

JULY 26, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 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 Brannon, 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	\$ 518,299.35
County Transportation	\$ 642,673.16
SHIP	\$ 52.50
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 873,785.00
Debt Service Hospital	\$ 210,290.00
Mosq. Control State	\$ -
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 726.87
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 231,155.71
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 1,816.43
W. Co. Library	\$ 6,682.93
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 94,794.85
Public Safety- 911	\$ 13,228.94
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 278,467.31
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 3,691.42
Glendale VFD	\$ 3,309.38
Darlington VFD	\$ 1,037.25

Red Bay VFD	\$ 1,810.29
Preservation	\$ 78,213.05
Sidewalk Fund	\$ -
Local Option Gas Tax	\$ -
Special Law Enf. Trust	\$ -
Driftwood Debt Service	\$ 625.00
Criminal Justice Ed Fund	\$ -
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$ 11,045.32
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1,478,068.07
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$ 53.47
Totals	\$ 4,449,826.30

2. Approve Minutes of July 05,2005- Land Use Hearing
July 12, 2005- Regular Meeting
July 18, 2005- Emergency Meeting
3. Approve request to surplus equipment from the Tourist Development Council
4. Approve request to surplus equipment from the Growth Management Department
5. Approve Resolution (2005-55) to amend budget for the Darlington/Gaskin Volunteer Fire Department for unanticipated revenues from Hurricane Ivan
6. Approve Resolution (2005-56) to amend budget for the Darlington/Gaskin Volunteer Fire Department for unanticipated revenues due to a vehicle being totaled
7. Approval for Chairman to sign an application for funding from the Division of Forestry for the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department
8. Approve a Records Disposition request from Citizens Services for Section 8 Housing Files

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Meadows recognized Mr. Tim Dicus and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Walton County Board of County Commissioners for the rescue attempt of Jamie Marie Daigle. Sheriff Ralph Johnson also addressed the Board to express appreciation to Mr. Dicus on behalf of the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Walton County.

Mr. Bill Imfeld, Financial Director, addressed the Board to request that a resolution be adopted to amend the budget that the line items for Balance Brought Forward, Hurricane Dennis, in the General Fund be adjusted by \$3,000,000 and the line

items in the TDC Fund for Balance Brought Forward and Hurricane Dennis be adjusted by \$2,000,000 as part of the total budget to roll forward from reserves for expenditures for these unanticipated expenditures.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to adopt a resolution (2005-57) amending the budget to roll forward from reserves for unanticipated expenditures due to Hurricane Dennis. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Imfeld gave an update on funding received as a result to Hurricane Ivan. He commended the Board for their efforts to expedite the process.

Attorney Hallman advised that Legal Services and the Finance Department worked jointly to request bids for clean up of the Coastal Dune Lakes. He stated that Crowder Gulf submitted the lowest bid price of \$55 per cubic yard. Mr. Hallman presented a contract and requested that the Board authorize the Chairman's signature. He stated that the contract incorporated the bid price and methodology and standards for the clean up as recommended by the Coastal Dune Lakes Committee.

Commissioner Cuchens inquired about the second lowest bid received. Mr. Imfeld stated that DII had submitted a bid for the price of \$62.55 per cubic yard.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request to authorize the chairman's signature on the contract to award the bid to Crowder Gulf, low bidder, for the clean up of the Coastal Dune Lakes. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Naye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mrs. Pat Blackshear, Director of Growth Management, presented a request for an extension of development order through December 31, 2005 for Scenic Gulf Drive Mixed

Use Planned Unit Development. Mrs. Blackshear advised that a previous development order had been issued, but had expired. She stated that as a condition precedent, the Planning Department required an updated statement of availability of water and sewer service and an updated traffic analysis for the proposed project. She submitted a Mixed Use Transportation Concurrency Analysis prepared by Tipton Associates Incorporated to each Board member and into the record. The Planning Department's recommendation was that the Board extends the development order based upon the approval of traffic concurrency.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the request for an extension of development order through December 31, 2005 for Scenic Gulf Drive PUD. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mrs. Blackshear presented two memorandums relating to separate issues. The first memo was in regards to Driftwood Estates and Sandestin Report. Mrs. Blackshear advised that the Sandestin DRI Report was almost complete and would be presented at the August 23rd regularly scheduled meeting for review and consideration. The second memo was in regards to various requests for Board consideration. The first request involved personnel and office hour issues. Currently the Division personnel have been operating six days a week from 7 am to 7 pm. All of the Code Enforcement Officers have been working the 7 am to 7 pm shift, 7 days a week. Mrs. Blackshear recommended that the office hours be changed to 7 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday and 7 am to 12 noon on Saturdays. She also recommended that only two Code Enforcement Officers work the 7 am to 7 pm shift, 7 days a week.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request to change the office hours as recommended by Pat Blackshear. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Jones suggested that the Board authorize Mrs. Blackshear to change the office hours at her discretion instead of having to come before the Board. Mr. Bell recommended that any changes in office hours be announced at the Board meetings to advise the public and the media. Mrs. Blackshear noted that they could also advertise through the media to notify the public of any changes.

