

APRIL 27, 2004 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

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

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

The consent agenda, consisting of the following items, was presented for approval.

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| 1. EAL Approval | |
| General Fund | \$ 787,873.22 |
| County Transportation | \$ 1,332,424.80 |
| SHIP | \$ 36,965.00 |
| Fine & Forfeiture | \$ 64,886.27 |
| Debt Service Hospital | \$ - |
| Mosq. Control State | \$ - |
| Mott Sign Grant | \$ - |
| Section 8 Housing | \$ 956.32 |
| Tourist Dev. Council | \$ 391,956.04 |
| N.W. Mosquito Control | \$ 4,787.84 |
| W. Co. Library | \$ 18,729.76 |
| Recreation Plat Fee | \$ 807.00 |
| Public Safety- 911 | \$ 20,078.35 |
| Solid Waste Enterprise | \$ 398,342.58 |
| Mossy Head VFD | \$ 2,109.13 |
| Glendale VFD | \$ 653.59 |
| Darlington VFD | \$ 563.75 |

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| Red Bay VFD | \$ | 508.75 |
| Local Option Gas Tax | \$ | - |
| Special Law Enf. Trust | \$ | - |
| Driftwood Debt | | |
| Service | \$ | 284.56 |
| Criminal Justice Ed | | |
| Fund | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| Bldg Dept/Enterp. | | |
| Fund | \$ | 26,440.60 |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ | 63,067.90 |
| Imperial Lakes MSBU | \$ | 93.05 |
| Totals | | \$ 3,171,528.51 |

2. Approve Minutes of April 6, 2004-Workshop
April 8, 2004-Town Hall Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

The Division Activity Updates were presented for review. Mr. Bell updated the Board regarding the Animal Control Facility. He stated that the committee has a meeting scheduled to continue looking at the ordinance and the RFP that was sent out.

Commissioner Pauls questioned Mr. Barry regarding the pending right-of-way issues. Public Works will report back to the Board.

Ms. Ingle reported that the County Annual Financial Report is now available on the county's web site.

Commissioner Pauls presented information regarding the Building Department reorganization. He stated that he would like more information on the activities.

Chairman Jones called to order the public hearing to consider the final plats for approval.

Mr. Mike Lane, Planning Director, presented the Mack Bayou Center final plat for approval. Crawford Properties, Inc. is proposing a 10-lot commercial subdivision on the east side of Mack Bayou Road. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

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

Mr. Lane presented Seacrest Beach, Phase 8, final plat for approval. MJR, Inc., is proposing a 16-lot single-family residential subdivision off of Seacrest Boulevard. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Rees to approve Seacrest Beach, Phase 8 final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, presented information regarding the scrub of staffing he has performed for the zero based budget analysis. There are several improvements in the Public Works Department that are needed. The improvements would provide better oversight, communications and continuity in the absence of a director. There are currently nine people that report to the Director, which is too broad of a span. He presented a proposed modification showing the addition of four people. One additional person would be a Deputy Director and an engineer in each of the three zones. The addition of an engineer would provide proficiency in dealing with problems and also provide better communications. Mr. Barry spoke about the way to cover the costs of the additional personnel. He explained that there would be a reduction of four personnel

thereby creating a wash. He stated that he would like to proceed with the hiring of the additional personnel later this year. Mr. Barry spoke about an additional paving crew in 2005. The additional personnel would consist of a clearing crew, drainage crew, and a road stabilization crew. Chairman Jones questioned what their duties would be if the crews were hired. Mr. Barry stated that they would pave approximately 20 miles creating a cost savings to the county. Commissioner Rees questioned if that is dependant upon obtaining the necessary right-of-way.

Mr. Barry asked for direction regarding the addition of the four additional personnel for next year's budget and whether or not to add the additional paving crew. Commissioner Rees stated that he would be in favor of the four additional personnel. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he believes the current Road Superintendents, if given more control, could handle the situations in their districts without adding the additional personnel. Commissioner Pauls stated that he supports the idea if it makes the system work better. He felt that this provides better control. He stated that more control within each zone would allow better management. Chairman Jones agreed that the people currently on staff could handle more if given the opportunity. He agreed that an engineer could be beneficial, but stated that he was not in favor of adding more people.

