

July 12, 2005 – Regular Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner 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 Cuchens, 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	\$ 952,985.05
County Transportation	\$ 309,640.44
SHIP	\$ 10,000.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 1,905.75
Debt Service Hospital	\$ -
Mosq. Control State	\$ -
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 527.00
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 172,504.85
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 367.41
W. Co. Library	\$ 7,816.47
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ -
Public Safety- 911	\$ -
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 166,492.75
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 1,701.12
Glendale VFD	\$ 78.10

Mr. Imfeld advised the commissioners that there is a pending contract with Crowder-Gulf for debris removal. He advised that they are prepared to begin the beach and roadside debris removal immediately. Their rates will remain the same. They will provide a price for the removal of debris from the coastal dune lakes by Monday.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve to extend the contract with Crowder-Gulf for debris removal. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Naye. Mr. Hallman advised that the contract has been prepared by his staff and is ready for signatures. Commissioner Cuchens expressed his desire to use local vendors.

Ms. Kris Titus, Executive Director of the Tourist Development Council, appeared before the Board along with Mr. Brad Pickle. Mr. Pickle presented estimates for the loss of sand on Walton County Beaches to be about 1.5 to 2 million yards. Another concern is the amount of vertical eroding that has occurred. He stated that the bluffs are not finished eroding. This storm caused worse damage than Hurricane Opal. He asked to move forward with the dredging projects and hire a survey company thru Taylor Engineering, Consultant. The plans need to be updated due to the changes that have occurred. He stated that the approximate cost is \$120,000 for the project. They are surveying the entire beach. He also requested to use Taylor Engineering to subcontract to get the surveys, update the countywide beach management study, and update the design and construction documents. This is for beach renourishment for the west end. This project will start with Miramar and all developed areas first. He stated that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is in town performing storm assessments.

Commissioner Brannon asked if it is essential to have additional surveys performed on the beach. Mr. Pickle stated that it will not slow down the process. Commissioner Meadows asked if the county is restricted by any other laws to do beach renourishment. Mr. Pickle stated that the Administrative Challenge passed. The next step is to get the permit. We have sent out construction easements.

Mr. Hallman stated that he and Mr. Bell had a conversation with Ken Plant, attorney for the county, regarding litigation. Mr. Plant is verifying that the permit is waiting for certain time frames. Construction easements could create a delay. Mr. Hallman explained that it is an easement to go onto an individual's property to do the beach renourishment. There are four (4) people who previously refused to give the county a construction easement. The county can use eminent domain to utilize their property for a few days to perform necessary beach renourishment.

Mr. Hallman recommended entering into negotiations with the property owners or to use the quick take process with compensation. He stated that DEP will issue the permit, but will not give the county a commence work order until all of the easements have been obtained.

Commissioner Cuchens asked how it would affect the survey if the county allowed the sand to be dumped. Mr. Pickle stated that the residents would only be able to bring in a small amount of sand compared to what is needed.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that we need some way to immediately provide a way for home owners to stabilize their homes. Mr. Pickle stated that beach scraping is not a permissible activity right now. The County needs to draft a letter to DEP for evaluation. The beaches are only tow (2) feet above the water and there may not be any beach to

scrape. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he believes that if we move it, then it will replace itself. Commissioner Meadows questioned how the timing of the storms would affect the survey based on more storms coming. Mr. Pickle stated that sand cannot be pumped on the beach without proper surveys.

Attorney Hallman stated that the emergency order prohibits scraping of the beaches. Mr. Bell stated that Mr. Brad Drake from Representative Brown's office is present. He has been helpful in the past. Commissioner Cuchens stated that we waited on DEP last time and abided by all of their rules, but it was not quick enough. Mr. Pickle reminded the Board that DEP stated last time that if Walton County abided by the rules then they would allow beach scraping to be done again. He stated that everything was done according to DEP's stipulations. Commissioner Brannon asked what authority the Board has to make a decision regarding the welfare of its citizens. The emergency order that was entered yesterday gives us latitude to permit temporary measures that protect any structures from further deterioration when not totally destroyed. He stated that anything above the CCCL line can be completely restored. Below the CCCL line, only temporary protective measures can be authorized, which is subject to turtle protection. The normal permitting process only applies to permanent repairs. Mr. Hallman stated that permits will be issued on a case-by-case basis. He stated that people will have to go to a Building official with what they need. The Planning staff will be on 12 hour shifts, six days per week. Commissioner Meadows stated that there are probably no turtles left.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would like the Board and the TDC to support sand scraping. Mr. Bell will draft a resolution supporting sand scraping.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to allow for beach scraping to begin in order to allow private property owners to secure their property. The motion includes the adoption of a resolution requesting the Governor to direct DEP to allow Walton County and private property owners to perform beach scraping and to allow contractors to help create a dune system to protect the beaches of Walton County.

