency Response Director, appeared before the Board and presented a proposal from Governmental Services Group for an update on the dependent fire districts. He explained that the MSBU's were created in 1996 and it has been seven years since an update. The necessary funding in the amount of \$24,500.00 is in the Fire Board's budget in addition to \$7,000.00 funding from the Small County Technical Assistance Program. The Fire Board recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the updated fire assessment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a proposed resolution for the EMS County Award Grant. He explained that there are two providers and the monies are divided between those departments. Walton County EMS will receive \$12,439.75 and South Walton Fire District will receive \$9,329.81. Mr. Bell requested approval to apply for the grant.

Motion by Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees, to approve resolution (2003-85) applying for grant funding. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that there was an old trailer near the Zone 3 worksite that has not been used in years and was in need of being surplus and demolished.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Cuchens, to approve the request to surplus and demolish the trailer. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell requested, on behalf of the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department, to advertise for RFP's for a pumper truck. He further explained the critical need for the truck.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Pauls, to advertise for RFPs for a pumper truck for the Glendale VFD. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Marvin Collier, Construction Manager, presented the RFQ's for the courthouse and the jail construction. He reviewed the qualifications that were requested from the construction firms. The courthouse is projected to cost between seven to eight million dollars, but could increase with inflation over the upcoming years or with any future changes that are made to the project. Mr. Collier also spoke about the historical aspect of the renovations. The plan is to construct the parking lot first, then the four-story addition. He stated that the judges have raised concern about the noise around the courtrooms during the construction phase. The jail is expected to cost between \$12-13 million dollars. He also explained the minimum requirements as set forth in the RFQ's for the jail construction. Mr. Collier requested approval.

Mr. Hall, Hall Contracting, appeared before the Board opposing the stipulations set forth in the RFQ. He opposed the requirement of a minimum of two projects being constructed within the last five years to judge a contract. He stated that it would be hard for any company to meet that qualification. Mr. Hall stated that he met all of the

qualifications other than the 5-year requirement. Chairman Jones questioned Mr. Collier how many others met that requirement. Mr. Collier stated that 9 out of 10 companies met that requirement. Mr. Hall requested that he be included in the Bid. Mr. Vorbeck stated that would require a change in the qualifications and the county would have to re-advertise.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve the qualifications as submitted for the courthouse. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls, to approve the qualifications as submitted for the jail. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Charlie Burke addressed the Board representing the Scenic Corridor Business Association. Mr. Burke presented a copy of the Land Development Code. Attorney Vorbeck asked if the issue being addressed was about Cherry Peppers due to pending litigation. Mr. Burke assured the Board it was not. He spoke about the LDC and the changes that have occurred over the years. He requested that Code Enforcement quit threatening the businesses of Hwy 98 and asked that community directory signs be allowed to remain on the D.O.T.'s right of way. Commissioner Pauls stated that the county does not have control over the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Ed Morrissey, business owner, stated that they needed something on the road to let people know that the businesses are there. Discussion was held regarding the removal of temporary signage by December 1. Commissioner Pauls stated that he felt the Board was committed to go forward with a community directory sign program. Mr.

Hulion stated that they were currently attempting to conduct a meeting regarding the community directory signs. Commissioner Cuchens said the problem was getting some type of signage until the community directory signs can be placed. Mr. Hulion said there was nothing in the LDC that would eliminate that gap. Commissioner Rees stated that the quicker action could be taken, the lesser the impact would be. Mr. Morrissey asked if anything could be done to protect the December 1st deadline. Commissioner Pauls felt that the temporary signs and the community directory signs issues had to be separated. He stated that he understood the Community Directory signs could be placed outside of the DOT right of way; Mr. Hulion agreed. Mr. Morrissey stated that his sign was bulldozed down. Commissioner Pauls suggested that Mr. Underwood work with planning department regarding this issue. Commissioner Pauls stated that a policy needed to be adopted to deal with this issue. Mr. Mike Lane, Planning Director, spoke about a proposal submitted by a sign company that would like to have a meeting with the county to further discuss this issue. This company could possibly design and maintain the signs. Commissioner Pauls suggested that Mr. Lane proceed with the meeting. Mr. Lane explained that the TDC staff needed to sit down with DOT to discuss the positioning of the signage. Commissioner Pauls stated that if the signs were not in the right of way then the county did not need approval from DOT. Mr. Underwood questioned if there were any regulations against placing the community directory signs on the county right of way or on private property. Mr. Morrissey asked if the county part of it could be changed to allow temporary signs to be on the county right of way. Mr. Underwood stated that would create an open door for too many signs to be erected.

