

May 24, 2005 – Regular Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Commission Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman, Commissioner Scott Brannon, Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Larry Jones, Commissioner Cindy Meadows, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, Attorney David Hallman, Legal Services Director, and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

1. EAL Approval

General Fund	\$ 858,425.81
County Transportation	\$ 880,659.00
SHIP	\$ 1,280.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ -
Debt Service Hospital	\$ -
Mosq. Control State	\$ -
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 132,807.21
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 655,069.08
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 10,336.69
W. Co. Library	\$ 15,344.78
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ -
Public Safety- 911	\$ 13,730.21
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 333,413.39
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 3,410.32
Glendale VFD	\$ 4,355.61

Darlington VFD	\$	7,226.81
Red Bay VFD	\$	692.65
Local Option Gas Tax	\$	-
Special Law Enf. Trust	\$	-
Driftwood Debt Service	\$	615.67
Criminal Justice Ed Fund	\$	-
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	3,589.04
Capital Projects Fund	\$	805,715.61
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	39,393.86
Totals	\$	4,585,138.52

2. Approve Minutes of April 18, 2005 – LSA Transmittal Hearing
April 25, 2005 – LSA Transmittal Hearing
April 26, 2005 – Regular Meeting
May 03, 2005 – Land Use Hearing
3. Surplus Equipment Request
4. Records Disposition Request
5. Chairman to sign the Certificate of Participation for the Byrne Grant

The Division Activities updates were presented for review. Commissioner Cuchens requested an update on the percentage of reimbursements the County has received from FEMA. Mr. Imfeld, Finance Director, informed the Board that at the present time the county had received two (2) million dollars of reimbursements from FEMA.

The Board was informed of the following activities scheduled for the month of June:

Fire Department Appreciation Dinner	06/10/05	6:00 p.m.	DeFuniak Springs Fair Grounds
Senior Leadership Briefing from DEM	06/14/05	2:00 p.m.	DeFuniak Springs Courthouse
National Incident Management Exerc.	06/27/05	8:00 a.m.	Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Eddie Rivers was introduced as the new Fire Manager for Walton County

Commissioner Cuchens requested an update on the US Highway 331 Causeway. Mr. Bell informed the Board that all requested information had been submitted to the DEP, and they were now awaiting the issuance of a permit. Discussion was held regarding the timing schedule of when the permit will be issued.

Chairman Pridgen introduced the new Public Works Director, Mr. John Johnson. Mr. Johnson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve Walton County and for the warm welcome he and his family received.

Ms. Carlene Anderson, Walton County Superintendent of Schools, appeared before the Board to submit an update on the activities of the Walton County School District. She thanked the Board for the twenty (20) acres, located in Mossy Head, that was set aside for future growth. She discussed the recreation program that was established and informed the Board that due to all the hard work and contributions, the fees for the summer program are being waved.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending the Walton County Land Development Code providing for a White Sand Protection Zone.

Mr. Greg Scoville requested that the public hearing for the proposed White Sand Protection Amendment Ordinance be continued until June 28, 2005 in order to receive additional information from the Coastal Dune Lakes Advisory Board.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the continuance of the proposed White Sand Protection Amendment Ordinance until June 28, 2005. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Meadows Aye. Commissioner Cuchens requested that Mr. Scoville meet with him regarding these matters.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance establishing the Naturewalk Community Development District.

Attorney Hallman informed the Board that this Ordinance had been pulled from the agenda due to a discrepancy regarding the advertisement. Attorney Hallman stated that the Ordinance would come before the Board at a later date.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing to consider the following final plats: Eden's Landing, Alys Beach Phase 2B, Henderson Place, Grande Pointe at Inlet Beach, Inlet Heights, Robola Bluffs, Waterside at Inlet Beach, Lakeside at Blue Mountain Beach, Cypress Dunes Phase II, Windswept Estates Phase 5, Capri Court, Brandon Oaks Second Addition, and Compass Point II at Watersound Beach.

Ms. Lois La-Seur, Planning Department, presented the final plat for Eden's Landing, a 39 lot subdivision, located off County Road 395. She requested continuing this matter until the letter of credit was reviewed by Attorney Hallman. Attorney Hallman recommended approval subject to the physical receipt and review of the original letter of credit. The floor was opened for public comments.

Mr. Don Crim asked if the subdivision would contain sidewalks and ribbon curves that meet ADA specifications. It was stated that the subdivision would contain ribbon curves and sidewalks, although it was undetermined whether they would meet ADA specifications.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the Eden's Landing final plat for recording subject to the physical receipt of the original letter of credit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the following final plats for recording, as recommended by Staff and Legal Services: Alys Beach Phase 2B, Henderson Place, Grande Pointe at Inlet Beach, Inlet Heights, Waterside at Inlet Beach, Lakeside at Blue Mountain Beach, Cypress Dunes Phase II, and Compass Point II at WaterSound Beach. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye. There were no public comments voiced prior to this motion.