Commissioner Brannon stated that this is an emergency situation and wants to do everything to allow people to protect their homes, beaches, and financial burden of the county. He stated that there is no time to wait for permits.

Commissioner Jones agreed that the county needs to proceed for protection, but urged the Board to use caution. He stated that the public needs to be aware that there is only so much they can do. He stated that the county needs to provide oversight and the public needs to be aware that there may be consequences for any actions taken relating to beach scraping.

Commissioner Meadows asked what methods can be used to shore up peoples homes. Mr. Pickle stated that sand can either be relocated or hauled in.

Ms. Pat Blackshear, Growth Management Director, stated that people want to construct seawalls. However, the comp plan prohibits seawalls. She stated that it would require the removal of language from the comp plan.

Mr. Bell asked if the Board wants to extend the current contract with Ammons Dozier and Chandler Construction. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would like to extend that to other contractors as well as Ammons and Chandler.

Commissioner Cuchens clarified the motion stating that private citizens can proceed with beach renourishment at their own cost, but the county will not be responsible in any way for liability or any costs they incur. The county supports the citizens 100%, but is not recommending them to break any laws. Commissioner Cuchens asked if a permit would be issued for private citizens. Permits will not be issued, but individuals must report to the Planning Department the work being performed.

Commissioner Brannon asked staff to check into a system called the Subsurface Sandfield Geotecstyle Container System that was used in Vero Beach. DEP has allowed it in other parts of the state, but wants someone to review the information. Mr. Pickle explained the system, but stated that he would check into it further.

Commissioner Jones stated that someone needs to design a system for approval by DEP. He felt that they need to defend their actions and be made to explain why the county has to go through this every time a storm comes through.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that if sand can be removed from the waters edge it will be replenished. Mr. Pickle stated that once you get into the waters edge, you are then in the federal property. He stated that this becomes a joint coastal permit issue. Commissioner Jones asked if Mr. Pickle could draft a document saying those things and asked that those individuals scraping the beach are aware of the risk involved. They will need to contact the Planning Department so the county knows who is scraping the beach.

Commissioner Cuchens authorized property owners to protect their property and provide support for them.

Ms. Myra Hershall, resident of the Stallworth area, stated that the sand has been washed out from under the homes in her area. She spoke about the beach scraping previously performed.

Ms. Sherry Rayborn stated that her house is standing because of what they did after Hurricane Opal. She stated that it needs to be wet sand and packed.

Mr. W.A. Ray asked if a retainer wall can be put up to hold the sand on a temporary basis. Commissioner Jones stated that the county would approve of that, but DEP may not agree and arrest people who are in violation of their regulations.

Attorney Hallman stated that the Board has authority over county ordinances and will not get in the way of people protecting their property, but they have no control over state and federal laws. The Board is not telling citizens that they can violate those law. Mr. Ray stated that the people want to use their constitutional rights to protect their property. He also asked that local people be used to perform the work. Mr. Ray stated that they understand they are taking their own risk by putting up walls.

Ms. Pat Blackshear stated that the order allows for materials to be pumped in or brought in and felt that a temporary wall should not be in violation of the order. Engineering can approve the materials being used. The order is clear to allow temporary repairs.

Mr. Rick Severance, CEO of Seaside, stated that he wants the county's support. He stated that he is representing 470 owners. Commissioner Jones stated that another storm is on the way and people cannot wait to begin taking precautions.

Commissioner Brannon asked if the Governor has toured Walton County Beaches. Mr. Bell advised that the Lt. Governor was coming, but was unable to make it.

Ms. Val Aldreti, resident of Blue Mt. Beach, stated that she was one of the property owners who pushed sand and built a wall. As an individual property owner she feels she has a right to protect her property. The structure is hanging. She asked if the county would grant her the temporary authority to push sand. The Board agreed. Ms. Blackshear stated that as long as it is a temporary structure, it is ok and will not violate the order. Again, the commissioners stated that all beach work must go through the Planning Department.

