

MARCH 22, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in Courtroom B of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Larry Jones, Commissioner Cindy Meadows, Chairman Kenneth Pridgen, and Commissioner Rosier Commissioner Cuchens. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, Mr. Gary Vorbeck, Director of Legal Services, and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present. Commissioner Brannon was out due to illness.

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

Mr. Bell advised that Mr. Rick Millard was in an accident and would not be present. He also stated that RFQ's were received for the vulnerability study. Applied Research Associates ranked number one in the amount of \$39,992.00 to complete the study for the new courthouse.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve awarding the RFQ for the vulnerability study for the new courthouse to the low bidder, Applied Research Associates, in the amount of \$39,992.00. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Ingle presented a plaque to the commissioners from GFOA for the CAFR Report. She voiced her appreciation to Mr. Imfeld and Mr. Imfeld for their hard work.

(Commissioner Meadows arrived)

1. EAL Approval
General Fund \$ 373,805.49

County Transportation	\$ 515,239.34
SHIP	\$ 5,000.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 76,303.86
Debt Service Hospital	\$ 530.00
Mosq. Control State	\$ 80.00
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 33,577.93
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 812,251.13
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 204.26
W. Co. Library	\$ 7,981.68
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ -
Public Safety- 911	\$ 647.40
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 4,302.93
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 14,579.14
Glendale VFD	\$ 134.60
Darlington VFD	\$ 1,849.92
Red Bay VFD	\$ 5,954.14
Local Option Gas Tax	\$ -
Special Law Enf. Trust	\$ -
Driftwood Debt Service	\$ 2,500.00
Criminal Justice Ed Fund	\$ -
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$ 669.96
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 20,446.67
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$ -
Totals	\$ 1,876,058.45

2. Approve Minutes of February 22, 2005-Regular Meeting & Workshop
March 01, 2005-Wokshop
March 01, 2005-Land Use Hearing
3. Resolution to Amend into the Budget for the Mossyhead/Oakwood Hills Volunteer Fire Department FEMA Reimbursement for Hurricane Ivan Damage
4. Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant Contract for Alaqua Creek Park Phase II
5. Resolution to Amend into the Budget for the Mossyhead/Oakwood Hills Volunteer Fire Department an Unanticipated Insurance Reimbursement
6. Resolution to Amend into the Budget a \$735 Donation to the Recreation Board

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Captain Danny Glidewell appeared before the commissioners to provide an update on the traffic problems at CR 395 and CR 283.

Captain Glidewell stated that there are many intersections with problems. He stated that they currently have deputies located at those intersections. He also spoke about their request for a traffic unit from the State. They are looking at moving the equipment around to the critical places as needed. Chairman Pridgen asked for time to discuss the issue with Mr. Imfeld. Commissioner Jones stated that he would like to look at the schedule in order to make the public aware. He is also looking for a commitment from the Sheriff to keep the officers at the locations shown by the proposal.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing to consider final plat approval for the following plats: Carson Oaks, Laurel Grove Phase III, Eagle's Landing at Inlet Beach, Cedar Woods at WaterColor, Lakewood Development, Cypress Breeze Phase IV.

Ms. Kelly Finney, Planner, presented Carson Oaks final plat for approval. Kruse Enterprises of Northwest Florida, Inc. is proposing a 69-lot single-family subdivision located north of U.S. Highway 98 on the west side of Mack Bayou Road. Staff recommend approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to accept staff's recommendation and approve Carson Oaks final plat for recording. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Finney presented Laurel Grove Phase III final plat for approval. Intrawest US Holdings, Inc. is proposing a 15 unit subdivision. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones to accept staff's recommendation and approve Laurel Grove Phase III final plat for recording. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Finney presented Eagle's Landing at Inlet Beach final plat for approval. The developer is proposing a 9-lot single family subdivision located at the southern intersection of CR 30A and Walton Rose Lane. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to accept staff's recommendation and approve Eagle's Landing at Inlet Beach final plat for recording. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Finney presented Cedar Woods at WaterColor final plat for approval. St. Joe Company is proposing a 56-lot single family subdivision located north of CR 30-A, south of US Highway 98 and east of CR 395. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to accept staff's recommendation and approve Cedar Woods at WaterColor final plat for recording. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Finney presented Lakewood Development final plat for approval. Harris Investments is proposing a 10-lot single family subdivision located at the southeastern intersection of CR 30A and Lakewood Drive. Staff recommended approval. There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to accept staff's recommendation and approve Lakewood Development final plat for recording.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Finney explained that Cypress Breeze was resolved in-house.

Mr. William Pennington, Finance Director for the Clerk of Court's Office, requested to amend the county's investment policy. He stated that the amendment more clearly identifies some investments not currently in the policy.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve amending the county's investment policy. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye. Ms. Ingle stated that Mr. Ted Sauerback, Auditor General's Office, is also in approval of the amendments.

Mr. William Imfeld, Finance Director, presented the responses for Bid 05-016, Landfill Compactor. Mr. Imfeld recommended the low bid from Tractor & Equipment.

The following two vendors submitted responses:

Thompson Tractor	CAT 826H Landfill Compactor	\$463,053.00
Tractor & Equipment	TEREX 375 Trashmaster	\$430,275.00

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones to approve awarding Bid 05-016 to Tractor & Equipment, low bidder, in the amount of \$430,275.00.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Imfeld presented the following responses for Bid 05-009, 4-Wheel Drive Hydraulic Excavator:

Thompson Tractor	CAT M316C	\$159,113.00
Duval Pilot	TEREX HML42	\$166,956.00
Ttractor & Equipment	BADGER 1085D	\$187,200.00

Mr. Imfeld recommended awarding the bid to Thompson Tractor, low bidder.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the recommendation and award Bid 05-009 to Thompson Tractor, low bidder, in the amount of \$159,113.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Imfeld presented a request to enter into a Joint Participation Agreement with the Department of Transportation for the widening and resurfacing of Bay Loop Road. He explained that it relates to pending legislative appropriation for a bike path and side road. The Department is willing to grant \$1,478,843.00 toward the widening and paving. He stated that the county was able to secure a waiver of the entire required amount. The entire amount will come from the State of Florida. The State has limited their payments to \$75,000.00 per lane mile. Mr. Imfeld recommended scheduling this project for in-house paving following the completion of other projects. He also recommended including the ancillary roads and bike path.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve entering into the Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Bay Loop Road. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones to designate the paving of Bay Loop Road as an in-house paving project. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the low bid by Jenkins, Stanford and Associates, for the survey, design and

permitting of Bay Loop Road and bike path. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Jack Rhodes, representing the Hammock Bay Community Development District, commented that the Board previously allotted \$150,000.00 for the beginning of the bike path. He asked for clarification of the design for the bike path. He also stated that the City of Freeport has been awarded a \$500,000.00 grant to expand sewer lines. He asked the county to coordinate with the cities. Mr. Rhodes stated that he is also in the process of assisting the City in lobbying for an additional \$1.3 million for further sewer expansion. Mr. Imfeld stated that the amount being awarded for the design services is a joint amount for both the grant and the JPA. Mr. Bell stated that the engineer of record will coordinate the work with the county.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the advertised public hearing to establish Somerset Community Development District.

Mr. Brian Crumbaker, Hopping Green and Sams, appeared before the Board on behalf of EBSCO Inc. regarding the petition to establish the Somerset Community Development District. EBSCO has requested that the petition be entered into the record. Mr. Crumbaker presented proof of publication and consent joinders from the property closings within that project. He stated that they have met all of the criteria in Chapter 190. He further explained the purpose of the Community Development District and its limited powers and authorities. Florida Legislators determined that it was in the best interest of the State to provide for a uniform method of establishing special taxing districts. The purpose is to finance infrastructure such as water/sewer, waste collection,

security, and beach issues. The District will levy special assessments following public hearings. Mr. Crumbaker explained that the engineer will oversee construction according to local development codes. The roads will be private. He further explained that there are currently two community development districts in Walton County. The CDD is required to provide their budget to the county no later than 60 days in advance of the public hearing adopting the budget. They will provide minutes to the county.

Mr. Crumbaker requested the Board adopt the proposed ordinance providing for special powers relating to recreation, waste and recycling collection. Mr. Crumbaker stated that if the development is more than 1,000 acres and in the unincorporated area, the county must grant approval. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt an ordinance approving the establishment of the Somerset Community Development pursuant to F.S. Chapter 190. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Caroline Cox, Cultural Arts Association, appeared before the commissioners requesting approval to display their Art Quest Flags. Ms. Cox explained that the arts celebration will occur from May 2-8. She explained that they normally fly between 50-75 flags. She stated that they will have signs up for the festival and also want to put up lighted signs.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the request by the Cultural Arts Association granting permission to fly their flags during the ArtsQuest Celebration. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Daniel Lesh asked the BCC to resolve an ordinance problem regarding a wetland buffer. Mr. Lesh stated that he lives next door to the Adams' who was served with a code violation regarding the location of their shed. They relocated the shed out of the wetland buffer, however, it is now located in a setback area. He stated that he was served with an injunction for repeat violence against the Adams'. Attorney Vorbeck stated that code enforcement needs to address the issue. Mr. Kevin Hargett stated that they received a complaint from Mr. Lesh, reviewed the issued and requested Mr. Adams to move the shed out of the buffer. Mr. Adams does not have the proper side set back. Mr. Hargett stated that he would continue to monitor the issue. Commissioner Meadows explained that they are following the process through code enforcement. Mr. Lesh asked for a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board.

Attorney Sherry Hall, Hall & Runnels, appeared before the Board on behalf of Mr. Buddy Gentry, G&S Boats, Inc. Ms. Hall stated that Mr. Gentry had a tenant not complying with code. Mr. Gentry received fine and she therefore asked the Board to reduce the fine or release it. It was brought back to the Code Enforcement Board and they found no cease and desist order because the junk was not removed. She advised that the lien was increased rather than reduced. Mr. Gentry paid to have the junk removed himself and made efforts to remove the tenants. She stated that the Code Enforcement Officer advised that the junk was not removed. However, that was not the violation to begin with. The original citation related to a development order issue. The original fine was \$14,400.00 was then increased to \$23,648.00. Chairman Pridgen asked code enforcement if they went out and checked it to see if it was in compliance. Kevin Hargett stated that at that time, they felt they were still operating the business. The fines started

accumulating March 18th 2004 through May 14th for a total of 210 days and totaling \$31,500.00. Chairman Pridgen asked if consideration is given to the time it takes the owner to remove the tenant. Mr. Hargett stated that this is a court process. Mr. Hargett stated that they forgave the clean up costs of \$7,852.00 leaving an amount of \$23,648.00 will to be paid. Ms. Hall stated that her client did everything to meet compliance. Commissioner Cuchens asked about what types of manufacturing occurred on site. There is a total cost of \$537.50 in administrative costs, which have been paid in full. Commissioner Cuchens asked if the cleanup is sufficient. Mr. Hargett agreed that the fine is high and that a reasonable penalty would be sufficient. He felt that \$2,500.00 is a reasonable fine. Mr. Gentry was in agreement with that amount. Mr. Buddy Wright, Code Enforcement Officer, stated Mr. Gentry was very cooperative. He agreed with the \$2,500.00 fine.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones to reduce the fine to an amount of \$2,500.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Mark McMullen was present on behalf of Mr. Mark McDamba to discuss the proposed animal control facility on Rock Hill Road. He stated that it is a growing area and stated that an animal shelter is not allowed under the current land use classifications. He stated that adoption costs are an issue more than location. He stated that he is willing to have his organization do fund-raising to assist with costs, but does not want the shelter located in a residential area. Commissioner Cuchens disagreed with it being in a residential area and did not feel that the cost of adoption is a factor. He felt that a centrally located facility would be best. He stated that it will be an extremely nice

facility. Mr. Bell met with Mr. McDamba and explained that the property was donated to the county. An architect has begun the design process. Mr. Bell stated that they would work with Mr. McDamba. He explained the location of the property and how the land could be designed. He stated that it was an allowable use according to planning/zoning. Commissioner Cuchens welcomed Mr. McDamba's input into the design of the facility. Mr. Bob Dobies stated that it would be of interest to collect data to squelch some concerns. Mr. Bell explained that it would be an enclosed facility.

Mrs. McDamba appeared before the Board and stated that many neighbors are opposed to the facility. She stated that they are concerned with noise from the facility. She felt there are better locations that should be considered.

Mr. Herman Crishon appeared before the commissioners to voice concerns regarding a previous 911 employee. He felt that the termination was not handled properly. He felt that she was fired because she voiced her concerns to the commissioners. He asked the commissioners to look into the matter of employee turn over. He also asked that the employee in question be reinstated.

Commissioner Meadows asked Mr. Mattison to address the issue of Ms. Tibbs. Mr. Mattison stated that she would need to go back through the process when an opening arises, if she wants to be rehired. Chairman Pridgen stated that there is a hiring process for all individuals. Mr. Imfeld stated that four firms were asked to submit a proposal to look at personnel issues. Mr. Bell asked if the firm would also review the issue as to why they left. The selected firm will also consider any type of improvements that can be made.

Commissioner Meadows stated that she would like to see Ms. Tibbs reinstated in the county. Mr. Bell asked that she be considered for other positions. Mr. Imfeld asked for the Board's direction regarding the scope of work. Mr. Imfeld explained that the proposal is to consider the broad based operations of 911 as well as the training programs. Commissioner Cuchens felt that the current proposal is sufficient for now. Mr. Mattison stated that people are not willing to speak up. He also commented on the need to hold a workshop to discuss some of the issues. Commissioner Meadows felt that part of the study should be employee private interviews. Mr. Bell asked to hold a workshop on April 12th to discuss the issue. The Board concurred.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Jim Barth appeared before the commissioners regarding cross walks on old Highway 98. He asked for direction regarding the governing of sidewalks. Mr. Barth stated that they are currently a danger to the public and pedestrians. He has spoken with the sheriff's department. He felt that a temporary solution would be to paint over them. He spoke about non-conforming sidewalks and stated that there are too many of them. Commissioner Meadows stated that there are many obstructions on old Scenic Highway 98 and in the county's right of way without permission. She proposed policy that allows the county to remove it if it has been placed in the road without permission. She felt strongly about the need to clean up Scenic Gulf Drive from unnecessary speed bumps, signs, and crosswalks. Commissioner Cuchens asked staff to look into the matter of which signs are conforming or not. Mr. Bell stated that there are more issues than the signs and requested to hold a meeting to discuss the issue further. Mr. Barth will be notified to attend the meeting.

Ms. Kris Cash, State Attorney's Office, presented a proclamation asking that April 10-16, 2005 be designated as National Crime Victims' Right Week.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to adopt the proposed Proclamation designating April 10-16, 2005 as National Crime Victims' Right Week. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Jim Parish scheduled on the agenda was not present.

Mr. Tom Powell, Economic Development Council, appeared before the commissioners regarding a proposal for the Mossy Head Industrial Park. Mr. Gerald Wallins, Higher Standard Homes, was also present with a proposal for the western most portion of the land located on the west side of Highway 285. Mr. Wallins introduced his wife, Pat Wallins, and presented a proposal for use of the 50 acre parcel. Mr. Wallins proposed to build an affordable housing subdivision on their property and a modular manufacturing plant on the county's property. They need exposure for their plant. They have room for a 100,000 square foot plant. They have a marketing range of 350 miles from that property. They will be able to produce affordable housing that no one else can. The company will build a community with an affordable golf course. They expect to employ about 75 to 100 individuals initially. The labor force is important and they feel they will be able to pay them good wages. They are looking to make their profit from the plant not from the housing. He gave an overview of their business background and stated that they have been in Walton County for approximately 10 years. They have constructed 50-60 homes in the county. Part of the development will be a community center for young people. Mr. Wallins stated that they are willing to make a substantial investment.

He introduced Terry Anderson to address the issue of infrastructure. Mr. Anderson discussed the lack of infrastructure and spoke about constructing some. Commissioner Jones stated that they are in negotiations with another party for this parcel. He asked if they would be interested in locating in a different location. Mr. Wallins stated that they want the exposure from the interstate for pulling in business. They would like to be producing homes by the end of this year. Commissioner Jones advised that the county has made a commitment with another company. He also reminded them of the restrictions of no hotels on that property. Mr. Anderson said they could locate on the west side, but infrastructure is the issue of concern. Commissioner Jones will hold a meeting with the two companies to discuss compatibility with each other. Mr. Anderson stated that they would relocate their facility to the west side and determine the needs. Commissioner Jones stated that he would like to meet with the other company before any type of agreement is made with Mr. Wallins.

Mr. Tom Powell suggested that they hold the meeting at their first opportunity. He wants to see the highest density of jobs on that property.

Mr. Powell spoke about Spectraflex, Inc. owned by Mr. Scott McAida. He stated that Mr. McAida has plans for expansion with the possibility of relocating in Niceville due to Lancelot Road being unpaved. Mr. Powell suggested the county assist with paving the road to keep them in Walton County. Spectraflex has nine employees with five of them being residents of Walton County and a one-quarter million dollar payroll. The facility in Niceville was purchased because of better location with paved roads, which is a necessity for semi trucks. Mr. McAida desires to remain in Walton County, but the road needs paved in order to receive his shipments via semis. The trucks are continually

getting stuck and not able to make their deliveries or will not even attempt to deliver the products when they see the condition of the road. The road is approximately 500 feet in length from Highway 90. Commissioner Jones stated that Lancelot is a county maintained road. He stated that the road also serves residents, as well as Spectraflex. The approximate cost to pave Lancelot Road would be \$30,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve paving 500 feet of Lancelot beginning at Highway 90. Commissioner Jones wants ability to move forward with paving of the road while working with Spectraflex for them to build their new building. Mr. McAida stated that his bank will agree to the construction loan for the new building once the road is paved. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell stated that they need to look at in-house paving. Mr. McAida said they will continue using the Niceville facility until the road can be paved. The Board will look at placing milled asphalt on the road to temporarily assist with the problem.

Mr. Greg Scoville, Planning Department, presented a request to hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to section 20-10 relating to the Parking Ordinance. He presented an amendment to address temporary parking in south Walton only.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve setting a public hearing on April 26th to discuss parking in south Walton.

Commissioner Cuchens presented a recommendation relating to parking in the ordinance. The Board directed Mr. Scoville to make the language change. Commissioner Jones spoke about the language that defines construction vehicles. Single family dwellings would not apply. Discussion was held about loading and unloading

zones. Commissioner Meadows suggested that language be written requiring that they have loading and unloading zones located out of the county's right of way. Commissioner Jones stated that this is an area of the ordinance where they need to be careful who will be held responsible for any damages. Mr. Scoville stated that they if they are doing work in the right of way then they would have a development order and can be held responsible.

Chairman Pridgen called for a vote on the motion to approve a public hearing for April 26th. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Scoville requested the Board advertise to hold a public hearing regarding an amendment to the LDC for white sand protection. He presented a copy of the revisions. Staff Attorney, Kira Coley, recommended taking out "south" as to not differentiate. (Commissioner Jones stepped out.) Mr. Scoville read from the proposed ordinance and requested to set a public hearing date.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve holding a public hearing to consider an amendment to the White Sand Protection Ordinance. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Jim Parrish, Project Manager and Circuit Writer for Walton County, appeared before the commissioners to provide an update on the Small County Technical Assistance Program. He stated that they have been providing services to the counties for 10-12 years. They have been providing limited financial assistance to public works for road operations study. Mr. Parrish advised that they would be providing a bi-annual survey study for top 25 positions in the county. He presented a copy of the Bi-annual Alternative Revenue

Analysis, which is based on information provided by the county. This report is individualized for the county and combines all of the alternative revenues.

Mr. Carl Hammons appeared before the Board regarding the Sugar Sands a/k/a Lehigh Development Order, a major development. Attorney Vorbeck stated that Mr. Hammons has been sworn in regarding this development. Mr. Hammons stated that the Board is being asked to approve a major development consisting of a 40-lot single-family residential subdivision. The property has a future land use designation of Conservation Residential. He advised that there were difficulties relating to the engineering that needed to be resolved. Mr. Hammons advised that the issues have been resolved and staff has recommended approval of the project contingent that the development order permit will be contingent upon the final permit of wetland impact drawings and the civil drawings being one and the same.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve Sugar Sands Estates contingent that the development order permit will be contingent upon the final permit of wetland impact drawings and the civil drawings being one and the same. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Ed Baltzley, Emergency Response Division, presented a letter from the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs. He advised that they have received an additional \$25,406.00 and requested the commissioners accept the funding into the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to amend the budget and accept grant monies in the amount of \$25,406.00 into the budget. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Baltzley presented the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and advised that it has been approved by the State. He requested the Board adopt a resolution approving Walton County's CEMP Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to adopt a Resolution (2005-20) approving the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Baltzley presented Interlocal Agreement for Dispatch Services with South Walton Fire Department. He recommended acceptance of the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Walton County and South Walton Fire Department. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Baltzley voiced his appreciation to all of the county staff for their support during his time of loss.

Mr. Baltzley advised that the State of Florida will be conducting the hurricane exercise on April 29th. Walton County will hold their exercise on April 28th.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Services, presented a list of expiring board and committee members. The following members currently serving on the Recreation Committee have agreed to continue serving: Jeff Infinger, Chuck Stevenson, Curt Anderson, H. Gene Ryan, Randall Infinger, and Jean Arrant. Mr. Mike Standley has asked to be replaced. Mr. Little advised that he will bring this issue back for discussion at a later time.

Mr. Little presented the following recommendation for replacement members on the Competency Board: Robert Agerton replacing David White, John Dalton replacing

Thomas Lasseter, and Johnny Smith replacing Kevin Smith. Mr. Victor Bowman has also requested that a replacement be found for him.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the appointments as presented, for the Competency Board. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the appointment of Ken Vogel to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, District 5, in place of Mr. Frank Hall, Jr. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Little requested the appointment of Ms. Martha Heller to the ADA Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the appointment of Ms. Martha Heller to serve on the ADA Committee. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to appoint Commissioner Meadows to serve on the Council on Aging Committee in place of Chairman Pridgen. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Little also asked that the Board allow him to proceed with submitting a grant application for a replacement bookmobile.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the submission of a grant application for funding of a bookmobile. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Little advised that he met with the school board's redistricting committee. He stated that they are willing to work with the county's committee and staff.

Mr. Brad Pickle, Walton County Tourist Development Council, appeared before the commissioners regarding the FDEP Hurricane Recovery Grant. He stated that they have received the grant monies and requested the Board adopt a resolution amending the funds into the budget. The amount of funding is \$5,570,000.00. The monies will be used for dune restoration and beach scraping. This is 100% state grant and no matching funds are required.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to adopt a resolution (2005-19) amending the \$5,570,000.00 into the budget. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

(Commissioner Jones returned.)

Mr. Pickle advised that he has worked with purchasing and legal services regarding the walkovers that need to be reconstructed. The following two board walks are not currently under contract: Van Ness Butler Access and the Miramar Beach Access. He advised that the parking lot is now open at Miramar and the restrooms are soon to be reopened. He stated that they want to go in and put back the five walkovers. He stated that the work can be done through Shippers Marine, currently under contract, without having to go out for bids. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he received a call regarding an access at Blue Mt. Beach. Mr. Pickles stated that the access is part of phase III reconstruction.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve reconstruction of the Van Ness Butler Access and Miramar Access. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Mattison presented a letter from the Tax Collector's Office requesting to join the county's Sick Leave Pool. He recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the request for the Tax Collector's employees to join the Sick Leave Pool. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye. Further discussion will be held regarding an allowable date for those employees to enroll.

Mr. Mattison presented Policy 5.4-Overtime Pay stating that he has encountered a problem with FEMA regarding overtime pay for exempt employees. He stated that the problem is with the following language: "and the county qualifies for federal funding". He requested to remove that language.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the amendment to Policy 5 removing the language as stated. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Mattison advised that the insurance committee is recommending an increase in life insurance from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 as an additional fringe benefit for all county employees.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones to approve the increase in the life insurance amount to \$25,000.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Discussion was held regarding overtime pay. Mr. Imfeld asked for flexibility in adjusting the budget line items. The Board directed Mr. Imfeld to develop a plan for implementation.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding D & D Pet Motel. Mr. Imfeld explained that they looked at incremental costs versus placing the animals in Chipley. It would take \$18,800.00 in incremental costs and renovations to use D & D Pet Motel. The increased costs to the county for using this facility would be only \$62,000.00 for this year. Commissioner Meadows asked if the county could recover any of those costs when they move into the permanent facility. Mr. Imfeld stated that they took that into consideration. A new facility would be constructed in about two years. Mr. Rick Millard said the fencing could be relocated to the new facility. Commissioner Meadows asked if the costs include damage to the facility. She asked about a contingency fee in the event the facility was destroyed. Insurance would cover any structural damages. It was stated that another animal control officer is needed. Mr. Imfeld stated that the budgeted amount is \$95,000.00 and expenditures are well under that amount. The average yearly budget is \$80-85,000.00 for the costs related to taking the animals to Chipley. D & D Pet Motel can be ready in 90 days.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens to approve leasing the D & D Pet Motel. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would like additional time to discuss the budget further.

Mr. Bell presented information from the Department of Transportation regarding the realignment of CR 283. They want to dedicate that portion of roadway to the county.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve accepting the dedication of the old roadway (CR283). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mrs. Bell spoke about the amount of records storage space that will be needed until the courthouse construction is completed in December 2006. He contacted each constitutional office and came up with a total amount of 8,800 square feet. This information was presented for review.

