

FEBRUARY 22, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman, Commissioner Scott Brannon, Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Cindy Meadows, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, and Attorney Gary Vorbeck, Legal Services Director, were also present.

Commissioner Pridgen led with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. The meeting was called to order.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

1. EAL Approval

General Fund	\$ 622,546.89
County Transportation	\$ 1,258,912.73
SHIP	\$ 20,725.85
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 74,695.50
Debt Service Hospital	\$ -
Mosq. Control State	\$ -
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 1,034.15
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 1,023,529.56
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 423.67
W. Co. Library	\$ 8,912.96
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 64.90
Public Safety- 911	\$ 1,696.47
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 300,060.29
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 21,633.46
Glendale VFD	\$ 971.40

Darlington VFD	\$	1,369.60
Red Bay VFD	\$	214.51
Local Option Gas Tax	\$	-
Special Law Enf. Trust	\$	-
Driftwood Debt Service	\$	-
Criminal Justice Ed Fund	\$	-
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	739.49
Capital Projects Fund	\$	53,136.21
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	-
Totals	\$	3,390,667.64

2. Approve Minutes of February 01, 2005 – Land Use Hearing
February 08, 2005 – Regular Meeting
3. Surplus Equipment from Tax Collector’s Office

Chairman Pridgen called to order the advertised public hearing for consideration of adoption of a resolution to use the uniform method of collecting non-valorem special assessments levied within the Paxton fire services area.

Mr. Ronnie Bell explained that the resolution, if adopted, would allow the County to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments beginning October 1, 2005.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the resolution (2005-12). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the proposed Rosa Dunes Petition for Abandonment of the following right-of-way to wit:

The north 33 feet of the lot defined as west 140 feet of government lot 31, north of State Road 30-A in Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 20 West.

Attorney Mark Davis was present to represent the applicant.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve by resolution (2005-13) the proposed Rosa Dunes Petition for Abandonment. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bell turned the floor over to Judge Kelvin Wells and Rick Milliard, Construction Manager, to present a recommendation from the Security Committee regarding the results of the RFQ for the Vulnerability Assessment for the New Courthouse Annex. Judge Wells requested that the bid be awarded to Applied Research Associates, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the request and award the bid to Applied Research Associates, Inc. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Rhonda Skipper, Tax Collector, addressed the Board to request that the existing contract with the DeFuniak Herald Breeze be renewed for advertisement of delinquent property taxes.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve Mrs. Skipper's request to renew the contract with the DeFuniak Herald Breeze. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a request from the Recreation Board that the Board appoint one commissioner to serve as a representative on the board. Commissioner Cuchens recommended that Chairman Pridgen be appointed to serve on the board.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Chairman Pridgen to serve as a representative on the Recreation Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Shirl Williams, Assistant County Administrator, and Mr. Rick Milliard addressed the Board to give an updated report on the D & D Pet Motel as a temporary animal shelter. Ms. Shirl reviewed the estimated costs prepared by Mr. Milliard to utilize the D & D Motel as a temporary animal shelter. The estimated costs were as follows:

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| 1) Annual Lease Cost | \$ 36,000 |
| 2) Contractual Veterinarian Services | \$ 24,000 |
| 3) Renovations | \$ 68,928 |
| 4) Staffing Costs | \$142,933 |
| 5) Equipment for Additional Officer | \$ 31,413 |
| 6) Office/Kennel Costs | \$188,878 (\$121,006 reusable in new facility) |

Discussion was held regarding the timeframe of constructing a temporary structure compared to constructing a permanent structure. It was stated that it would take between 60 to 90 days to construct a temporary shelter and between 18 to 24 months to establish a permanent facility. Discussion was also held regarding estimated costs associated with operating a temporary facility compared to costs of the services currently be used by the County. The Board compared unrecoverable costs to recoverable costs and items that could be transferred to a permanent shelter to those that could not.

The floor was opened to the public. There were none.

Mr. Bill Imfeld, Finance Director, stated that the costs were not budgeted for in the current year's budget; therefore, he would have to determine where the funds would come from. Mr. Bell stated that Mr. Imfeld and he would have to bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Commissioner Meadows expressed concern with investing a large amount of money into a temporary shelter. She felt that the money should be used towards a permanent facility. She stated that she was not in favor of proceeding with a temporary facility.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens to approve proceeding with the D & D Pet Motel as a temporary animal shelter. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion.