Chairman Pridgen called for the question.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to allow beach scraping to begin in order to allow private property owners to secure their property, including the adoption of a resolution requesting Governor Bush to direct DEP to allow Walton County and private property owners to perform beach scraping and to allow contractors to help create a dune system to protect the beaches of Walton County. Private citizens can proceed with beach renourishment at their own cost, but the county will not be responsible in any way for liability or any costs they incur. Permits will not be issued, but individuals must report to the Planning Department the work being performed. Walton County supports property owners and authorizes them to protect their property. Walton County will provide an exemption to property owners from any county ordinance that would prohibit individuals from using temporary protection measures including beach scraping, temporary walls, or whatever temporary measures are necessary. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve for Taylor to update the survey data and construction plans. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to allow the Tourist Development Council to obtain proposals for a structure to permanently protect Scenic Gulf Drive and Miramar Beach Park and then proceed with the DEP permit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve for Legal Services to work with the TDC to obtain the necessary construction easements. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to reopen the beaches on Thursday, but the water will remain closed. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye. The double red flags will remain in place until the waters clear up.

Ms. Titus advised that there were 56 beach walkovers that were destroyed and requested approval to reconstruct only the regional beach accesses at the present time due to reconstruction costs and approaching storms. However, she advised that in doing so there would not be any ADA access for a while. She advised that they will not be able to reconstruct the access at Miramar because of the lack of sand. The TDC would like to postpone reconstruction. Commissioner Meadows stated that she would like to look at a temporary type of stairs that can be removed before a storm. She stated that she will obtain additional information to forward to the TDC for review. The Board concurred

with replacing only the regional accesses at the present time. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would like to see cheaper wood used due to the number of storms occurring.

Mr. Don Crim asked if any discussion has been held with individual property owners regarding joint walkovers. Mr. Pickle stated that they only regulate the TDC beach walkovers.

Ms. Pat Blackshear presented several copies of information regarding post hurricane recovery activities. One handout related to the 50% Rule regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. She asked DEP for an individual to be co-located in her office in an attempt to establish a joint permitting center. Ms. Blackshear also presented an email from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the protection of sea turtles and beach mice. She also presented the flood insurance requirements that the county must comply with. The 50% rule is improvement and damage for structure only. The Florida building code states that if the home is damaged greater than 50% the entire house has to be brought up to code. Ms. Blackshear requested that the Planning Department hours be changed from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday to be available to assist the public. She also recommended waiving the fees for repair permits for 120 days. All permits issued up to this point from previous storms are being revoked and those individuals need to obtain a new permit. Individuals in the A zone or V zone need to get a letter from the Building Dept that their house is substantially damaged in order to get their quote insurance request processed. She stated that anyone making repairs need to contact the Planning Department so they have a record of who is making what type of repairs or what type of sand is being used. Citizens can email an inspection request or

call the Planning Department. Ms. Blackshear advised the public that Inspectors will need access into their property. People will need to bring in a sample of the sand if the individual is going to use materials to stabilize their property.

Mr. Bell stated that Mr. Pickle will communicate with the Turtle Watch Group to assist residents in shoring up their property. Attorney Hallman advised that the Turtle Watch Group will issue a clearance on case by case basis.

Discussion was held regarding the use of equipment on the beach. Concerns were voiced by Fish & Wildlife regarding the safety of turtle nests. Again, the public was advised to contact the Planning Department to ensure that the proper contacts are made prior to bringing equipment on the beach.

Ms. Blackshear advised the commissioners that staff has been placing signs on the buildings that are unsafe. She stated that the property owners will need to contact Mr. Billy Bearden in reference to the signs. She also advised that she has been in contact with Ms. Sherry Maxwell regarding the turtle nests.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve waiving the issuance of permits, fees, timeframe, and include a temporary permit for the retaining walls. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye. (See the 2 page memorandum from Pat Blackshear dated July 12, 2005)

Mr. Rick Severance, Seaside, asked if they were able to begin rebuilding their walkovers. Ms. Blackshear stated that the steps can be repaired that lead to the beach in a temporary manner.