Mr. Bell presented a proposed resolution in honor of Mr. Henry Koerber, founder of Henco, which became the major employer in Walton County. The resolution supports Legislative Delegation designating U.S. Highway 90, from the intersection of U.S. Highway 90 and Kidd Road east to the intersection of U.S. Highway 90 and Old Airport Road as "Henry Koerber Memorial Boulevard."

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt a resolution (2005-18) in honor of Mr. Henry Koerber. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell presented two appraisals on the old Wal-Mart building. Ronald Wright, Appraisal House, submitted one appraisal in the amount of \$2,600,000.00 and Walter Humphrey, Humphrey and Associates, submitted one in the amount of. \$1,860,000.00. Discussion was held regarding possible uses of the property.

Commissioner Jones wants a plan of use before the county makes the purchase. He stated that there are costs associated that need to be considered. Mr. Rick Millard, Construction Manager, stated that an inspection of the air conditioner and roof showed that there is a great amount of money to be spent in order to make it operational. He

estimated it to be in excess of \$1 million. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he wanted to purchase the building to help with the storage problems. Mr. Bell said the county is only leasing one facility for storage at the present time. He will have to come back with alternatives for additional space. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would also like to see it used as a multi-use/recreational facility. Commissioner Meadows asked about grant availability for recreational purposes. Mr. Bell said that the State has the FRDP Grant, which could be looked into. Mr. Millard said the building is zoned in 10,000 square foot sections and could be zoned off and prepared for immediate use by sections.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens to proceed with the purchase of the old Wal-Mart building. The motion died for the lack of the second. Commissioner Cuchens requested to continue this issue until the next meeting.

Mr. Bell presented a proposed lease agreement with Mr. Charles Ryan. Commissioner Brannon has requested to lease commercial property located at 19323 Highway 331 S. in Freeport for the District 1 Office. The term of the lease begins March 1, 2005 through March 1, 2009.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the lease agreement with Charles Ryan. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell presented an agreement for Professional Services with the State Attorney for prosecution of county ordinances.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the agreement with the State Attorney for prosecution of county ordinances. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from the Tax Collector's Office, regarding Beach and Dog Permits, requesting to issue the permits. Ms. Skipper is willing to issue them for an additional \$5.00 on each permit, which will be retained by her office. The commissioners agreed to proceed with this change.

Mr. Bell presented information relating to property located near the courthouse. He presented a map depicting the property offered to the county. The appraised value of Mr. Garner's property is \$66,000.00 and he is asking \$155,000.00. He is basing his request on nearby properties previously sold to the county. Mr. Garner is also willing to swap this property for the old hospital site located on College Avenue. The Moore property, consisting of three lots, appraised for \$19,000.00. Chairman Pridgen felt that it would benefit the county to purchase lot C-13. This item will discuss this issue further at a later time.

Mr. Bell presented a list of candidate roads submitted under the County Initiative Grant Program. He advised that the Board needs to select one as their top priority to be submitted to FDOT.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones to approve submitting CR 147 under the County Incentive Grant Program. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones to include Bob Sikes as the alternative road. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that DOT has provided two additional message boards and the county is purchasing four more for traffic.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding Palacio Grande Apartments located on Hunter Road. He stated that the county engineer voiced concern with the condition of Hunter Road. The county's engineer has been working with the developer and the Planning Department. They are asking from the Board for a temporary certificate of occupancy. A letter of credit will be provided for 110% and will be amended to expire November 30, 2005. The developer has not complied with the development order. Attorney Coley stated that this was a condition of the development order that the road be in good condition at the time of occupancy; they are not meeting that condition. Commissioner Meadows wants additional time to research the issue further.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding the bid on Choctaw Beach Park and Boat Ramp. Floridian Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$44,644.00. He recommended proceeding. The work is reimbursable by FEMA.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones to award the Choctaw Beach Park and Boat Ramp to Floridian Construction in the amount of \$44,644.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

The commissioners recessed for lunch.

Chairman Pridgen called the meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding the jail renovations. The base proposal amount is \$16,659,150.00 with alternative No. 1 is \$344,131.00. The following is included in the Walton County Justice Facility base proposal: Housing pod, Jail Administration, Site work allowance, Offsite Utilities, Sheriff's Administration, and the Sheriff's site work allowance. Alternate No. 1 included the first appearance and video visitation.