Chairman Pridgen expressed concern with locating the funds associated with operating an animal shelter. He felt that the Board should allow Mr. Bell and Mr. Imfeld the opportunity to discuss and determine where the funds would come from and bring back a recommendation. Mr. Bell stated that with additional time he could have a lease agreement prepared to bring back at the next BCC meeting to present to the Board.

Commissioner Cuchens withdrew his motion on the floor. Commissioner Brannon withdrew his second to the motion.

The Board directed staff to use the additional time to determine where the funds could be obtained from and what funds in the current budget could be used towards a county facility. The Board also directed staff to prepare and bring back a proposed lease agreement.

Ms. Finney addressed the Board and presented a request from Rosa Dunes for approval of a development order of a 4-lot 12-unit project. The proposed project is located on north 30-A, two miles west of the CR 30-A/CR 393 intersection. This project is owned by Bill Wallace. Planning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval.

Attorney Vorbeck administered the oath to any one who would be speaking on the project. There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the development order request. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Lee Ann Moore along with an appraisal of a .25 acre parcel on the corner of North 7th Street and Toledo Avenue. The Board requested that Mr. Bell bring back a map or a photograph illustrating the location of the property.

Mr. Bell also presented a letter from Terry Garner and an appraisal of a .85 acre parcel owned by Mr. Garner located on 6th Street. The Board directed Mr. Bell to meet with Mr. Garner to discuss negotiations for exchanging property.

Mr. Bell gave an updated report on the Gillis Douglass property on North Davis Lane in DeFuniak Springs. Mr. Gillis was asking \$1,600,000.00 for the 16,613 square foot building on 7.19 acres. It was the Board's decision to evaluate the county's needs before proceeding with an appraisal of this property.

Mr. Bell informed the Board that he had recently attended a meeting with the Glendale Fire District in regards to establishing the Glendale Fire Department as an independent special district. Mr. Bell stated that there were individuals present at the meeting who were in opposition to the concept. He submitted a petition which was signed by those opposed. He noted that the Board had previously approved Glendale's request to become an independent district contingent upon a public meeting being held to discuss the issue.

Mr. John Lawson, Assistant Chief of the Glendale Fire Department, addressed the Board and presented a petition signed by those in support of the Glendale Fire Department becoming an independent district.

Discussion was held regarding the changes that would occur if the Glendale Fire Department became an independent district.

Commissioner Pridgen stated that he had spoken with several of the individuals who had signed the petition of opposition and once he explained to them that they would not lose their funding the majority of them were not opposed.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to support the Glendale Fire Department in establishing themselves as an independent special district. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Bell informed the Board that they would attempt to schedule a public meeting with the Department of Community Affairs to discuss the Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report after the Board returned from the National Association of Counties (NACo) Meeting in Washington D.C.

Ms. Finney asked for the Board's understanding and patience as the Planning Department addresses the ORC report. She stated that the department would be experiencing immense pressure due to the comprehensive plan amendment along with the considerable day-to-day work load.

The Board asked what, if anything, could be done to help alleviate some of the pressure from staff. Ms. Finney stated that additional staff positions would certainly be beneficial at this time. She also spoke about other alternatives that had been considered

such as limiting the number of projects that are reviewed each month. She stated that six projects per month per plan reviewer would be a substantial, yet reasonable amount.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows to support the Planning staff in accepting all applications submitted, but limiting the project reviews to six (6) per month per plan reviewer. This is a temporary resolution until which time the pressure placed on staff is lessened. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

The Board recessed briefly.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Services Director, addressed the Board and gave an update on the appointed Redistricting Committee. He advised that one member appointed to the committee per Commissioner Cuchens's recommendation was unable to serve. He asked that Mr. Cuchens recommend another person to be appointed to serve in their place.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to appoint Art McClellan to serve on the Redistricting Committee. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Little requested the Board's approval of a recommendation made by the Walton County Cultural Plan Advisory Committee to appoint Sue Joffe to replace Pam Selton on the committee.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the recommendation of the Walton County Cultural Plan Advisory Committee. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Mike Judkins appeared before the Board to address drainage issues on North Holiday Road. Mr. Judkins presented a map of Chaparral Estates to illustrate where a drainage easement had been inaccurately placed between two lots and was blocking an only access to private property. He explained that developments adjacent to his property had filled in their retention ponds which in turn cause continual flooding on his property. He requested that the Board direct Public Works to relocate the drainage easement to its appropriate position. He also requested that the situation be reviewed by the County. The Board directed Public Works to investigate the situation and attempt to find a solution. The Board also requested that Public Works keep Commissioner Meadows updated on the situation.