Mr. John Johnson, Public Works Director, appeared before the commissioners requesting to open Eastern Lake and Oyster Lake. He stated that the storm has shifted the outfall at Eastern Lake to the west and is jeopardizing the structure. Mr. Johnson stated that Public Works need to repair it immediately before further damage occurs. The debris at Oyster Lake has totally blocked the outfall and the water is blocked. He advised that it needs to be declared an emergency to allow the work to be performed immediately. Commissioner Brannon suggested that it be opened up in the county easement.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to declare an emergency situation due to possible flooding of Eastern Lake and Oyster Lake and approve the opening of both lakes into the county easement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Rosenhiem addressed the commissioners regarding Camp Creek Lake, which is also filled up with debris. Ms. Blackshear suggested that the Camp Creek Community hold a meeting with DEP to discuss the issue because it is not a navigable water way.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to open up any lake along CR 30A that presents a danger of flooding. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell stated that he received a letter from Regional Utilities, Dewey Wilson, which was sent to Governor Bush. The letter explains that the storm has caused erosion to the water line that carries water to the south end of the county. Mr. Wilson is requesting that Governor Bush mitigate with FEMA to place granite rock along both sides of the entire causeway. He requested the Board adopt a resolution of support. In his

letter, Mr. Wilson also explained that the erosion is also creating a risk to the only evacuation route in Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt a resolution supporting Regional Utilities request for granite rock along the 331 causeway. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Jim Bagby, Town Manager for Rosemary Beach, appeared before the Board stating some of the residents were told of another beach renourishment project. However, there is not another project. He stated that there is not enough sand to scrape or enough trucks to haul sand in. There needs to be a long term project for beach renourishment. He felt that it has to come out of the gulf and wants it county wide.

Mr. Severance stated that it was his understanding that there was a renourishment project. He is now being told that there is no plan for the eastern end of the county and he felt that there should be. Commissioner Brannon apologized for the information he relayed because he thought the renourishment plan was for the entire county. Ms. Titus stated that the renourishment plan is not just for the 4.8 miles. The TDC has continued to perform experimental programs on the beaches at Inlet Beach. There was 11.3 miles of critically eroded beaches out of the 20 miles that the county is responsible for. They are trying to get federal funding. The 11.3 miles presented was after Ivan and DEP will look at that amount again. Commissioner Meadows commented about the five individuals from DEP who held up the project for three years.

Chairman Pridgen suggested holding a workshop to discuss a renourishment plan for the entire county. Ms. Titus stated that DEP has someone in the field today looking at the beach erosion that has occurred.

Mr. Jim Jones, Walton County Health Administrator, stated that 14 septic systems were destroyed at Gulf Trace due to the recent storms. Inlet Beach had nine (9) destroyed as well as drain fields in Red Fish Lake. There are some abandoned septic tanks in the Blue Mt. Beach area. He stated that they are currently working on bids for cleanup in the lakes. There have been precautionary boil water notices issued. Beach sampling tests have been taken and the results should be returned by tomorrow. Mr. Jones stated that there is an Environmental Strike team from the State helping to conduct inspections. The Bunker/Steel Field area has not identified issues.

Mr. Mike D'Autilia, Chairman of the Dune Lake Advisory Board, stated that there is a need for a 40-year plan for the lakes. The Board would like to begin with a 4-year plan consisting of data summary. The lakes are beginning to have problems with the increase in new buildings. Mr. D'Autilia stated that they are in need of funding. They will seek grants to go along with any funding they receive. The amount requested is \$150,000.00 per year to implement the plan for each of the four years. He asked the Board to approve the Coastal Dune Lakes Advisory Board's four year plan to cover the 15 lakes. The Board advised Mr. D'Autilia that they previously approved funding in the amount of \$125,000 per year through the Choctawhatchee Bay Alliance. Mr. Bell explained that this was for different issues.

Mrs. Susan Burgess, a member of the Coastal Dune Lake Association, stated that they are looking at visioning for Walton County. She stated that bike paths are also

important. Each committee member has already volunteered on various lakes where the meetings will be held. They are working with a large collaborative plan for the lakes. Commissioner Cuchens asked to discuss the budget aspect of this with Mr. Imfeld.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the concept presented by the Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board and to allow further discussions to occur with Mr. Imfeld regarding the budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye. Mr. Bell will bring this issue back before the Board at a later date.

Attorney Hallman presented a request on behalf of Knology who is asking to establish a cable television franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a cable communications system in Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve to advertise for a public hearing to consider an ordinance establishing a cable television franchise. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell presented information regarding the Robert Barley property. Mr. Barley is basing his price on properties purchased in the past by the county. He also presented a map of the property near the courthouse currently owned by county. Mr. Billy McKee stated that he visited the site and found that it has a steep slope and does contain wetlands. He stated that he is unsure of how much of the property would be usable. Attorney Hallman stated that the purchase price is over \$500,000 and requires a second appraisal, by Florida Statute if the county is interested in purchasing the property.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would like to purchase the property for future growth.

