

DECEMBER 16, 2003 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. in the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Vice-Chair Tim Pauls, Commissioner Lane Rees, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens. Attorney Gary Vorbeck and Mr. Michael Underwood were also present.

Commissioner Rees led with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Vice-Chairman Pauls called the meeting to order.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

1. EAL Approval	
General Fund	\$ 200,493.90
County Transportation	\$ 564,646.14
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 29,449.50
Section 8 Housing	\$ 79.91
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 311.30
W. Co. Library	\$ 8,892.70
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ -
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 10,009.41
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 14,013.37
Glendale VFD	\$ 33.12
Darlington VFD	\$ 2,774.29
Liberty VFD	\$ -
Red Bay VFD	\$ 542.36
Local Option Gas Tax	\$ 171,115.92
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 114,412.07
SHIP	\$ 250.00
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 62,310.70

Mott Sign Grant	\$	-
Debt Service Hospital	\$	-
Spec. Law Enforcement	\$	-
Driftwood Debt Service	\$	409.77
Bldg Dept/Ent. Fund	\$	1,706.36
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	70.96
Public Safety- 911	\$	15,270.75
		\$ 1,196,792.53

2. December 02, 2003-Land Use Hearing
- December 04, 2003-Land Use Hearing
- December 09, 2003-Workshop/Regular Meeting

Mrs. Jennifer Christensen, Planning Coordinator, presented WaterSound Beach Residences at South Bridge and Bridge Lane Phase IV final plat for approval. St. Joe/Arvida is proposing a 20-multi unit residential subdivision. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to approve WaterSound Beach Residences at South Bridge and Bridge Lane Phase IV final plat for recording. Ayes 3, Nayes 0. Rees Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mrs. Christensen presented a proposal for a dedication of land in lieu of the recreational impact fee. The developer of The Preserve at Grayton Beach is proposing to dedicate 1.5 acres as depicted as the common area on the map presented. The proposed site is located on CR 30A. Mr. Michael McCormick, developer for the proposed project, appeared before the Board explaining the site location and proposed area of dedication.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the dedication of 1.5 acres in lieu of the recreational impact fee for The Preserve at Grayton Beach. Ayes 3, Nayes 0. Rees Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Attorney Gary Vorbeck, Legal Services Director, advised the commissioners that the temporary moratorium on adult businesses will expire before the details of a new ordinance can be worked out. He therefore recommended extending the ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to approve an emergency ordinance (2003-19) amending section 6 of ordinance 2003-10 extending the term of a moratorium for the development on adult businesses in Walton County. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Pauls spoke about the scheduled meeting date/locations for 2004 and requested to discuss the issue further at the next meeting when all commissioners are present. Commissioner Rees commented on holding Town Hall Meetings in 2004. This issue will also be discussed further at the next meeting. Commissioner Cuchens urged caution when holding the Town Hall Meetings due to the cost for staff to attend versus the number of citizens that attend. He agreed with holding the meetings if the attendance warrants them.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Service Director, appeared before the Board along with Mrs. C.J. Pipkins, Escambia County Housing Finance Authority, to discuss the Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds. Mrs. Pipkins requested the Board enter into an Interlocal agreement and to adopt a resolution.

Mrs. Pipkins stated that they were unable to participate in the 2003 bond issue because the short-term interest rates were so low. She stated that they would like to provide below market interest rates for the first-time homebuyer loans in Walton County, but it will not be until March. The expected rate is 5.4% with \$3,000.00 in down payment assistance. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Escambia County Housing Finance Authority and adopt a resolution (2003-88) for the Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds for 2004. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 4:30 p.m. at which time the Boys and Girls Athletic Facility will be continued.

APPROVED: _____
Larry D. Jones, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court