Captain Danny Glidewell, Sheriff's Department, addressed the Board to give a demonstration of the mobile computer terminals that are installed in patrol units. He requested that the Board approve to release the money that was included in the budget for this program but placed on hold until a demonstration of the system was given.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request to release the \$251,000 budgeted for this program. Ayes 4, Nayes 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Martha Heller and Mr. Don Crim addressed the Board to request formal adoption of the American Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines. Ms. Heller, ADA Committee, stated that research referenced no formal adoption of the guidelines. She informed the Board that they had the choice of accepting either the ADA Accessibility Guidelines or the Uniformed Federal Accessibility Standards. She recommended that the ADA Accessibility Guidelines be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to formally adopt the American Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines into the Walton County Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, and all other applicable policies. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Erica Teets presented a request from the GIS/Information Resources Division for permission to spend staff time drafting modifications to the Walton County E9-1-1 Addressing Ordinance (2001-08). Ms. Teets reviewed the proposed ordinance modifications.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to proceed with advertisement for a public hearing for the ordinance. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Teets presented a request for permission to draft a new fee collection schedule to recover costs associated with the printing of maps and data distribution. Currently, the only approved fee for map products is \$10 for a 34" x 44" colored wall map of the Future Land Use Map or Wetlands. The new fee collection schedule would include fee structures for various GIS products such as maps and data CDs. No action was needed from the Board.

Ms. Deborah Alfassa addressed the Board to present a proposal from Bark Park, Inc. for an off-lease dog park on the additional 10 acres of land acquired at Helen McCall Park. Ms. Alfassa began her presentation by explaining who Bark Park was, what a dog park was and how it would benefit Walton County. She passed around several photographs of various dog parks and played a video recording of a media interview explaining the proposal.

It was noted that the county had not yet received a deed for the additional 10 acres of land recently acquired from the state. Mr. Bell advised that numerous proposals for use of the land would be received and a master plan for the entire 20 acres would have to be created once the deed was received. Mr. Bell informed Ms. Alfassa that meetings with the Recreation Board and BCC would be held regarding a master plan for the land. Commissioner Meadows suggested that Ms. Alfassa attend the Recreation Board meetings to stay involved and up to date with the process.

Mr. Bob Dobes addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the proposal. He suggested that a bark park for the north area of the county could be considered as well.

Ms. Angelic Austin, Ms. Jennifer Tibbs, 911 Emergency Dispatchers, and Ms. Melissa Olswick, former dispatcher, addressed the Board to express concerns regarding EOC employee issues. All three ladies expressed that they felt that the 911 dispatchers do not receive adequate training and that the department lacks proper management. Ms. Olswick stated that she felt that the lack of training would cause serious liability issues. Ms. Austin, who was the 911 shift supervisor on duty the night the AirHeart 1 helicopter crashed into the Choctawhatchee Bay in October 2004, recalled the night and claimed that the tragedy was a result of a bad call made by upper management. Ms. Tibbs stated that if the situation was not addressed there would only be more tragedies. They requested that the Board review the issues and investigate their claims.

Mr. Bell stated that he had been contacted by each of the ladies regarding these issues. He stated that Ms. Tibbs had recently appealed a job evaluation and would be making an appearance before the Board regarding his decision. He informed the Board that Dr. Beeman had met with each lady and had made some suggestions to Mr. Ed