Commissioner Cuchens requested that a second appraisal be performed and asked that Mr. McKee walk the site. Chairman Pridgen suggested looking at the wetlands map and soil map. Mr. Barley stated that the property does not contain any wetlands, but that surrounding property is draining off onto his property. Mr. McKee stated that they can possibly obtain aerial photos. He further stated that the National Wetlands Inventory shows the area as wetlands. Commissioner Cuchens asked if the appraisal shows any wetlands. The Board agreed to wait on an appraisal for Mr. McKee to perform a walkthrough of the property and report back to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to allow Mr. Billy McKee to look at the property further to determine if it is useable property for the county, and if so, to proceed with obtaining a second appraisal. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Bell stated that he met with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Standley regarding the Gulf Trace situation. He presented information regarding a survey that was conducted about 18 months ago, which would cost about \$400,000 to provide service to that area. All costs will have to be paid by the owners. If the Board wants to proceed then they will have to front the money to Regional Utilities and retrieve the monies back as residents connect to water and sewer.

Mr. Bernie McHugh, Gulf Trace resident, asked to table this issue until a later time.

Commissioner Cuchens asked about the costs to run it along the front beach line. Mr. Bell stated that the plan was to run water and sewer at same time. He felt that this would also provide a benefit relating to fire insurance. He spoke about requirements to hook up.

Mr. Jones, Health Department, stated that if a septic system is failing then it is a threat to the water supply.

Mr. James Earl Ray stated that their water is inspected regularly by the county's health department and he is in compliance. He felt that the system at Gulf trace is sufficient. He stated that there are three wells at the north end of Gulf Trace. Commissioner Meadows voiced concern with the health related issues.

Mr. Ron Lewis, Gulf Trace, stated that there is sandy soil, which has a good percolation rate. Mr. Jones stated that it probably is not filtering before it gets to the water table. Failing systems would not be purified before they get into the water.

Commissioner Meadows stated that the health department is concerned with potential health problems. She therefore motioned to look for the money to proceed with the installation of sewer and water at Gulf Trace.

Mr. Bernie McHugh felt that the project should be applied to all 26 miles of the beach. He is opposed to connecting to the water/sewer system.

Commissioner Cuchens asked if Mr. Jones can research the issue further to determine the location of the wells, to see if there is any contamination present, and to provide any other pertinent information that the commissioners may need to be aware of. The Board concurred.

Mr. Jones stated that the health department is issuing permits, but they have to use an older standard. There are 14 destroyed systems in Gulf Trace.

Mr. Bell advised that the ten acres located adjacent to the prison and near the Lang property is now available. The price offered to the county is \$95,000. He advised that an appraisal would need to be obtained.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve for the county to obtain an appraisal for the property adjacent to the Lang property. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Ms. Shirl Williams spoke about the ongoing negotiations with the owner of the D&D Pet Motel. She stated that Mr. Millard performed an inspection after Hurricane Ivan and found major damages. She stated that a proposal was sent to the owner asking that he make the necessary repairs. He declined to make the repairs. Therefore, staff recommended not proceeding any further with those negotiations. Legal council concurred. Attorney Hallman stated that it is usually the owner's responsibility to repair the structural damages. Ms. Williams advised that the owner also wants the contract to begin in May with \$3,000 per month.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to back out of all negotiations with the owner of the D& D Pet Motel for the purchase of property and to attempt to locate other usable property for an animal shelter. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Chairman Pridgen recommended proceeding with the property on Rock Hill Road. Mr. Bell stated that the Rock Hill property is in the design phase. Legal Services will report back at the next meeting regarding this issue.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would like for Ms. Angie Biddle, Grants Coordinator, to work to secure a grant for funding for a playground in Mossyhead near the EMS station.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve for Ms. Angie Biddle to work toward obtaining grant funding for a playground/park to be located near the EMS Station in Mossyhead. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Cuchens Aye.

Mr. Don Crim asked when WeeCare Park would be completed.

Commissioner Meadows stated that she has received additional calls about the lights at CR395 and CR283. Ms. Williams stated that DOT has not approved the plans and the mast arms have not been ordered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth Pridgen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court