Mr. Barry stated that he still has to work with the OMB staff to address the budgeting of the additional personnel issues. He stated that he does not feel they need to be fully licensed engineers. Commissioner Pridgen stated that the individuals in these positions need to be proficient in what they do.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the four positions as part of the 2004-05 Public Works budget. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Rees Aye,

Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye. Mr. Barry will present the proposed budget information back to the Board for approval.

Mr. Barry questioned if the Board desires to add the additional crews as presented. Commissioner Pauls stated that he would like to see it added to the budget, but would like to see supporting figures relating to the cost savings. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the budget and the savings related to in-house paving versus contracted paving crews. Mr. Bell stated that there is a need to hold another meeting to discuss public works issues.

Mr. Barry presented information related to Four Mile Road. He explained that the bridge is not in usable condition at this time. He would like to repair it by replacing the wooden bridge with a single-span concrete bridge. Hanson Bridge submitted the low bid in the amount of \$32,300.00.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the replacement of Four Mile Road Bridge, awarding the low bid to Hanson Bridge in the amount of \$32,300.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye. Mr. Barry estimated a total cost of approximately \$55-60,000.00. It will take about 2-3 weeks to reconstruct.

Mr. Dan Arner addressed the Board regarding bridges in Walton County. Mr. Barry stated Mr. Arner and Wilmer Stafford gave a presentation at the National Association of County Engineers Meeting. Mr. Arner stated that he is proud of the bridge crew and spoke about how hard they work. He complimented Mr. Stafford on his ability and willingness to perform the work.

Mr. Arner gave a presentation on various bridges throughout the county. He spoke about the bridge at Campcreek and the significant cost savings to the county by doing the work with county crews. Mr. Arner also spoke about other bridges that were replaced: Church Street, Hinote Bridge, Nelson Bridge, and Caney Creek Bridge. He stated that the county averages a 40% cost savings by performing the work in-house. He stated that he has recommended the bridge crew for the National Association of Engineers (ACE) Award.

Mr. Barry presented information regarding the scope-of-work for the traffic concurrency study and requested authorization to advertise for bids. Commissioner Pauls requested to add the following wording to number 3 “including, but not limited to litigation strategies”.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve the scope-of-work for advertising with the recommended changes. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Barry requested approval to record into official records the map description of Batson Road according to 95-361. The map provides the descriptions for the width of the road for its entirety. Attorney Vorbeck recommended this step when the county can not show a deeded or platted right-of-way

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the recording of the map. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a concern on behalf of Ms. McClenny regarding speeding on the private road where she lives. He stated that law enforcement is unable to enforce the

speed limit because of it being a private road. He recommended the county place a speed limit sign on the road, which will hopefully allow it to be enforced.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve posting a speed limit sign on the county's right-of-way on Frank Street. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Howard Perk, who was scheduled on the agenda, was not present.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, President/General Manager, Regional Utilities, appeared before the Board regarding expansion in the Freeport area. He stated that Mr. Matthew Stanley has performed an analysis on all of the pipelines and pumping stations for the sewer service. Mr. Wilson stated that they can now tell how many customers are in each area and on each road. He also said that they have the numbers of how many prepaid customers they have. He stated that they are currently cataloging all roads in south Walton. This catalog will provide information regarding the availability of sewer and water. Commissioner Pauls asked Mr. Barry to work with Dewey to obtain this information for the county's road analysis.

Mr. Wilson asked to hold a public hearing to consider the expanded franchise area near the city of Freeport. He stated that they will not be in conflict with the city. He also asked that representatives from the city be present. He displayed a map depicting the franchise area. This will not be in the city limits at all. He stated that he has checked the bond capacity, which has the capacity to cover the \$8-10 million project which will be at 4% interest. Commissioner Pauls asked that the citizens be well informed and to ensure that the public hearing be held at a facility that has the capacity to seat enough people.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Rees to approve advertising for a public hearing to consider the franchise area for Regional Utilities. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Rees questioned Mr. Wilson regarding his support for the greenway conservation initiative because of his property bordering the proposed area. Mr. Wilson stated that their property would mesh in with the greenway.

Chairman Jones recognized Mr. Scott Brannon, City of Freeport, who stated that the City of Freeport voted unanimously to enter into negotiations with Regional Utilities releasing their franchise agreement in the Bay area. There are still some issues out, but he feels they will be worked out. Commissioner Cuchens commended the City of Freeport and Regional Utilities for their work on this issue.