Baltzley, EOC Director, which they would try to implement. Mr. Bell suggested that if it was the Board's wishes to proceed with an investigation that the county request proposals from independent specialized consultants to conduct the study.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve to request for proposals for an independent study of the EOC and 911 dispatch operations. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Kris Titus, Walton County TDC, presented a request for a change order to the Emergency Beach Access Repair and Construction Phase II – Group 2 Contract. TDC was requesting to add three additional walkovers to existing contract: Palms of Dune Allen, Nightcap Street, and Sugar Cliffs. These walkovers were identified as additional county walkovers to be maintained by the TDC. The permits for reconstruction expire on April 6, 2005. Mrs. Titus explained that Schipper's Marine was repairing other boardwalks in this area and had agreed to complete the work at their initial unit cost bid, which was the lowest bid received by any vendor.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the TDC request and issue a change order to the contract. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Titus presented a request that the Board direct staff to develop specifications permit and bid dune restoration projects in accordance with the Hurricane Ivan Dune Recovery Plan. She explained that the County was conducting emergency beach scraping along 13.5 miles of beaches that were deemed emergency areas by the Florida DEP and FEMA. She stated that the beach scraping would continue until April 15, 2005

and would bring most areas out of emergency status. However, four areas (totaling approximately 3 miles) were proposed for sand placement through truck hauling at a quantity between 50,000-100,000 cubic yards.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon to approve the TDC request. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Titus presented a request for transfer of \$250,000 contingency dollars to fund post Hurricane Ivan marketing campaign to build awareness for late spring and early summer business. She explained that the tourism industry had concerns regarding the down turn in reservations for spring and early summer. The notion that the entire Florida Panhandle had been damaged by Hurricane Ivan would be addressed in the campaign-Print Media-Radio Promotion A Media Satellite Tour-Internet Marketing.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the transfer of \$250,000 of contingency funds. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Russ Barry, Public Works Director, addressed the Board. He explained that preparation and paving of JW Hollington Road was nearing completion and Don Graff Road was already complete. He stated however, the construction equipment and other trucks using the paved portion of JW Hollington Road had been taking their toll over the past several years. Several weeks ago Public Works asked CW Roberts to provide an estimate to repair and overlay the paved portion of the road after they complete the paving of the dirt portion of the road. Their received bid was in the amount of \$94,375. Mr. Barry requested that the board approve the price for repairing and overlaying the

currently paved portion of JW Hollington Road by CW Roberts at a maximum price of \$94,375. If approved, Public Works will issue a change order to CW Roberts for this amount.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve Public Works' request. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented the received bids for the paving and other roadway improvements to the Beach Highlands Subdivision encompassing Hilltop Drive, North Bishop Road, Crescent Road, Dune Drive, Baird Road, and Sunrise Circle, a distance of 1.75 miles. Because Public Works considered the low bid of approximately \$800,000 for the work in the "high normal" range of other current bids, Public Works recommended that the BCC reject the bids and allow them to substitute the Beach Highlands paving project into the in-house project list for completion this year. Mr. Barry stated that at the same time Public Works would prepare the in-house paving projects of CJ Laird Road and North Long Road for bidding out to contract. The current estimate for accomplishing the paving of the roads in the Beach Highlands Subdivision was \$525,000.

Mr. Don Boyce, Beach Highlands resident, addressed the Board and asked that they approve this paving project.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to allow Public Works to accept the Beach Highlands paving project into the in-house project list for completion this year. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry stated that they would be able to begin the project in late April.

Mr. Barry presented two bids received to purchase and install traffic signals at Rosemary Beach. Mr. Barry requested that the Board approve the low bid of \$154,492.52 and allow Purchasing to obtain these services from Griffin Traffic Signals, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the low bid of \$154,492.52 and allow Purchasing to obtain these services from Griffin Traffic Signals, Inc.

Commissioner Cuchens voiced opposition because the stop signs in this area were previously removed by the County Engineer because they were not warranted.

Ayes 3, Nays 1. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Naye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Barry presented a recommendation from Engineering and Public Works that the rumble strips prior to the stop sign at the intersection of Thompson Road and Allen Loop be removed due to noise generated by the rumble strips. They recommended installing three way stop signs, and installing stop sign ahead warning signs with the understanding that if any accidents occur at the intersection that can be attributed to the lack of sufficient warning devices that the rumble strips will be reinstalled.

Commissioner Meadows requested that deputies be assigned to patrol the area as well as electronic speed devices installed to help enforce the posted speed limit.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the recommendation made by Engineering and Public Works. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Ed Baltzley, Emergency Response Director, addressed the Board to request permission to apply for two grants in the "Wireless 911 Rural County Grant Program."

One of the grants would be for call taker training (\$31,000) and the other for additional security cameras around the EOC (\$15,500).