Mrs. Janet Reeves, a resident on Highway 98, spoke about her garage sale signs being removed from her private property by Mr. Hulion. She stated that an article appeared in the paper the following week by Mr. Hulion stating that garage sale signs were permitted on private property and did not need permits. Mr. Hulion stated that the first sign was in right of way. Mrs. Reeves stated that Mr. Hulion came back and spoke with them about the second sign, which she had put on private property. Mr. Underwood stated that all the county could do is apologize. Mrs. Reeves stated for the record that she felt that Mr. Hulion had harassed her. Chairman Jones clarified that there were different codes that apply in the Scenic Corridor.

Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resource Director, addressed the issue of RFP proposals for janitorial and grounds maintenance for the South Walton Annex & Countywide locations. Outsourcing was discussed for locations that are well outside of the boundaries that are causing crews to travel. He felt like the custodial workforce could be downsized from 12 to 8. Mr. Barry commented that if it were downsized and he was given some of the positions for his department, it would possibly allow him to postpone his decision to outsource the grounds maintenance. Mr. Mattison stated that approximately \$137,000.00 could be reallocated to Public Works with the proposed change. He clarified that there would not be any employee who would lose their position. Commissioner Cuchens stated that it should be clear that no employee would be let go because of this change.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve Mr. Mattison's recommendation. Discussion was held about the number of positions. Mr. Mattison clarified that three positions would be transferred to the Grounds Maintenance

Department during the transition. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Underwood addressed the issue of solid waste collection for condominiums. He stated that after research, he asked Mr. Imfeld to put together some information regarding collections and how the funds were being spent. Mr. Bell gave a brief history on the implementation and collections of the MSBU. Mr. Bell explained that the board voted unanimously to not go forward with the MSBU, but voted to add a small county surtax on the ballot, which was later defeated. He stated that solid waste was being funded out of Reserve funds at that time. Mr. Bell stated that the Board later adopted an ordinance that covered the one-cent surtax. Mr. Underwood read from the Local Option Surtax Ordinance about allowable expenditures. Imfeld explained that in the past, the funds have been used for the Sheriff's sub-station, South Walton Courthouse Annex, Library, new jail and courthouse renovations. Mr. Underwood explained that the county has begun picking up yard debris, which has increased the expenditures about \$432,000.00 this year. He said that it could be up to a million dollars a year for solid waste collections for condos. Mr. Imfeld stated that funds would probably be available but there would be no surplus funds to use for the capital projects considered for future capital projects. Commissioner Cuchens stated that the original intent for solid waste pickup was for residential property only. Mr. Shelton's request was intended for all condominiums in Walton County. Further discussion occurred regarding solid waste collection and who benefits from the funds being collected and the expenditure of those funds. Commissioner Pauls spoke about the services being provided and who was receiving the services. Mr. Rory Cassidy, Waste Management, spoke about the services

provided. Chairman Jones stated that the issue was whether the county was willing to move forward with waste pickup for the condominiums. The Board agreed to wait for additional information before any decision was made.

Mr. Underwood stated that Baskerville-Donovan had prepared an application requesting funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the State for a study on LaGrange Bayou.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve submission of the application for funding for the LaGrange Bayou study. Commissioner Pauls questioned how the project would protect the environment. Mr. Jack Arthur stated that the study would determine that. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Attorney Vorbeck requested that a commissioner be appointed to assist with mediation in the Paladini litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees, to appoint Commissioner Pauls to assist Attorney Vorbeck in the mediation process of the Paladini litigation. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Attorney Vorbeck presented a chart pertaining to vendors who are serving alcohol. Commissioner Pauls asked if the Board wanted to change the distance from 1320 feet to 1000 feet or to provide exceptions to vendors. The commissioners agreed to provide feedback to Mr. Vorbeck.