Ms. La-Seur presented the final plat for Brandon Oaks Second Addition, stating that staff was awaiting the receipt of their amended letter of credit. Attorney Hallman informed the Board that the final plat had been signed off on by the surveying, engineering, and planning departments, but that there was an issue regarding their letter of credit. He requested that the public hearing for Brandon Oaks Second Addition be continued until later in the meeting.

Attorney Hallman informed the Board that due to planning issues, the following plats were postponed until the next regular meeting: Robola Bluffs, Windswept Estates Phase 5, and Capri Court.

Attorney Mark McMullen, representing the applicant of Brandon Oaks, came before the Board stating that the issue regarding the letter of credit was due to a discrepancy in spelling on the letter of credit and the plat. He stated that he obtained a copy of an affidavit that had been submitted to staff that provided the correct spelling of the plat, and requested that the Board approve the final plat for Brandon Oaks Second Addition. The Board agreed to postpone the issue until later in the meeting.

Mr. Tom McGee, representing the applicant of Robola Bluffs, approached the Board regarding the delay. Attorney Hallman stated that he had been advised by Planning that Mr. Greg Graham, County Engineer, had concerns regarding the primary access road for this proposed subdivision. He stated that it was unclear whether the primary access road was a private or public road. Attorney Hallman stated that on the plat for the development the access road is listed as a private road. The issues regarding the access road would need to be resolved before staff could recommend approval of this plat.

Commissioner Meadows suggested that the Board approve the plat for recording subject to the resolution of the issues brought forth by the Planning Department. Attorney Hallman

cautioned the Board against approving the final plat for recording until such time as the engineering issues were resolved. The Board suggested that Mr. McGee have the Mylar corrected to show the access road as a public road, and then come back before the Board. Attorney Hallman explained that the applicant would have to have their engineer revise the plat to show the access road as a public road, and then submit the engineer certified plat to staff to be reviewed. Commissioner Meadows suggested continuing this matter until the next Land Use Hearing scheduled for June 7, 2005.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to continue the following public hearings until the next Land Use Hearing scheduled for June 7, 2005: Robola Bluffs, Windswept Estates Phase 5, and Capri Court. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Commissioner Meadows requested to have all plats that have been submitted and involved in the review process for more than three (3) months be made top priority.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing to consider the adoption of a Resolution amending the Fine & Forfeiture Fund and the Criminal Justice Education Fund for the fiscal year 2004-2005.

Mr. Imfeld presented the Board with a request from the Walton County Sheriff's Department to move \$10,000.00 from the Criminal Justice Education Fund into the current budget to allow additional education opportunities for current deputies. He requested that the Board approve resolution 2005-30 to move the \$10,000.00 forward from reserves. There were no public comments voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve Resolution 2005-30 allowing \$10,000.00 to be moved forward from the Criminal Justice

Education Fund into the current budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Imfeld requested that funds, in the amount of \$315,990.00, be made available should the Board decide to move forward with the funding of the proposed traffic unit that had been requested by the Walton County Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to make funds, in the amount of \$315,990.00, available should the Board decide to move forward with funding for the proposed traffic unit. Ayes 5, 0 Nays. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell stated that the next step in the process would be for the Board to move forward with the traffic unit. Mr. Bell presented the Board with a copy of the proposed Interlocal agreement that had been drawn up by Legal Services, stating that the Sheriff's Department did not wish to be involved in an interlocal agreement regarding the traffic unit.

Captain Glidewell, Sheriff's Department, stated that the Sheriff's Department felt that they could do a better job with what they were trying to accomplish with the traffic unit without having an Interlocal agreement. Commissioner Jones stated that because the Board is agreeing to fund the traffic unit, they would like the agreement for assurance that the funds being provided are being used specifically for the traffic unit. Commissioner Meadows questioned how the Board would enforce the agreement. Commissioner Brannon questioned if an agreement was required. Captain Glidewell stated that no agreement was required between the Board and the Sheriff's Department when the Beach patrol unit was approved. Discussion was held regarding the areas that would be patrolled by the traffic unit. Captain Glidewell stated that the traffic unit would be patrolling the most critical areas. Commissioner Brannon stated that the agreement

would allow the flexibility needed for the traffic unit to patrol the critical areas in need. Additional discussion was held regarding the traffic unit in regards to duties, location, and equipment. Commissioner Meadows recommended that the Board move forward with the proposed traffic unit without requiring the interlocal agreement. Mr. Bell requested that the distribution of funds be included in the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to move forward with creating the traffic unit, to move forward with the distribution of funds to the Sheriff's Department, and disregard the Interlocal Agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Imfeld recommended awarding bid 05-024 to Freightliner of South Alabama, low bidder, in the amount of \$119,372.00, for the purchase of two (2) dump trucks.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve awarding Bid 05-024 to Freightliner of South Alabama, low bidder, in the amount of \$119,372.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Imfeld recommended awarding bid 05-025 to Coffman International, low bidder, in the amount of \$160,800.00, for the purchase of three (3) flatbed dump trucks.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve awarding bid 05-025 to Coffman International, low bidder, in the amount of \$160,800.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Imfeld recommended awarding bid 05-029 to Freightliner of South Alabama, low bidder, in the amount of \$81,919.00, for the purchase of one (1) semi truck tractor.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve awarding bid 05-029 to Freightliner of South Alabama, low bidder, in the amount of \$81,919.00. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Pridgen informed the Board that Mr. Edwin Baltzley, Emergency Response Director, removed his item from the agenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallins, Higher Standard Realty & Homes, presented the Board with a proposal regarding acquiring a parcel of land from the County of approximately fifty (50) acres inside the Mossy Head Industrial Park.