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the request. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Baltzley addressed the claims that were brought up by Ms. Olswick, Ms. Tibbs, and Ms. Austin earlier during the meeting. He spoke about EOC training procedures and discipline issues.

Mr. Richard Raffield addressed the Board to request that the county impose a special assessment to pave Blue Gulf Drive and Pine Knoll Drive in Gulf Hills Subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to schedule a public hearing. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Meadows urged the Board to support her efforts in requesting DOT to place temporary warning signage at the intersections on CR 395 and CR 283 before the spring break season. Mr. Bell stated that he would work with Mr. Barry to compose a letter to send to DOT. He encouraged that each commissioner contact DOT individually as well.

Commissioner Meadows asked for an update on the noise ordinance and the Motocross Track issue. Mr. Greg Scoville, Planning Processes and Systems Senior Manager, informed that he was supposed to meet with Kevin Hargett, Code Enforcement Officer, this week to discuss the ordinance. Attorney Kira Coley, Staff Attorney, stated

that the Code Enforcement Board had found the Motocross Track in violation of a stop work order, in violation of development without a development order, and found that the track was not an acceptable use for the land use category. She stated that they were ordered to completely stop the use of the track.

Chairman Pridgen advised that Mr. Bell had received a letter from Kirk Zessin, Recreation Board member, notifying the Board that he was unable to serve on the Board this year. Mr. Pridgen requested that Kevin Wilkerson be appointed to serve in Mr. Zessin's place.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to appoint Kevin Wilkerson to serve on the Recreation Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye, and Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Pridgen asked Mr. Ken Little to compose a letter to send to Mr. Zessin thanking for him for his three years of service on the Recreation Board.

Commissioner Brannon gave the Board an update on the Coalition. He stated that the first Coalition meeting would be scheduled for sometime in March. He also expressed concern about the lack of cooperation that the Board receives from DOT to address constituent driven issues. Mr. Bell stated that he could try to schedule a meeting between the Board and the DOT to discuss specific issues.

The floor was opened to public comments. Mr. Bob Dobes and Mr. Allen Powdermaker addressed the Board to make comments.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 12:30 p.m. into a Special Meeting to discuss the Walton County Strategic Plan. The floor was turned over to Dr. Dan Beeman.

Dr. Beeman began his presentation with a power point program titled “The Method”. Dr. Beeman’s intentions with the power point were to list desired outcomes, list driving forces (“SWOT”), list and prioritize the “tough issues ahead” and review current “strategic objectives” and prioritize them.

Dr. Beeman began by having the Board compose a list of desired outcomes. They were as follows:

- Accommodate the planned growth with adequate infrastructure;
- Effectively manage water resources;
- Communicate more effectively with all stakeholders;
- Acquire greater levels of unconventional funding;
- Protect natural resource areas;
- Protect livable neighborhoods;
- Increase opportunities for housing as affordable;
- Quality uncrowded schools;
- Enhanced sense of community in the county;
- Increased economic development and diversity;

Next, Dr. Beeman asked the Board to list what they felt were driving forces:

- Increasing tourism;
- Greater need and capability for intergovernmental planning and coordination;
- Increasing demand for recreation services and facilities and accessibility to them;
- Rapidly increasing population and taxable property value;
- Rapidly increasing competition between “development” and natural resources;
- Increasing competition for tax dollars (e.g. geographic, demographic);
- Immediate need for long-range planning

Dr. Beeman concluded the power point presentation by amending the language of current strategic objectives per recommendations of the Board. The following amendments were made:

(Deletions are ~~strike through~~; additions are underlined.)

1. Develop ~~an aggressive~~ a comprehensive program for paving, bridges and other infrastructures;
2. ~~Manage~~ Direct growth away from natural resource areas ~~growth and maintain the quality of life;~~
3. Promote the development of more diverse and higher paying jobs ~~economic development;~~
4. Provide ~~adequate~~ equitable recreation facilities for the different areas of the County;
5. Improve public relations and instill confidence in county government;
6. Continue to redefine and refine Walton County government services;

Dr. Beeman asked each commissioner to select their top three objectives and submit them in written form. The results were as follows:

1. 4 (Meadows, Brannon, Cuchens, Pridgen)
2. 3 (Meadows, Brannon, Pridgen)
3. 3 (Meadows, Brannon, Cuchens, Pridgen)
4. 1 (Cuchens)
5. 0
6. 0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court