Martha advised the commissioners that the plat maps are now available on the web site under official records.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Service Director, presented the committee appointment recommendations for the expiring board members. Mr. Little presented Sharon Carver, J.D. Sweeney, and Jackie Malone as the nominees for the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Rees to appoint Ms. Carver and Mr. Sweeney 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 Cuchens to approve the reappointment of Mr. Mike D'Autilla and Mr. Lloyd Blue, Jr. to the Coastal Dune Lake

Advisory Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Pauls advised that Mr. Peterson has presented his resignation from the Planning Commission due to health related issues.

Commissioner Rees questioned Mr. Little regarding Ms. Anderson's willingness to serve on the Library Board. Mr. Little stated that he would follow up on this issue.

Mr. Little requested the Board approve to renew the SHIP Program. He stated that the new contract is for a three year period, 2004 through 2007. Commissioner Pauls asked about the purchase price limit and asked if it is location limited. Mr. Little felt that it is not limited to location.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to approve the renewal of the SHIP contract for a period of three years. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Little advised that West Florida Regional Planning Council currently administers the SHIP Program and they are requesting to extend their performance of the service and extend the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to approve extending the contract with West Florida Regional Planning Council relating to the SHIP Program. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Little presented a request on behalf of a group of farmers who are requesting exclusive use of the front portion of the farmer's market. This issue will be reviewed further.

Mr. J.L. Morgan appeared before the Board regarding a code violation he received. He briefly explained the situation and stated that he had appeared before the Code Board and the violation was upheld.

Attorney Vorbeck advised Mr. Morgan that he needs to go before the Variance Board. Mr. Morgan requested an extension. The Board directed him to work with Code Enforcement. Commissioner Pauls stated that the challenge is to see the ordinance amended for subdivision.

Ms. Marguerite McCauley, Government Services Group, and Heather Encinosa, Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, appeared before the commissioners regarding the MSBU fire assessment resolution. Ms. McCauley explained the proposed changes to the methodology. She explained that Liberty VFD was removed since they became an independent special district. Another change is to include the unincorporated areas of Paxton. She spoke about a proposed change to the “per foot” building charge. She explained the changes that occurred regarding the number of dwelling units per residential parcel and industrial. Official notices will be sent out and a public hearing will be held.

Ms. Encinosa presented the proposed resolution. She stated that they have also included proposed maximum rates for future fiscal years. Commissioner Pauls agreed that this is the correct methodology for bringing fairness to the services being provided.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to approve the Preliminary Rate Resolution (2004-31) establishing the preliminary fire protection assessment rate and changing the public hearing date to June 3, 2004. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to hold a public hearing on June 3, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse to consider adoption of the Final Rate Resolution for the Fire Protection MSBU. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Ms. Jennifer Howard and Attorney Bob Apgar appeared before the commissioners regarding the Prominence Phase I Traffic Concurrency. Ms. Howard spoke about the proposed project that they are representing. She stated that the developer purchased the property with the understanding from the county that there were available trips left of CR 30A.

Attorney Apgar advised that the property being discussed is owned by Mr. Tommy Henry. Mr. Apgar showed various maps of the proposed site and explained the work that has been done to perform a traffic study. The problem is that while they have to spread the traffic on two segments, staff states that the mitigation credit would be applied to the segment directly in front of the project. He questioned staff's reasoning with applying the mitigation credit three miles to the west and only ½ mile to the east. He asked to relocate the break point. He feels that St. Joe Parkway is now the appropriate break point.

Commissioner Pauls asked how they rationalize the use of St Joe Road being private. Mr. Apgar stated that they do not propose to put one trip on that road, it only creates an intersection that should be used as the new break point.

Mr. Rick Hall presented a handout regarding the Prominence Development. He spoke about changing the break points in the concurrency system. He stated that would be his recommendation if he were updating the traffic concurrency. The Campcreek

Bridge is out of date as a break point. Another option would be to apply their boulevard mitigation credits equally between the two segments.

Mr. David Smith, County Engineer, showed maps of the project location. He stated that trips are not guaranteed until a development proposal is submitted. Mr. Smith spoke about the impact from this project and the addition of boulevard lanes for this project. The segment from CR 395 to Campcreek Bridge is considered an interrupted flow of highway and the segment from Campcreek Bridge to U.S. Highway 98 is considered an uninterrupted flow. Mr. Smith stated that there are 2 other issues that have not been addressed.