Mrs. Blackshear continued to the next issue, a request that the Board lift the temporary suspension of the submission of new projects and building permit applications due to the number of pleas from contractors and homeowners, realizing that they are behind on current reviews.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request to lift the temporary suspension of the submission of new projects and building permit applications. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mrs. Blackshear's next request was in regards to the second Comprehensive Plan Amendment. She recalled that they had previously advertised for the second Comp Plan Amendment, but had postponed it. She stated that they had received the Objections Rejections and Comments Report on the first series of amendments that was submitted to DCA, noting that the data must be analyzed by staff to ensure compliance. She expressed concern with staff's workload and requested direction as to whether they should submit the second series of amendments. She advised that further postponement of the second

series of amendments would likely delay the second submittal until 2006. She noted that the EAR was also due in 2006.

Discussion was held regarding DCA's comments in the ORC report pertaining to traffic concerns. Mrs. Blackshear stated that the most significant issue with DCA was they were requesting a cumulative traffic impact analysis.

Commissioner Cuchens expressed his desire that the process be put back on track.

Further discussion was held as to whether there was sufficient staff to proceed with the second transmittal. Commissioner Meadows felt that the decision should be left to the Planning Department. She stated if not, then she would recommend postponing the process. Mrs. Blackshear stated the first priority was to ensure that the first set of amendments were in compliance. She recommended that staff focus on the first set of amendments and if the Board wished, they could attempt to submit the second transmittal by the end of the calendar year.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows to delay the transmittal of the second series of Comp Plan amendments to DCA. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion.

After seconding the motion, Commissioner Brannon made comments regarding the issue, mentioning that if the first set of amendments was rejected by DCA, then the second set would likely be rejected also.

Commissioner Cuchens commented that it didn't seem fair to delay the applicants that were counting on a second transmittal this year. Mrs. Blackshear stated that if the second set of amendments were delayed, they would be transmitted first in 2006.

Commissioner Jones stated for the record if it is possible he would like to see the second series of amendments transmitted to DCA.

Commissioner Brannon withdrew his motion and recommended that the motion be amended to delay the second transmittal until further action of the Board.

Commissioner Meadows amended the motion to delay the transmittal of the second series of Comp Plan amendments to the DCA until further action is taken by the Board. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jones requested an update on staff's progress at the second meeting in August.

Subsequent to traffic concerns being addressed for the first series of amendments, the Planning Department will proceed with the second transmittal.

A vote was called for the motion on the floor. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

(Commissioner Jones stepped out)

Mrs. Blackshear's final item was a request for authorization to start holding a second TRC meeting each month.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to authorize the Planning Department to hold a second TRC meeting each month. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

(Commissioner Jones returned)

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to authorize Administration, Legal Services, and the Planning Department to work jointly to select and hire a traffic engineer to prepare the traffic analysis. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a Post Staff Redevelopment Plan. Mrs. Blackshear stated that there was a draft plan in process.

Mr. Giles Yokel, Hatch Mott McDonald, addressed the Board to present a power point presentation in regards to a preliminary plan for the Walton County Animal Shelter Facility Program. A copy of the presentation was submitted into the record.

The Board authorized Hatch Mott MacDonald to proceed with the design of the facility.

Mr. Rick Millard, Construction Manager, requested approval of a change order for completion of the north façade due to the relocation of the jail project. The cost estimate submitted by Speegle Construction for the north wall revisions totaled \$738,915.

Mr. Bell stated that he had been advised by Mr. Imfeld that there was adequate funding to subsidize the change order.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the recommended change order in the amount of \$738,915. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Millard requested approval of a change order in the amount of \$27,010 to correct the structural steel located just above the storefront at the third floor balcony, noting the change was needed due to inconsistencies in the structural and architectural drawings. Mr. Millard stated that he and Attorney Hallman had prepared a letter notifying Hatch Mott MacDonald that the County intended to file claim against their errors and omissions insurance for any issues caused by inconsistencies in the drawing. Meanwhile, he recommended that the County pay Speegle Construction to continue and collect reimbursement from Hatch Mott MacDonald.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the recommended change order in the amount of \$27,010. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Millard requested approval of a change order for partition changes and other modifications to the courthouse correlated drawings based on recommendations from the constitutional offices and judges. The cost estimate submitted by Hatch Mott MacDonald totaled \$37,300.