Mr. Vorbeck presented the settlement agreement regarding Black Creek, which must be approved by the commissioners. The only change was from 4 years to 5 years

and the designation of a specific area to be filled in with the land clearing debris. Chairman Jones stated that the area for excavation was very limited and recommended that the agreement be approved. Commissioner Cuchens requested additional time to review the issue. Chairman Jones stated that the sooner a decision was made, the sooner it would be presented to the judge, thereby beginning their time limit. Commissioner Cuchens ask if they could come back. It was the general consensus of the Board to take the necessary time to review the agreement. The Board agreed to review this issue at the December 9th meeting.

Commissioner Pauls presented a request for approval for CHELCO to install a street lamp for the Camel Club. The county would be responsible for the monthly recurring charges at an approximate cost of \$15.00.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the request. Commissioner Pauls stated that this was not a county run program, but felt that it was an issue of public safety. Commissioner Rees voiced concern with it not being county property. He asked Mr. Underwood if the county had provided this type of assistance before to private entities. Mr. Underwood stated that the County had never done this before. Commissioner Rees stated that if the county was going to help with the installation of the light then a policy was needed for consistency. A vote was called for the motion on the floor. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Pauls requested an update on the wireless Internet service. Mr. Alex Alford, MIS Director, updated the Board on wireless Internet services. Commissioner Pauls understood that there were funds that had been appropriated to enhance the wireless

Internet services in certain areas. Mr. Alford agreed, but stated that it was only in limited areas. Commissioner Pauls encouraged the county to continue expanding the services. Mr. Alford further explained that the services would be provided for county staff only, not to the public.

Commissioner Pauls spoke about public meetings at the South Walton Courthouse Annex, information obtained by the Planning Department and the number of issues scheduled for one meeting. He felt that the Planning Commission and Planning staff when preparing a schedule should give more consideration. He suggested adding an additional Planning Meeting if there continued to be numerous projects to contend with. Commissioner Pauls also commented on the need for additional speakers in the foyer. He requested that this issue be researched further. He recommended that if there was potential for a large crowd at a meeting that it be moved to the South Walton High School auditorium to provide more seating. Commissioner Pauls also commented on the need to use the voting light indicators.

Commissioner Pauls presented a summary that he would like to discuss at the next meeting. The issues of concern related to the Planning Commission and the need to appoint a second Planning Commission, infrastructure needs, and whether or not it was time for south Walton to incorporate.

Commissioner Rees stated that the planning meeting should be moved on Tuesday in order to accommodate the expected crowd. Mr. Underwood stated that it had been handled. Mr. Underwood apologized for the crowding problem at the last planning meeting.

Commissioner Cuchens ask Mr. William “Boots” McCormick to give a presentation regarding service men in Iraq and the living conditions they were in. Mr. McCormick brought attention to a project that he had started and what the county could do to support the fellow sons and daughters in Iraq with needs that were not being met. He stated that he would like to see the county rally behind our soldiers and support them. Commissioner Cuchens commented on reports that our troops have taken over a palace and were being portrayed to be doing very well. Mr. McCormick presented a list of basic items needed by the soldiers.

Chairman Jones commented on the need to appoint a Canvassing Board member for next year due to it being an election year. He stated that the appointment needed to be someone who is not running for office.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls, to appoint Commissioner Pridgen to serve on the Canvassing Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Rees requested that Mr. Barry look at other places that might be in need of such lighting as the Camel Club. He also stated that he had been working with Attorney Coley regarding parliamentary procedures that were previously discussed and was in hopes of bringing information back to the Board in the near future after he and Ms. Coley have prepare a draft for Board consideration.

Mr. Bob Hudson, Fairway Drive resident, explained that there was a culvert in that area that was clogged, which was creating a lot of standing water in that area. He stated that an eight-foot path had been created through there with sand in an attempt to correct the problem. He commented on the difficulty of getting an answer from Public Works

regarding upcoming projects and accomplishments. Mr. Hudson stated that he would like to see the agendas made available on the website. Mr. Underwood stated that they were posted online and explained to Mr. Hudson how to find them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

Larry D. Jones, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts