

JUNE 29, 2004 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2004 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 Lane Rees, Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens. Ronnie Bell, Interim County Administrator, Attorney Gary Vorbeck, Director of Legal Services, and Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Commissioner Rees led with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He then called the meeting to order.

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

1. EAL Approval	
General Fund	\$ 292,352.27
County Transportation	\$ 336,979.98
SHIP	\$ 14,000.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 65,519.96
Debt Service Hospital	\$ -
Mosq. Control State	\$ -
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 25,789.61
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 179,997.29
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 2,159.46
W. Co. Library	\$ 10,881.98
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ -
Public Safety- 911	\$ 9,067.85
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 82,920.13
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 558.31
Glendale VFD	\$ 11.59
Darlington VFD	\$ 235.24
Red Bay VFD	\$ 1,205.65
Local Option Gas Tax	\$ -

Special Law Enf. Trust	\$	-
Driftwood Debt		
Service	\$	2,609.91
Criminal Justice Ed		
Fund	\$	-
Bldg Dept/Enterp.		
Fund	\$	7,124.51
Capital Projects Fund	\$	248,055.99
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	59.83
Totals	\$	1,279,529.56

2. Approve Minutes of June 08, 2004-Regular Meeting
June 16, 2004-Special Meeting
3. Surplus Equipment
4. Old Workers Comp Medical Claim

Commissioner Pauls discussed the recommendation of a prosthetic device for a worker's comp employee and questioned if there are any alternatives. Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resource Director, stated that the claim has been evaluated by two different sources and it is appropriate

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

The investment report was presented for review.

The division activity updates were presented for review. Commissioner Rees questioned Mr. Barry regarding the intersection at CR395 and Highway 98. He spoke about the two fatalities that occurred over the weekend and asked about the possibility of a light at that intersection. Mr. Barry stated that the Department Of Transportation has evaluated that intersection and stated that a light was not warranted at that time. Mr. Barry stated that he would go back and ask that the intersection be re-evaluated and will again ask for the light. Commissioner Pauls also wants consideration given to

intersections at CR283, CR83, and CR393. He questioned why it takes a tragedy before a light is warranted.

Commissioner Rees also asked for an update on white sand and asked to look at standards. Mr. Barry stated that he is asking Mr. Arner to review the status specifically at Blue Mountain. He is developing proposed language for the Land Development Code. Commissioner Pauls stated that consideration should be given to the proper chain of inspection.

Ms. Posey, Parks and Recreation, addressed the Board regarding the summer recreation program. Ms. Posey stated that the participation is slightly lower this year, but stated that it usually picks up toward the end of the season. Commissioner Pauls stated that there is a need for a recreational site in south Walton to serve the people.

Commissioner Pauls requested an updated from Hartman & Associates regarding the Holiday Shores drainage and stormwater treatment grant. Mr. Les Porterfield, Regional Manager, Hartman & Associates, stated that they are pursuing three permits. He stated that DEP has been working in an attempt to issue the permits. However, the program does not comply with all of the regulations. He stated that he will reissue the application. He felt that they are still on schedule to begin construction in the fall. Commissioner Pauls wanted assurance that they are moving expeditiously on this matter.

Mr. Porterfield also updated the Board on the J.D. Miller Road Landfill. He stated that they have installed two monitoring wells. The project is currently on hold. They have also issued a purchase orders for the materials testing for the jail expansion.

Commissioner Pridgen questioned Mr. Barry regarding the surveys for Hammock Point and Oyster Lake. Mr. Barry stated that the deadline is in April 2005 and the project is on time. He stated that he is waiting on DEP for the Pompano Street restoration project.

Commissioner Pauls asked about the Rosemary Beach signalization project and the problems at Poinciana. He spoke about the poor condition of the mast arms.

Chairman Jones called to order the advertised public hearing to consider a budget amendment for the sheriff. The request is for an additional \$5,000.00 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund reserves.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to adopt a resolution (2004-43) transferring \$5,000.00 from reserves. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Jennifer Christensen, Planning Department, presented Windswept Estates Phase II final plat for approval. The project consists of a 20 single-family lot subdivision on S.R. 20, 5.5 miles east of Highway 331 South. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to approve Windswept Estates Phase II final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Jennifer Christensen presented Windswept Estates, Phase III, final plat for approval. The project consists of 121 single-family lot subdivision on S.R. 20, 5.5 miles east of Highway 331 S. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve Windswept Estates, Phase III final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Jennifer Christensen presented a request for a one-time, one-year development order extension for Eastern Lake Village. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve the request for a one-time, one-year development order extension for Eastern Lake Village. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Jennifer Christensen stated that Arnold Restaurant also requested a development order extension. However, they have provided additional information to staff that they have begun clearing the property. She stated that she would present this back to the board at a later date if necessary. There were no public comments voiced.

Mrs. Jennifer Christensen presented the final plat for The Estuary. The project is a 29-lot single-family subdivision north of Highway 98 and east of Highway 331. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

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

Mr. Bobby Beasley, Supervisor of Elections, appeared before the commissioners advising that the county is under Federal and State mandates to upgrade to the touch screen voting equipment by January 1, 2006. He presented information from the vendor regarding the equipment. Mr. Beasley stated that there would be a significant savings to

the county if they authorize the purchase of the equipment before June 30th. There are only three vendors in the state and Diebold Election Systems is the low bidder. Mr. Imfeld stated that a budget amended is needed.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Pridgen to approve to proceed with contracting with Diebold Election Systems for the purchase of the required equipment and to hold a public hearing to consider a budget amendment. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry, Public Works Director, requested to postpone the plans review proposal until a later date.

Mr. Barry presented the SCOP Program recommendations. He stated that Florida's State Budget for FY 2005 contains \$20 million to fund the Small County Outreach Program to assist small counties in resurfacing or reconstructing county roads or improvements. Mr. Barry recommended approval authorizing Public Works to work with the Grants Coordinator to submit applications for all five projects.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve to request grant monies from the SCOP Program. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented a request for approval of a requirement based contract involving thermoplastic striping installation. Purchasing received three responsive bids. Mr. Barry requested the commissioners approve the low bid from Oglesby Construction. The commissioners commented about the safety factors and this being the better type of striping.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve one year contract with Oglesby Construction with the option to renew. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented the additions to the Professional Services contract list. Purchasing received thirty proposals for continuing services for the following services: civil/general engineering; environmental engineering; traffic engineering; and surveying. Mr. Barry requested approval to contract with Jenkins, Stanford & Associates and PBS&J for civil/general engineering and with HDR Engineering and PBS&J for traffic engineering. Mr. Barry explained that the firms will be given jobs as they arise.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen to approve contracting with the firms as listed for professional services. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented a request for a county-wide guardrail installation contract. He stated that it is not economical to have a firm to purchase and install, but to only install guardrails. Purchasing received four bids. Jones Construction was the low bidder. They will begin installing guardrails at the most needed locations first. The guardrail study is complete and will be used as a guide to install guardrails this year.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the request to contract with Jones Construction for the installation of guardrails. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry advised that the developers of ALYS Beach have requested authorization to install and maintain a temporary trail across their development during construction. He felt that it would enhance safety during construction of the project. He

recommended approval of the temporary trail. Mr. Bell stated that a right of way agreement will be needed and reviewed by Legal Services.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Pauls to approve the recommendation contingent upon obtaining the right of way agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Christ Merritt, PBS & J, appeared before the Board on behalf of Rosemary Woods regarding the roadway location study. Mr. Merritt updated the board on the project and its location. He stated that they are performing a roadway location study and they are also considering an arterial roadway. A kickoff meeting was held to begin the project. He stated that the field work has begun. A meeting with team members will be held to discuss placing the information on the aerials. Mr. Merritt stated that one challenge is joining the east and west ends of the project.

Captain Danny Glidewell appeared before the Board regarding the Byrne Grant. He recommended acceptance of the grant, which they have received for the past two years. The grant is \$42,816.00. with a required match of \$14, 272.00. Funding will be used partially for safety equipment for the officers. Commissioner Pauls stated that he supports the objective, but questioned the cost of some of the equipment. Captain Glidewell explained that it is special equipment because of the dangerous drugs they are dealing with. Mr. Bell asked if the matching money is in their budget. Mr. Imfeld stated that it is.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pauls to approve accepting grant funding in the amount of \$42,816.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Sheriff Johnson questioned about using the Lang property. Mr. Bell stated that the appraisal is not back yet. This issue will be brought back to the board at a later date.

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

Mr. Ken Little appeared before the commissioners regarding the FL WWII Veteran's Memorial in Tallahassee. He presented information regarding the design of the monument and the wording that will be placed on the plaque.

Motion by Commissioner Pauls, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the language as provided to be placed on the WWII Veteran's Memorial. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Rees Aye, Pauls Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Rees asked for an update on the plan to recognize all veterans. Mr. Little stated that the Veteran's Department is working on that issue.

The commissioners recessed briefly. Chairman Jones left due to a recent fire at his mother-in-laws home.

Commissioner Pauls reconvened the meeting as Chair.

Mr. Greg Allen and Mr. Frank Lochner, Hatch Mott McDonald, appeared before the commissioners regarding the US 98 Project Development & Environmental Study. He addressed the purpose of the study and spoke about the various phases of the study and its progress. He spoke about the corridors in the study, where the project began, and about alternative road designs.

Mr. Frank Lochner stated that they have collected data regarding the existing highway level of service and the future no-build level of service for the overall length of the roadway. He stated that they also looked at the bottleneck problems that exist at the Mid Bay Bridge. He spoke about the level of service of Walton County and the LOS for

Okaloosa County. Commissioner Pauls spoke about the option to remove the level of service, which may not be a good option. Mr. Lochner spoke about the collection of data and how it was obtained. He stated that they also reviewed the information at DOT. He spoke about the future no-build level of service. He spoke about a bypass on Highway 98 and stated that there would not be enough relief for it to be cost effective. He spoke about improvements beginning at Poinciana. He also showed some of the long term (2025) improvements at US 98 and SR 293. The project is estimated at \$16-17 million. He spoke about multimodal level of service, some of which has bike path service included. Commissioner Pauls spoke about the bike path and its completion.

Mr. Greg Allen presented the tentative schedule to complete the project. Phase II is scheduled to begin in November, 2004. Mr. Allen stated that the project would be broken into segments. Commissioner Rees asked about what long-term planning could be done relating to future expansion. Mr. Lyle Seigler, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that they are doing all they can and preparing themselves for the design monies. They can look at it once they obtain the design monies to obtain right of way. Commissioner Pauls commented that this project would take about eight years.

Vice-Chairman Pauls called to order the advertised public hearing regarding the south Walton MSTU Ordinance. Mr. Bell explained that this is enabling legislation, creating and establishing the boundaries. Commissioner Pauls stated that this is an alternative way of collecting revenue to meet the county's infrastructure needs. Commissioner Rees stated that he supports the ordinance as a way of addressing stormwater and other infrastructure needs.

Ms. Karen Voice, SRB, asked to postpone this ordinance until a meeting can be held when the property owners can be involved. She felt that this ordinance is a blank check to tax people. Mr. Bell stated that this is not implementing the tax, but for it to be considered this year, it would have to be adopted by July 1st. He stated that this is enabling legislation. Commissioner Pauls spoke about the task force meetings that were held and this being one of their recommendations. He said that possibly a millage reduction in the overall millage could be attained. With the MSTU there would not be any increase in the overall taxes in a particular area, except south Walton. He stated that he would not oppose this issue being placed on a ballot for a vote. He felt that there is a need for a mechanism to raise funds for infrastructure. Commissioner Cuchens recommended this to go before a referendum to hear from the people.

Mr. Bob Hudson addressed the commissioners stating that the meetings are not always held at convenient times or locations for the general public to attend. He also stated that he was not aware of this issue until he arrived at the meeting. He was in favor of this being placed on a referendum. The referendum would only be in south Walton. Mr. Bell commented that the meeting was advertised according to statutes. Commissioner Cuchens stated that there has been previous discussion regarding this issue.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to proceed with a referendum for a straw vote in south Walton to consider the MSTU. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye. Commissioner Rees asked that Mr. Little publicize this issue. Commissioner Pauls stated that education and information is the key to informing the people. This will be placed on the November ballot.

Mr. Marvin Collier appeared before the commissioners requesting approval of the bids for the 331 pier and boat dock. He reduced the scope of work reducing the length of the dock. One bid was received on the half-scope from Bates Marine Construction in the amount of \$19,500.00. He advised that State approval is still needed for use of the property. Mr. Collier's recommendation was to proceed.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Pridgen to approve the bid presented by Bates Marina Construction in the amount \$19,500.00 Ayes 5, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Collier presented information regarding the Zone 3 Maintenance Facility. He recommended approval to Trammel, low bid, in the amount of \$403,000.00. He advised that the alternate issues could be performed by in-house crews.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Rees to approve awarding the low bid to Trammel Construction in the amount of \$403,000.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mrs. Kris Titus, Executive Director of the Tourist Development Council, requested approval of FDEP Grant 04WL1 for the western Walton County Beach Nourishment Program. She stated that Senator Charlie Clary worked hard to help the county obtain the funding. Mrs. Titus requested the county accept the funding.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen to accept the grant funding in \$4,173,661.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Ms. Titus requested approval of limiting dredge companies who bid on the project to those who have built at least five beach nourishment/restoration projects with volumes

of at least 400,000 cubic yards and one project with at least one million cubic yards in the past ten years. There are four known companies that will bid on the project. The TDC has requested to add this language to the bid documents. Commissioner Pauls spoke about the importance of the criteria. Discussion was held regarding the language and its fairness to all competitive vendors. Marin Collier agreed. This project will be 4.8 miles, which is an average job of this nature. Attorney Vorbeck stated that they are speaking with Destin about using the same contractor for cost efficiency.

Motion by Pridgen, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the revised language criteria for the dredging project. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, President of Florida Community Services, advised the Board that he would like to surplus three parcels of property. The first parcel they are requesting to surplus is their current office on Logan Lane. They would like to sell the building by bids and relocate to Point Washington. The second parcel he requested to surplus is approximately 65-70 acres of the spray field. The new spray field will take care of all the wastewater for south Walton. The proposed surplus property is valued at approximately \$100,000.00 per acre. The third parcel is one-acre and is located behind Tom Thumb. He estimated the net worth at approximately \$1 million at this time. He requested to surplus and bid all three parcels.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to declare the properties as surplus and advertise for bids. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Wilson advised that a hearing will be held on September 10, 2004 regarding the Inlet Beach Water System to consider a motion to dismiss.

Mr. John King appeared before the board regarding the Emerald Coast Business Center Plat. Mr. King spoke about the changes in the project and stated that he has been dealing with this issue for a long time and he cannot get an answer from staff. He stated that there are currently five completed buildings in the project. He stated that it is his understanding that he has to start over because of changes he made. Commissioner Pauls stated this board is not familiar with this specific project. He further stated that the challenge is due to staffing changes. Mr. King stated that he has had to start over every time a new staff member is hired.

Mr. David Smith and Dan Arner stated that it is a drainage issue. The drainage that is installed is not what was designed and it will not work, therefore, he will not sign off on the plat. Mr. King presented the original site plan (1999). He stated that he changed the pond, removed the pavement, and relocated the road. He said that he has followed direction by county staff.