Mr. Don Rutherford was present and explained that the plans consists of administration, booking, 324 beds, sheriff's office, secured corridors, and is staff efficient. The facility is designed for future expansion. The Administration Building is designed for 700 personnel. Commissioner Jones asked about the booking facility distance from main facility. The parking is all asphalt. Mr. Rick Millard stated that the contract details have to be worked out. If they can be issued a temporary contract, they can begin next week. He stated that they have a "not to exceed" price. Mr. Bell stated that they would have a completion date of 24 months or less.

Mr. Alan Powdermaker, Taxpayers Association, asked about the Architects fees. Captain Glidewell stated that he and the sheriff visited the Nassau County site and made corrections to suit Walton County's needs. Mr. Bell stated that county personnel have been very involved. Discussion was held regarding the costs of building the facility offsite versus onsite. Mr. Bell pointed out that moving the jail will allow for expansion both at the new site and at the old site for parking or courthouse expansion. The space in the existing jail can be refurbished for climate controlled storage. Mr. Millard stated that this will solve the problems and leave room for expansion.

Mr. Fred Stock questioned if there would be space for additional cells and if the kitchen would suffice for future expansion. Mr. Millard stated that this facility has 25% lock down for violent offenders. He also stated that the expansion capabilities are infinite. The design leaves 30 of the 40 acres for future expansion. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he is pleased with the expansion possibilities.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve the recommendation and proceed with the base proposal and Alternate One for

the new off-site jail facility. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve for staff to work out a purchase order agreement for the site work. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Commissioner Meadows requested approval to extend the lease on her District 5 Office location. She recommended constructing a second building at the South Walton Annex to house Planning, Code Enforcement, Building Department, District 1 and 5 Commissioners. Her lease is up March 31. Commissioner Meadows stated that she will negotiate for a one year lease.

Commissioner Meadows presented information regarding the need for a general lighting ordinance that will address businesses, condominiums, and single family homes. Lighting is becoming an issue. She presented a recommendation to appoint a task force consisting of seven people. Commissioner Meadows suggested volunteers to serve from certain aspects of the community. She felt that a consultant would be needed to address the issue. Ken Little will look into getting the necessary people.

Commissioner Meadows spoke about parking patrol. She stated that she spoke with Captain Glidewell about parking related violations. She asked him about designating a Parking Patrol Officer who could address the issue. Mr. Glidewell stated that a Parking Patrol Officer would need to be a sworn officer. Commissioner Cuchens asked what action is taken if an officer sees a car parked in a No-Parking Zone. Officer Glidewell stated that they should ask the owner to move the vehicle or ticket them. He stated that they don't currently have a position funded.

Commissioner Meadows requested to appoint Dan McClary to the Transportation Planning Organization Bicycle Committee. The board concurred.

Commissioner Cuchens asked about the permit for the dock located on the Highway 331 causeway. Mr. Bell stated that the county was awaiting a permit from DEP. This did not include the dock on the east side, which was destroyed by the storm. Commissioner Cuchens stated that it also needs to be included in the bid. Mr. Imfeld stated that the county has asked FEMA to include it and they will consider additional funding for this.

Commissioner Cuchens requested assistance with permitting for barns/sheds. He stated that there is no permit for certain square footage. He asked that barns can be exempt from the permitting process. Ms. Williams spoke about setback requirements and stated that she will research this issue if further.

Commissioner Cuchens advised that Mr. Doodle Harris is willing to donate \$10,000.00 to Little League if the county will match it. These funds will go to the DeFuniak Springs Little League. Mr. Bell stated that the Recreation Board gave the money from their budget last year and may have enough in their budget to meet the need.

Chairman Pridgen presented a plaque from the Little League Organization for their support. Mr. Bell stated that there were 499 kids who played recreational sports last year.

Commissioner Jones recommended adding a Community Planner position. This position could look at neighborhood plans. They would look at what the community wants and how to get there. He stated that it could be done now or during the next budget cycle. Commissioner Meadows stated that she is in favor of planning. The

commissioners requested that Mr. Mattison look at this issue. Commissioner Meadows stated that this person would not be involved with current planning, but long-range planning.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would like to advertise for proposals for a Planner(s) who would be interested in designing the entire Mossy Head Industrial Park.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to approve to advertise for a Planner(s) for the Mossy Head Industrial Park. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows to appoint Mr. Louis Schofield to serve on the Recreation Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bob Hudson voiced concerns regarding parking issues in south Walton.

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth Pridgen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court