Mr. Anderson, Project Engineer and representative for Mr. and Mrs. Wallins, informed the Board that all paper work regarding the required contract submittals were in order. He presented an informational package about modular homes, figures regarding the proposed modular home manufacturing plant, and the synopsis of the proposal. Mr. Anderson discussed the proposal of a 100,000 square/foot modular home manufacturing facility to be constructed inside the Mossy Head Industrial Park. Mr. Anderson requested the Board's general endorsement of the initial plans for the proposed project, and requested to work specifically with Commissioner Jones and Mr. Bell regarding the other pending contracts. Commissioner Jones expressed his support for this project and thanked Mr. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Wallins for their hard work.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to allow staff to process the information regarding the proposal, and to submit a recommendation to the Board regarding the placement of the manufacturing facility and the terms of the contract. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Martha Heller, Walton County ADA Committee, and Mr. Don Crim appeared before the Board on behalf of the disabled. Ms. Heller expressed the need for vacation rental properties being required to meet ADA requirements. She stated that Title III of the ADA does not mention vacation rental properties specifically, but in her opinion vacation rental properties do come under the classification of a place of public accommodation and meet all classifications of a hotel/motel. Ms. Heller requested that the County Attorney review the ADA materials submitted in January 2005, to determine if the Walton County vacation rental properties meet the ADA classification of a hotel/motel. Ms. Heller stated that she and other members of the ADA Committee are willing to meet with Attorney Hallman and Mr. Bearden to discuss any proposed ordinance regarding this matter. Ms. Heller requested a recommendation from the Board regarding this matter.

Commissioner Cuchens questioned Attorney Hallman on the best procedure to begin the process of requiring vacation home rentals to meet ADA standards. Attorney Hallman stated that the Legal Department would investigate this matter upon direction from the Board and come back with recommendations on how best to handle this matter. Ms. Heller discussed the advantages of establishing an ordinance requiring that vacation rental properties meet ADA requirements. Chairman Pridgen requested that Attorney Hallman meet with Ms. Heller and Mr. Crim regarding beginning the process of establishing an ordinance requiring vacation rentals properties to meet ADA requirements.

Ms. Courtenay Evans, National Clean Beaches Council, requested to close the eastbound lane of CR 30A from Rosemary Beach to just past Camp Creek Road from 6:30am to 10:30am on September 11, 2005 to host the 3rd Annual Trek for the Coast Event.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the closing of the eastbound lane of CR 30A from Rosemary Beach to just past Camp Creek Road from 6:30am to 10:30am on September 11, 2005. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Lisa Waldrop requested the Board's approval regarding placing a registration information sign at Moll Drive on Highway 98 and other prominent corners in Santa Rosa Beach.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the temporary placement of the registration information signs at Moll Drive on Highway 98 and other prominent corners in Santa Rosa Beach. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bobby Pickels, representative of Congressman Allen Boyd, appeared before the Board to discuss Congressman Allen Boyd's Healthcare Council. He requested that the Board nominate an individual as a member of the Healthcare Council. Mr. Williams, County Commissioner of Gulf County and Chairman of the Healthcare Council, addressed the Board to discuss the attributes of the Healthcare Care Council. The Board requested that Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resources Director, serve on the Healthcare Council. Mr. Mattison agreed to serve.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Mr. Gary Mattison to serve on Congressman Allen Boyd's Healthcare Council, as a representative of the Board of Walton County Commissioners. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

The Board recessed briefly.

Mr. Allen Osborne and Mr. Alex Kish appeared before the Board requesting assistance in resolving the drainage issues in Driftwood Estates. Mr. Osborne presented the Board with maps, photos, plans and other material regarding the drainage issues. He stated that the water in Driftwood Estates is not draining at all. He stated that he has been in contact with both Olsen and Associates and Adams Homes. He reviewed the plans in regards to the wetlands and the difference of the plans between the two companies. Mr. Osborne also stated that the ditches do not meet county standards. He commented that flooding is so bad that vehicles cannot traverse the roadway. He explained that there are 300 homes currently being constructed and an additional 400 homes planned for construction. Discussion was held regarding the emergency access not being on the current plans, but is shown on the original DRI. Mr. Osborne asked that no further building permits be issued if the foundation has not already been poured.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens to direct Planning and Public Works to work on this issue and report back to Legal Services with a recommendation.