Chairman Jones asked about the option to relocate the break point from Campcreek Bridge to Watersound Parkway. Mr. Smith explained the impact of relocating the segment, which increases the trips thereby impacting a different segment of roadway. Mr. Smith recommended not approving either option because it would add approximately 8,000 trips to a segment where the traffic count is already over. The Prominence Development is proposing approximately \$3 million worth of improvements to CR 30A.

Commissioner Rees questioned how long the concurrency study might take. Mr. Smith stated that he was unsure, but would move as quickly as possible on this issue.

Commissioner Pauls stated that he would like to take the scope of services and place a 90 day time limit on it, at least on certain segments.

Mr. Hall agreed that the capacity of the roadway at Campcreek Bridge is different than that at his project. He stated that they are not talking about concurrency, but level of service. He also stated that precedence was set when U.S. 98 was split. He stated that they have the right to apply the credits to the boulevard length.

Commissioner Pauls commented that trips cannot be reserved. What the county is trying to do is to provide fairness to everyone.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that he is in favor of their request and the improvement being offered by the developer.

Commissioner Rees agreed that there is an urgency to perform the study and possibly have the study on this segment set as a priority.

Commissioner Pauls agreed that the study does need to be fast tracked, especially this segment. He stated that there are very significant challenges because of the county's success. He felt that the proposal is great, but felt that it would take time.

Chairman Jones recommended looking at the entire situation. He stated that he is in favor of fast tracking this issue.

The commissioners agreed to proceed with the study requesting that emphasis be placed on this segment. Mr. Vorbeck asked the Board to determine if they want to put a time line in the scope of services. The Board agreed.

Ms. Debbie Keller, Northwest Florida Greenway Project Coordinator, appeared before the Board. She stated that she works with the Nature Conservancy, a non-profit organization who works to protect the biodiversity of life on earth. Ms. Keller presented a proposed resolution supporting conservation of the Northwest Florida Greenway from Apalachicola National Forest to Eglin Air Force Base.

Mr. Davis appeared before the Board to discuss the potential greenway corridor and properties within the corridor. He stated that the land is not available. Another issue of concern is that it would be removed from the tax roll, which he does not agree.

Another issue is the loss of jobs. He stated that he is going to work closely to obtain data to provide to the Chamber.

Ms. Keller stated that it is the goal to protect the greenway. It is her goal to move forward when there is understanding of the program in the community. They have support of the military and the Governor. She stated that this is a concept and they will only purchase land from willing sellers. There are ways that the county will receive funds for the properties if taken off of the tax roll. She suggested not voting on the resolution until action is taken to have everyone informed. She stated that she wants it understood that the property would not be removed from the tax roll.

Commissioner Pauls voiced his appreciation to Ms. Keller for her patience with the county. Conservation is one of the greatest things that could be done. He stated that it is important to clearly define what it means to protect land in the corridor from unconstrained, incompatible development.

Ms. Keller invited the commissioners to help write language for the resolution.

Commissioner Rees commented on his absence from the Chamber's meeting and not being able to hear the presentation. He stated that he strongly supports conservation, but wants to make sure the public understands the benefits that can be gained.

Commissioner Cuchens questioned the possibility of obtaining Eglin's support in getting funding for the four-laning of Highway 331.

Mr. Jim Prescott appeared before the Board requesting the Board surplus a parcel of property, lot 7 on Myrtle Avenue. Mr. Bell stated that public works has determined that the property is of no benefit to the county. Staff recommended the property be declared surplus and advertised for sealed bids.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls to surplus Lot 9, Block 2, SD Block 1883 and 1884, I.D. #25-3N-19-19310-002-0090 and advertise for sealed bids. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Gary Hulion, Code Enforcement Officer, appeared before the Board regarding the Adrian Campbell case. He stated that he presented the request back to the Code Enforcement Board for a recommendation. The recommendation was a 5 to 1 in favor of upholding the current fines.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Pridgen to uphold the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Board regarding the Campbell case. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Chrishon, who was scheduled on the agenda, was not present.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding the pick up of yard waste. He reminded the commissioners that RFP's were previously sent out that they might want to reject the proposals that were received.

Mr. Rory Cassedy, Waste Management, appeared before the Board to discuss the waste services being provided to the county. He presented some numbers regarding the current residential rates of \$8.80 per unit per month and \$2.71 for yard waste pick up. He advised that beginning June 1, the rates would go up to \$8.95 and \$2.71. He also presented some negotiable rates. He stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Bell and each commissioner individually. Mr. Cassedy presented the amount of waste picked up by Waste Management.