Mr. David Smith explained the process. He stated that changes have occurred and no review has ever been done. The commissioners requested that staff work with Mr. King to resolve the issues.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Gary Mattison presented the Dress Code Policy for consideration. Commissioner Rees questioned if some of the language is redundant. Mr. Bell stated that there is currently no dress code and the purpose of this is for safety. Commissioner Rees felt that the policy should be more clearly defined. Commissioner Cuchens felt that it is

not redundant and he would not oppose the language. He felt that limitations are needed. Mr. Mattison stated that the intent is for employees to present a professional image. He will meet with each commissioner and report back to the board.

Mr. Bell presented the recommendations from the Animal Control Advisory Committee regarding the proposed site. Ms. Melissa Forberg appeared before the Board stating that the recommendation would allow the county to work with Mr. Davis, obtain a survey and provide an analysis of the property. It would then be brought back to the board. Ms. Forberg stated that the recommendation was unanimous. The committee felt that the property is adequate. Commissioner Rees voiced his appreciation to the board members who served on the committee and to Mr. Davis for the property.

Commissioner Cuchens asked if any progress was made regarding the wagon wheel property. Mr. Bell stated that they did not. She stated that an additional access point would not have made a difference in their decision. That property had too many negative factors.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen to accept the recommendation of the Animal Control Advisory. Mr. Bell stated that the committee is very cost conscious regarding construction of the new facility. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell stated that Ms. Malone submitted a proposal for the Pet Motel and asked the board to reject the proposal due to the property not meeting the county's needs.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to reject the bid submitted by Ms. Jackie Malone for the Pet Motel property. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that the county received one bid response for the Myrtle Avenue property, located in DeFuniak Springs, in the amount of \$800.00. He recommend acceptance of the bid.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Pridgen to accept the \$800.00 bid for the Myrtle Avenue property. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell presented the contract between Walton County and the Department of Corrections relating to the work crew for 15 employees. The contract has been reviewed and recommended for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the contract with the Department of Corrections. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell presented the updated Okaloosa-Walton TPO Agreement for the Chair's signature. Commissioner Rees recommended that Commissioner Cuchens serve as Walton County's third representative to the TPO.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve for the Chair's signature on the Okaloosa-Walton TPO. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen for Commissioner Cuchens to serve as the third representative on the TPO Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding the State's surplus property in South Walton. The State previously sent a letter regarding the county's interest in surplus

property. The county responded in favor of the obtaining the State land. One parcel of interest is a 10 acre tract adjoining Helen McCall Park. Mr. Bell stated that staff met with DEP's State Land Acquisition Department. He stated that the county performed an appraisal about nine months ago, which showed a value of \$100,000.00. DEP has performed a more recent appraisal that valued the parcel at \$800,000.00. He explained their methodology of basing it on 8 units per acre. However, it currently has a zero based density. The 10 acre site is the only site DEP is interested in surplus and selling to the county. Commissioner Pauls thanked the board for their willingness to contact the State regarding the county's desire to purchase those surplus lands. Commissioner Cuchens suggested sending a letter to Governor Bush.

Attorney Vorbeck stated that the Florida Association of Counties Trust has voted to bring suit against the State regarding the Division of Juvenile Justice. They are asking for the county's support of the lawsuit. The project cost to Walton County is approximately \$167,000. Mr. Vorbeck stated that he would make his office available.

Motion by Commissioner Rees, second by Commissioner Pridgen to support FACT in the lawsuit. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Commissioner Rees spoke about the Point Washington Boat Ramp and the public's right to use that ramp. He asked Mr. Barry to look at a prescriptive easement and to make it clear that the public can launch their boat at that location. Commissioner Pauls voiced concern regarding the property being cleared and directed Mr. Barry to proceed with caution. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he had previously asked Mr. Butler to contact Mr. Robert Davis. He spoke about the need to expand the boat ramp. Mr. Butler had agreed to buy one-half if the county would buy one-half.

Commissioner Rees asked Mr. Little for a listing of the appointed board members and an attendance sheet from those meetings.

Commissioner Pridgen did not present any items for discussion.

Commissioner Pauls presented information regarding the Old Seagrove right of way. He updated the audience regarding the information he received. He stated that a survey is needed to determine where the rights-of-way are and if there are any encroachments. He also suggested that the county develop a one-way road plan to save as many trees as possible. Thirdly, a community meeting would be held to discuss the plan. Mr. Barry explained that the design company could prepare a design plan within 60 days.

Mr. Bob White, Canal Street in Seagrove Beach, stated that he would be happy to see a resolution to the problem. He felt that the area should be protected. He spoke about the drainage problems and felt that a pervious surface should be used to help resolve the issue.

Mr. Jim Armor, resident of Old Seagrove, asked for a show of support from the audience in support of the brick pavers. He pointed out that there are 12 residents that met earlier this year. Those 12 residents living on Liveoak Street prepared an alternative that was presented to Public Works. They also agreed to maintain the brick pavers. He spoke about the work that was completed and that it has since been stopped. The road did not meet the width requirement. He stated that they are trying to protect the area. He stated that one way streets would be an alternative.

Ms. Barbara Olshner stated that the road was put down without proper permitting, trees removed, and one road was blocked. She stated that accountability issues need to be

considered and those responsible. She asked that the brick pavers be taken up and the road be restored to its original state until proper authorization is received. She stated that the road is dangerous in its present condition. Commissioner Pauls asked staff to research her concerns and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Rees questioned if there is a spokesperson for the neighborhood. Ms. Cindy Meadows stated that there is no association. Commissioner Pauls stated that fire and utilities will be contacted as part of the survey. One gentleman in the audience asked if encroachments will be addressed as part of the survey.

Ms. Lucy Armor asked if that portion could be completed to prevent further dangers and to allow residents to get back into their homes. Commissioner Pauls stated that a recommendation is needed from staff.

Mr. Thomas Allen, Seagrove, stated that they have about 2 miles of roadway in their area. He does not want to see the community formed into a cookie cutter type area. He voiced concern with the dust and the number of potholes.

Several letters were submitted into the record from citizens voicing their concerns.

Ms. Julia Arthur stated that when she moved in the road had crushed oyster shell. She asked if some sort of alternative material could be used to help alleviate the current problems.

Commissioner Pauls spoke about the multi-use path pavilion at CR 30A and Allen Loop. He stated that the original plans had landscaping work for up to \$5,000.00. He requested for the work to be performed.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Rees to approve the request for landscaping not to exceed \$5,000.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Rees Aye, Pridgen Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pauls Aye.

Ms. Sarah Bleakley, Nabors, Giblin, & Nickerson, P.A., appeared before the commissioners and presented information regarding the 2004 final legislative report. She gave an overview of the issues that passed and those that did not pass. Ms. Bleakley also gave an overview of the proposed Constitutional Amendments that will be on the November ballot.

Commissioner Pauls spoke about the roads selected for funding under the SCOP Program. Commissioner Rees also asked Ms. Bleakley for assistance in obtaining traffic signals at CR395 and Highway 98 and other safety issues.

Mr. Bell thanked Ms. Bleakley for coming. He asked about the schedule for the next legislative session and the possibility of meeting with her for discussion prior to the next legislation session. She offered to come back in October to discuss the issues further.

Vice-Chairman Pauls opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Hudson spoke about Fairway Drive and Ridge road. He stated that he is pleased with the response of staff and the repairs made. He also commented on past ordinances involving CR30A. He felt that south Walton is becoming a golf cart village and he would like to see this issue addressed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12: 35 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Larry D. Jones, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court