Mr. Alex Kish requested that the Board stop the construction going on inside Driftwood Estates until the drainage issues are resolved. Commissioner Meadows stated that she is in favor of stopping further construction in Driftwood Estates until the drainage issue is resolved. Attorney Hallman stated that the motion on the floor is to obtain an engineering analysis. Mr. Osborne requested that the motion include stopping construction of any additional homes allowing time for staff to visit the construction site. They also requested that the construction company be required to repair the road when construction is finished. Commissioner Cuchens withdrew his motion.

Mr. Bob Dobes addressed the issue relating to concurrency. Several residents from Driftwood Estates addressed the commissioners requesting that further construction be stopped until the issues are addressed.

Commissioner Meadows stated that it is her opinion that construction should be stopped due to public safety issues. She felt that some subdivisions should be declared an emergency situation due to only one exit.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to not allow any additional building permits to be issued for Driftwood Estates, including Mr. Olsen, Adams Homes, and any private individual, until the concurrency issue has been addressed, and the storm water management plan is corrected so that flooding is not occurring beyond what can normally be expected from a storm water management plan. This does not include work for homes already permitted and currently under construction, but it would stop any further building permits from being issued. Commissioner Meadows discussed the need to schedule a workshop to analyze the current storm water management policies.

Commissioner Jones informed the Board that due to his affiliation with Adams Homes, the construction company involved, he was abstaining from any discussion on this issue. He also stated for the record that his affiliation with Adams Homes has nothing to do with Driftwood Estates and never has.

The Board asked for Mr. Olsen's representative to comment on this matter. There was no representative's present. Attorney Hallman discussed the legal issues of property rights in regards to stop work orders. Mr. Bell suggested, before the Board votes on this matter, that Mr. Scoville get together with the Building Department to investigate the current construction being done inside Driftwood Estates, as well as to verify what permits have already been issued.

Attorney Hallman requested that the Engineering Department prepare a report regarding compliance with the build out of the drainage. Commissioner Brannon asked if it was possible to allow the legal department to review the public works recommendations, and if they were in non-compliance with the items that had been previously recorded, then a stop work order would be initiated at that point. Commissioner Meadows reiterated that the order to stop all issuance of building permits is temporary.

Mr. Bell requested clarification on the motion in regards to the stop work order and the issuance of any further building permits in Driftwood Estates. The Board stated that this involves not only Mr. Olsen, Adams Homes, but also private individuals. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Naye. Commissioner Cuchens stated that staff should have been given the opportunity to verify the specifics of this matter before stopping the issuance of building permits for Driftwood Estates.

The Board posed for a photograph with the winners of the Walton County beauty pageants. Ms. Ashley Nance, Miss Walton County, thanked the Board for their support

Attorney Hallman requested that the Board revisit the public hearing to consider the final plat for Brandon Oaks Second Addition. He stated that staff had received material regarding the letter of credit and he recommended that the Board approve the final plat subject to the receipt of the original letter of credit.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the Brandon Oaks Second Addition final plat for recording subject to the receipt of the original letter of credit. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jeff Helms, Department of Transportation's General Consultant Project Manager, presented the Board with an update on the US Highway 98 study, Phase II. He informed the

Board that Stage 2 of the Project Development and Environmental study was about to begin. He expressed the importance of public involvement in this phase of the study. Mr. Helms stated that they would like to meet with the Board as often as the Board deemed necessary to resolve any issues or concerns that are brought to light during the study. He stated that the mission of this project is to have concurrence between Okaloosa County, Walton County, and Destin in regards to US Highway 98.

Mr. Greg Allen approached the Board regarding the requirements for improvements to US Highway 98. He discussed future plans for US Highway 98 regarding six laning all of Highway 98 through Walton County, and locating open parcels for stormwater management. He stated that he or Mr. Helms would be glad to meet with anyone who had questions regarding the second phase of the study.

Attorney Charles Reid approached the Board as a representative of the following small businesses located in Beach Center Two: TBCY, Cashes Liquor, Skipper's Seafood, Skipper's Shore, Bayside Cleaners, and Bayside Barber Shop. He discussed his clients issue regarding the restriction of road signs along US Highway 98. Attorney Reid stated that the master sign plan in the ordinance provides for signage on US Highway 98 for all businesses. He requested a general interpretation of the sign ordinance to clarify the restrictions, or an amendment to the ordinance in regards to signage on US Highway 98. Attorney Reid expressed his concern regarding businesses losing money due to the signage restrictions. Commissioner Meadows questioned Attorney Reid on whether any of the businesses he represented were involved in any type of litigation or code enforcement issue regarding this matter. Attorney Reid informed the Board that to his knowledge none of the businesses that he represented were involved in any type of litigation. Attorney Hallman informed the Board that currently the County is involved in