Commissioner Pauls stated that he wants to see this move forward. He requested to see the figures for what it would cost if the county provided the building for a recycling center in south Walton. Discussion followed regarding the metal building the county owns. Mr. Cassidy stated that the building would work. Mr. Bell stated that the county would want to retain ownership and provide the building. The county would construct the building and Waste Management would equip it. Mr. Crim recommended that one company perform pickup for the whole county.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Pridgen to reject the proposals received for waste pick up. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Pauls commented that the county would work with Regional Utilities to secure sufficient property for a transfer station/recycling center. Mr. Bell stated that he would set up a meeting with Mr. Wilson of Regional Utilities, along with Attorney Vorbeck.

Commissioner Rees introduced Brittany Stark and Jason, 4-H, who gave a presentation regarding "A Thin Line". Brittany, age 13, presented a survey for each commissioner to complete. She stated that this is a new program in Walton County and that they have spoken with TDC, SWCC, Leadership Walton, Kiwanis Club and the South Walton High School.

She spoke about monofilament, fishing line, which becomes dangerous to marine life. It is also dangerous to humans. She spoke about the impacts that monofilament has on marine life. She also spoke about ways to become involved and those organizations who are already involved.

Jason Newton, age 15, showed a sample of the recycling bin. He spoke about a kick-off day on May 1, 2004 at camp Timpoochee. He requested the commissioner's support at the kick-off. Commissioner Rees thanked them for their presentation.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. Doug Barr and Carol Bert, Northwest Florida Water Management District, regarding the deeding of Dead River Cemetery to Muscogee Nation of Florida.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to support the deeding of the Dead River Cemetery to the Muscogee Nation of Florida. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell presented the following names of those appointed to serve on the Security Committee: Judge Wells, Judge Stone, Judge Green, Wayne Peacock, Martha Ingle, Patrick Pilcher, Sue Carter, Bobby Beasley, Ralph Johnson, and Rick Millard. Mr. Bell about appointing a member from the ADA Committee. The Board concurred.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the Courthouse Security Committee as presented with the addition of an ADA member. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that he would present information regarding the strategic plan at a later date.

Commissioner Pauls commented that people have voiced their concern regarding the removal of parking at CR 395 and CR 30A when the bike path connectors are constructed. He stated that it is not his intentions and that the final plans have not been approved yet. He advised that community meetings will be held to discuss the parking issues in that area.

Commissioner Pauls addressed the issue of semi-truck parking along CR30A. He advised that the county has placed no parking signs in the area, but the vehicles have moved further down to park. He stated that he is working on additional research regarding overnight parking on county right-of-ways.

Commissioner Pauls advised that Mr. Collier has made some determinations regarding the Moll Drive property. He felt that it would be sufficient to accommodate an 18,000 one-story building.

Commissioner Pauls spoke about what Mr. Dewey Wilson is doing for the county regarding water and sewer. He stated that the county needs to look at its land uses because many of them only allow 4 units per acre. There is going to be a need for some areas that allow more density. The Planning Department needs to review this issue.

Commissioner Rees advised that he attended the Point Washington State Forest Liaison Meeting. He asked if the Board would direct staff to look at all of the parcels. Mr. Bell stated that the Board has already directed staff to contact them. Commissioner Pauls commented on the need to determine which parcels would be suitable for affordable housing.

Commissioner Cuchens asked about the density in the Freeport area. Commissioner Pauls stated that the challenge is making a text change in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Vorbeck suggested that Mr. Bell review the issue. Mr. Bell commented on the need to determine where the growth may occur in order to insure that the infrastructure is in place to handle the growth.

Commissioner Cuchens questioned the possibility of a branch facility of the health department in Freeport. He stated that his constituents have voiced disappointment that it was moved.

Commissioner Cuchens asked for an appraisal of the Johnson property marina.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to approve for an appraisal to be conducted on the Johnson property marina. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye. Commissioner Pauls commented on obtaining a qualified appraiser due to the marina being involved.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that the Point Washington Boat Ramp is the only one in the area. Mr. Albert Butler has agreed that he would buy one-half of the property if the county would buy the other half. He requested the Board move forward with negotiations on this issue. The board would need to obtain a letter from Mr. Robert Davis in order to proceed with an appraisal.

The commissioners agreed to move the May 25th board meeting to May 18th at 3:30 p.m. due to the Hurricane Conference.

There being no further business and no public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Larry D. Jones, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court