litigation with other parties regarding the sign ordinance issues. Commissioner Meadows suggested either clarifying the language of the policy, or interpret the language in a written county policy segment. She also stated that she would be in favor of directing the Planning Department to review the language of the master signage plan, and have their recommendations submitted to the Board for review.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to direct the Planning Department to investigate the language of the master signage plan, and return to the Board on June 28, 2005 to submit their recommendations for the Board's review. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bell updated the Board on the work being done by the engineering department in regards to the following roads: Hillcrest, Jones Drive, Sweet Water Lane, Satsuma, Chippewa, Western North, Western North Center, and Sycamore. He informed the Board that engineering is recommending moving forward with the paving of these roads. Discussion was held regarding the paving of Williams Road. Mr. Bell recommended the Boards approval.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve moving forward with the paving of the following roads: Hillcrest, Jones Drive, Sweet Water Lane, Satsuma, Chippewa, Western North, Western North Center, and Sycamore. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell submitted a recommendation from the Walton County Recreation Board in regards to the YMCA proposal for the management of the Freeport Pool. He informed the Board that the Recreation Board approved this proposal, and requested the Board's approval of this proposal to move forward with a contract.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve moving forward with a contract regarding the YMCA proposal for the management of the Freeport Pool. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell requested that the Board enter into an Interlocal agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs to manage the Gene Hurley Park.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to enter into an Interlocal agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs to manage the Gene Hurley Park. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell discussed the issue of capital improvement in regards to county facilities. He stated that he would like to work with the Board and other Constitutional officers to establish a capital improvements plan. Mr. Bell suggested working with Mr. Imfeld to establish a proposed capital improvements plan to submit to the Board for their review in July. Commissioner Cuchens commented on the proposed capital improvements plan in regards to the juvenile justice facilities. Mr. Bell stated that he would like to meet with the Commissioners individually to discuss their concerns and ideas regarding the proposed plan. Mr. Bell expressed his concern regarding the space in the new DeFuniak Springs Courthouse due to the time gap between the conclusion of construction and the signing off date on the plans. Discussion was held regarding employee projection models. Mr. Bell stated that he would like to work with everyone involved to begin the process of establishing the capital improvements plan.

Commissioner Cuchens left the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Ms. Rosemary Woods, PBS & J, submitted an update to the Board regarding the Mack Bayou Corridor Study. She informed the Board that the County received approval on their request for a time extension on the grant from the Department of Transportation. She stated that

the time extension would extend the grant until December, 2005. Ms. Woods stated that they have been given notice to proceed by the County to change from a county corridor study, to a state level corridor study. She informed the Board that a public meeting will be held at the South Walton Annex on June 16, 2005. Ms. Woods also stated that she would be back before the Board on June 14, 2005, to submit the information that will be presented in the public meeting June 16, 2005. She stated that the public meeting would be advertised in the local newspapers as well as sending out letters to property owners that are within 300 feet of the proposed alignments.

Mr. Bill Bard questioned the purpose behind moving the corridor study from the county level to the state level. The Board stated that the purpose behind changing the corridor study was a funding issue. Ms. Woods informed Mr. Bard that the Board would still have input into the study.

Mr. Tommy Yates, Chairman of the Argyle Fire Board, requested the Board's assistance in purchasing a new Pumper Truck. He stated that they received four (4) proposals to replace the pumper truck. Mr. Yates recommended Deep South Truck and Equipment Sales, Inc., for the amount of \$89,500.00.

Chairman Pridgen suggested that Mr. Yates work with Mr. Baltzley, Mr. Rivers, and Mr. Imfeld to establish an agreement to be brought back to the Board for their review.

Ms. Kriss Titus, Executive Director of the Walton County Tourist Development Council, came before the Board regarding the Walton County TDC 2005-2006 Strategic Plan. Ms. Titus requested the Board's approval of the 2005-2006 Strategic Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the Walton County TDC 2005-2006 Strategic Plan. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Titus discussed the purchase and installment of the Beach Access Flag Warning System. She stated that the purpose of the new warning system is the replacement and enhancement of the existing beach safety signage, and is also part of the overall Master Signage Program. Ms. Titus requested that the Board approve the purchase and installation of the beach access flag warning system to be placed at 56 walkover locations from the following low bidder:

Guidance Pathway Systems, Inc.	\$137,650.00
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She stated that all beach kiosks were removed by Hurricane Ivan and that these signs incorporate information from the Walton County Beach Education and Safety Committee. Ms. Titus submitted an overview of the information that would be provided by the beach access flag warning system.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the purchase and installment of the Beach Access Flag Warning System from Guidance Pathway Systems, Inc., low bidder, for the amount of \$137,650.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Greg Scoville, Growth Management Department, presented a recommendation that the planning and building fee schedules be amended. Mr. Scoville stated that he would like to come back before the Board to submit the Planning Department's recommendations.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve allowing the Planning Department to move forward with recommendations regarding amendments to the planning and building fee schedules. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Scoville presented a purchase request for three (3) Ford Explorer four wheel drive SUV vehicles for the Growth Management Director, Environmental Planner, and Code

Enforcement office. Mr. Scoville stated that the purpose of the vehicles is to be able to operate more affectively, access property sites that require four wheel drive vehicles, and to allow multiple employees in one vehicle to attend meetings and seminars.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the purchase of three (3) Ford Explorer four wheel drive SUV vehicles for the Growth Management Director, Environmental Planner, and Code Enforcement Office. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Ed Armbruster presented a request to the Board to have Beethoven Circle and Tchaikovsky Circle be considered for inclusion in the 2006 BBC paving of county roads, as well as be added to the list of county maintained roads. He stated that the two (2) roads serve as the main artery. Commissioner Jones requested public records that proved in writing that these roads were once considered county maintained roads. Chairman Pridgen suggested that Mr. John Johnson, Public Works Director, investigate this matter and come back to the Board with his findings. Commissioner Brannon stated that from reviewing the minutes from the Commissioners meeting on November 26, 1974, provided that the roads and streets were not accepted by the Board for maintenance. Mr. Armbruster stated that those set of minutes were correct, but that in 1978 the roads were approved to be included in the list of county maintained roads. Commissioner Meadows requested additional time to determine what the county's policy is in regards to deciding what roads are going to be added to the list of county maintained roads. Chairman Pridgen advised Mr. Armbruster to work with Mr. Johnson regarding this matter.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Services Director, came before the Board regarding the Lighting Ordinance Committee Volunteers. He submitted a list of volunteers for the Board's consideration

and appointment. The Board agreed to have each commissioner select two volunteers from the list to be appointed to the committee, and to submit their choices at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Little submitted a pamphlet to the Board that contained important information regarding the upcoming Hurricane season. Mr. Little gave the Board a brief overview of the information contained in the pamphlet; included was a list of radio stations that would be providing important information about Walton County during a hurricane. Mr. Little informed the Board that Citizen Services is working towards holding public workshops in June to discuss hurricane preparedness.

Mr. Rick Millard, Construction Manager, requested the Board's approval on the Courthouse Project change orders. He discussed the details of the change orders, stating that it totals to the amount of \$52,855.00. He discussed the elevator system in regards to proficiency and security. He requested the Board's permission to move forward in investigating other elevator companies for a card controlled elevator which would provide the needed security and proficiency.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Courthouse Project change orders for the amount of \$52,855.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Millard discussed the construction of the new jail. He informed the Board that they are in need of a contract to allow Peter R. Brown Construction, Inc. to employ sub-contractors. Mr. Millard stated that a contract is also needed for the architect producing the drawings. Attorney Hallman stated that it would be two (2) to four (4) weeks before his office could complete the contract and obtain the needed signatures. He suggested that the Board authorize himself and Mr. Millard to draft and offer a letter of intent to Brown Construction stating that the

county selected Brown Construction as the awardee for the construction of the new jail. He also requested the Board's permission to draft an additional \$500,000.00 purchase order against which Brown's Construction could begin to bill for the services already completed. Attorney Hallman stated that the letter of intent would allow Brown Construction the authority to organize his sub-contractors that he is interested in hiring. Mr. Millard discussed issues that are hindering the completion of a contract for the new jail. He stated that once the issues are resolved and all the needed documents are completed the final contract would be completed.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to allow Mr. Millard and Attorney Hallman to draft and offer a letter of intent to Peter R. Brown for the construction of the new Walton County Jail, and to also create an additional \$500,000.00 purchase order which would allow Brown Construction to bill for services previously completed. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Millard submitted to the Board the Applied Research Projects final report from the Security Committee regarding the security of the new courthouse. He stated that the report listed the Security Committee's recommendations regarding the protection of the Judges, Bailiffs, and Constitutional officers. Mr. Millard requested the Board's permission to reconvene the Security Committee to review the recommendations and select an actual security system that the Committee is comfortable with. The Board stated that they were in favor of this, and provided Mr. Millard with permission to reconvene the Security Committee.

Attorney Hallman submitted a request to the Board from Knology of Florida for a non-exclusive cable TV franchise. He stated that Knology of Florida is requesting a franchise from the Board to allow Knology to extend its services into South Walton County. Attorney Hallman

requested a motion to authorize his office to draft a cable TV franchise agreement for Knology for review.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Jones, to authorize Attorney Hallman's office to draft a cable TV franchise agreement for Knology of Florida for review. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Hallman discussed the Somerset Interlocal Agreement. He stated that Somerset is an existing CDD (Community Development District), and is proposing to extend their involvement in their community, with future plans of taking over and being responsible for the beach re-nourishment and dune restoration projects in their area. Attorney Hallman requested the Board's approval of the proposed Somerset Interlocal Agreement between Walton County, Florida and the Somerset Community Development District.

Mr. Brain Crumbaker, Hopping Green and Sams, appeared before the Board as a representative of the Community Development District to answer any questions that the Board might have. He stated that one of the purposes of the proposal is to allow the district to provide financing for future improvements. He also discussed the district being a perpetual entity with the intent to establish a maintenance reserve for future problems. Mr. Crumbaker requested the Board's consideration and approval of the proposal. Ms. Kris Titus expressed her concern to the Board regarding the firm of Hopping Green and Sams being the same firm who is working with the group who is trying to stop the beach nourishment project on the western end of the county. Discussion was held regarding the impact fees of the proposed Interlocal agreement. Attorney Hallman informed the Board that the proposal states clearly that the county will continue to have all of their statutory and constitutional authority. Discussion was held regarding there being no

conflict of interest with this Interlocal agreement and the litigation that Hopping Green and Sams is involved in. Attorney Hallman stated that there is no conflict of interest that he is aware of.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the proposed Somerset Interlocal Agreement. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Hallman clarified for the record that the Board has authorized him to resolve any issues regarding the letter of credit for the final plat of Brandon Oaks.

Attorney Hallman discussed the Law Enforcement MSTU Ordinance. Attorney Hallman stated that if the Board decided to adopt this MSTU, it would have to be adopted by ordinance July 1, 2005 in order to meet the requirement of the trim process. He stated that the MSTU is before the Board today as a drafted ordinance, and if decides to adopt the ordinance a public hearing would need to be held before the end of June 2005.

Commissioner Meadows stated that she would like an opportunity to review the proposed ordinance before deciding to move forward with a public hearing. Commissioner Meadows questioned the purpose of establishing the MSTU. Attorney Hallman stated that the purpose of establishing an MSTU for the Sheriff's Department is to provide additional information to the public regarding what portion of the overall budget is dedicated to law enforcement. Mr. Greg Steward addressed the Board to discuss the purposes of establishing the Law Enforcement MSTU. He stated that numerous Florida counties have some portion of their Sheriff's Department budget funded through an MSTU for a variety of reasons. Commissioner Meadows questioned this MSTU being an additional tax on tax payers. Mr. Steward stated that it would be an additional tax within the boundaries of the MSTU. Commissioner Meadows expressed her concern regarding approving the MSTU. Discussion was held regarding the milage rate of the

MSTU. Commissioner Brannon questioned the authority the MSTU allows the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Steward stated that it allows the Board a specific revenue source available to fund additional law enforcement programs. Commissioner Jones stated that he would like to move forward with scheduling a public hearing to discuss the proposed ordinance to establish a Law Enforcement MSTU.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Brannon, to schedule a public hearing for June 14, 2005 and June 28, 2005 to discuss the proposed ordinance to establish a Law Enforcement MSTU. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Naye.

Commissioner Meadows presented the Board with a request from the South Walton Little League in regards to the county matching a \$10,000.00 contribution from a corporate sponsor. She suggested taking the \$10,000.00 out of the district five recreation plat fees. Commissioner Meadows requested the Board's approval.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the county matching a \$10,000.00 contribution from a corporate sponsor to the South Walton Little League, and to obtain the \$10,000.00 from the district five recreation plat fees. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Meadows discussed the issue of the growing population of Ferrell cats in South Walton. She stated that currently there is a non-profit organization that has provided care and food for Ferrell cats. Commissioner Meadows requested adding a definition of Ferrell cats to the Animal Ordinance, and authorization to direct Animal Control to investigate this issue. Commissioner Meadows expressed the importance of addressing this issue regarding Ferrell cats stating that certain organizations that have been helping in the care of these animals are going to

discontinue their actions. She suggested the Board entertain a presentation from Ms. Janet Evans, head of Whiskers Friends, regarding the increasing population of Ferrell cats and their efforts to address that issue. Commissioner Brannon stated that he would be in favor of inviting Ms. Evans to come before the Board to discuss this matter.

Commissioner Meadows requested scheduling a stormwater management workshop in July 2005, to address stormwater issues. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Jones requested to have a letter drafted regarding providing lighting at the interchange of Interstate 10 and State Road 285, to be submitted to DOT (Department of Transportation).

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve drafting a letter requesting lighting at the interchange of Interstate 10 and State Road 285, to be submitted to DOT. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chairman Pridgen Aye, Commissioner Brannon Aye, Commissioner Jones Aye, Commissioner Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Jones informed the Board that Mr. Gean Ryan has served on the Recreation Board for the past two (2) years and that his appointment ended April 2005. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ryan for his service. Commissioner Jones expressed the importance of keeping the City of DeFuniak Springs involved in the recreational activities. He informed the Board that Mr. James Huffman, City Council Member, has agreed to serve in Mr. Ryan's position on the Recreation Board, and requested the Board's approval of this appointment.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Mr. James Huffman to serve on the Recreation Board in Mr. Gean Ryan's place. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Pridgen informed the Board that he received a letter from Mr. William S. Holladay Sr., a graduate of the Walton County Master Gardeners Class of 2005. He stated that Mr. Holladay is requesting that the Board send an appreciation letter to Mr. Mike Goodchild and Mr. Bruce Ward for the Master Garden seminar they presented. The Board stated that they would be in favor of drafting a letter of appreciation to be sent to Mr. Goodchild and Mr. Ward.

Chairman Pridgen suggested changing the scheduling system for the BCC meetings. He suggested having two BCC meetings a month. Discussion was held regarding changes to the BCC meetings. Chairman Pridgen suggested having Ms. Blackshear work with the Board regarding the scheduling changes. The Board agreed to have Ms. Blackshear work toward developing a better scheduling system for the BCC meetings.

Mr. Bob Hudson expressed his concern regarding changes being made to the scheduling system for the BCC meetings. He requested that the Board keep the public's needs in mind along with the planning department's needs.

Commissioner Brannon publicly thanked the local members of the legislative delegation for their hard work being done for Walton County.

Ms. Shirl Williams requested the appointment of three commissioners to serve on the Value Adjustment Board. Commissioner Jones nominated Chairman Pridgen, Commissioner Brannon, and Commissioner Cuchens to serve on the Value Adjustment Board.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the appointment of Chairman Pridgen, Commissioner Brannon, and Commissioner Cuchens to serve on the Value Adjustment Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chairman Pridgen Aye, Commissioner Brannon Aye, Commissioner Jones Aye, Commissioner Meadows Aye.

Ms. Williams presented the Board with an agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs to transfer city owned property adjacent to Hinote Pit. She stated that the agreement conveys property on Hinote Road to the County in exchange for the County furnishing fill material, including but not limited to, clay from the county owned borrow pits.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs to transfer city owned property adjacent to Hinote Pit. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Williams presented the Board with a request from the City of DeFuniak Springs in regards to a county owned lot located on Live Oak Avenue in DeFuniak Springs. She stated that the lot had been put out for bid and received no proposals. Ms. Williams stated that the City of DeFuniak Springs is requesting that the county donate the lot to them for clean-up, and to be held for open space.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the donation of a county owned lot located on Live Oak Avenue to the City of DeFuniak Springs. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Williams presented a request from the Department of Corrections regarding a contract renewal and amendment. She stated that this contract is renewed every year, beginning July 21, 2005 and ending July 20, 2006.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the renewal and amendments to the contract between the Department of Corrections and the Walton County Board of County Commissioners. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Williams discussed the appraisal that was submitted regarding property located on Toledo Street and 5th Street in DeFuniak Springs. She stated that the property was appraised at \$51,000.00, but that Mr. Terry Garner, owner, is asking \$79,900.00. She stated that if the county purchases this property, the county will own the complete block behind the jail.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the purchase of the property located on Toledo Street and 5th Street in DeFuniak Springs for the amount of \$79,900.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye, Jones Aye.

Commissioner Jones expressed the importance of considering land usage when discussing the county purchasing property.

Ms. Williams submitted a Joint Participation Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) and Walton County regarding the installment of a left turn lane at the intersection of Highway 331 and State Road 3280, and the installment of a right turn lane at the intersection of State Road 10 and Woodyard Road. DOT is prepared to reimburse funds in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for the construction of the turn lanes.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Joint Participation Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and Walton County relating to road construction. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Hallman informed the Board that the DOT requires for their records a resolution in addition to the Joint Participation Agreement. He stated that in order to move forward with the agreement the Board would need to adopt a resolution (2005-31) in regards to the road improvements for the intersections of Highway 331 and State Road 3280 and State Road 10 and Woodyard Road.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to adopt Resolution 2005-31 regarding the road improvements for the intersections of Highway 331 and State Road 3280 and State Road 10 and Woodyard Road. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Williams informed the Board that Waste Management, according to their contract with Walton County, can increase their rates each year based on the CPI. She stated that the current CPI rate is 3.3. Ms. Williams informed the Board that this year Waste Management will be increasing the rates for the following areas in the amount of 3.3%: residential, commercial, and yard waste areas. Attorney Hallman informed the Board that Mr. Roy Cassidy was also requesting a parallel increase in another aspect of Waste Management. Mr. Cassidy stated that the yard waste contract was a ninety (90) day contract with a five (5) year term does not have provisions, and that Waste Management is requesting a nine-cent increase to continue to collect yard trash.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve Waste Management's request for the nine-cent increase to continue the collection of yard trash. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Pridgen opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Bob Hudson appeared before the Board in regards to signage on construction site lots. Mr. Hudson expressed the need for the county to have more control regarding signage on construction site lots. Mr. Hudson also discussed the construction of County Roads 393, 83, 283, and 395. Mr. Hudson questioned Attorney Hallman regarding the service area for Knology Franchise, stating that he was in favor of this new franchise. Mr. Hudson requested a copy of the ordinance regarding the MSTU for the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Don Crim addressed the Board to express his concern about there being no public input regarding the items being placed on the consent agenda.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

Kenneth Pridgen, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court