Commissioner Jones suggested trying to negotiate with Hatch Mott MacDonald to pay only \$10,290 for the modifications. This is the difference between their cost estimate of \$37,300 and the cost estimate of \$27,010 to correct the front overlook due to inconsistencies in the drawings.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the change order and try to negotiate with Hatch Mott MacDonald. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the scheduled public hearing to consider approval of the following final plats: Eagles Bay Phase I, Tuscana, and The Shallows Phase 2.

Eagles Bay Phase I--Bonezzi Development Company proposed a 35-lot subdivision with common areas located north of US 98, on the west side of East Hewitt Road in Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 20 West. This is the first of a four phase PUD, which was issued a development permit May 2004. Ms. Lois La-Seur, Planner, presented staff's recommendations that this plat meets the minimum requirements of the LDC and Comp Plan.

Mr. Hallman stated that there was an issue with the letter of credit and requested that the Board approve the plat contingent upon legal approval of the letter of credit.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the Eagles Bay Phase I final plat contingent upon legal approval of the letter of credit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Tuscana--Arrow Westside, LLP proposed an 18-lot subdivision located on the north side of Baytowne Avenue North in Sandestin in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 21 West. This project was issued a development permit in June 2005. Ms. La-Seur presented staff's recommendation that this plat meets the minimum requirements of the LDC and Comp Plan. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the Tuscana final plat for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

The Shallows Phase II—Barry Oxford, Linda McKenzie and Robert and Marcia Taylor proposed a replat of Lots 8, 9, and 19 of The Shallows subdivision located in the Point Washington area, north of US 98 in Section 26, Township 2 South, Range 19 West. Ms. La-Seur presented staff's recommendation that this plat meets the minimum requirements of the LDC and Comp Plan. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the final plat for The Shallows Phase II for recording. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Ms. Barbara Olschner, Chairman of the Restricting Committee, addressed the Board and presented the Redistricting Committee's recommendation to make no changes to the district boundaries. She stated that the Walton County Redistricting Committee and the Walton County School Board Redistricting Committed held a joint meeting on June 25 and the majority vote was 11 to 4. She stated that their recommendation was based on voter registration information. Ms. Olschner advised that according to state statute, the districts are to be as equal as possible in population with less than a 10% deviation. She felt that there was a maximum deviation between Districts 1 and 5, which she felt could possibly be legally "problematic".

Commissioner Meadows voiced favor of sending the Committee back to look at where the redistricting lines could be drawn to better represent the people in the county.

Motion by Commissioner Jones to accept the Redistricting Committee's recommendation to leave the district lines as is, but to explore if there was alternative information available to use as a basis of recommendation. Commissioner Cuchens seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Naye.

(Commissioner Brannon stepped out)

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to disband the Redistricting Committee. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Jones Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Naye.

Mrs. Kriss Titus, Director of Tourist Development Council, requested that the Board direct staff to prepare bid package and release the Request for Bids to dredge contractors in the Western Walton County Beach Restoration Project.

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

Mrs. Titus presented TDC's request that the BCC direct staff to prepare and release Request for Proposal to lending institutions for securing additional funding to pay for the Western Walton County Beach Restoration Project.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the request to direct staff to prepare and release a RFP, limited to Walton and Okaloosa Counties. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows to direct staff to prepare and release a RFP without limiting the bid to Walton and Okaloosa Counties. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Jones Aye, Cuchens Naye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

(Commissioner Brannon returned)

Mrs. Titus requested permission to proceed with an emergency bid process for the construction of 21 boardwalks.

Commissioner Cuchens expressed concern regarding using the same architectural and constructional design to construct the boardwalks. He felt that a different material should be used and the pilings should be driven deeper. Mrs. Titus stated were

considering changing to retractable boardwalks, but at this time they just wanted to reconstruct 21 to enable the tourists to access the beaches.

Commissioner Meadows expressed concern regarding debris caused by the boardwalks and suggested that sand be placed over the dunes to provide a path to access the beaches. Meanwhile, other alternatives for reconstructing the walkovers could be reviewed.

Chairman Pridgen encouraged Mrs. Titus to consider the option of using retractable boardwalks.

Mr. Brad Pickel, Director of Beach Management, said they could prepare a request for bids for reconstructing the walkovers and a request for bids to place sand over the dunes to bring back to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the request to proceed with an emergency bid process for the construction of 21 boardwalks, but to reserve material when possible. Also, to review the concept of embedding the boardwalk pilings deeper for better immovability. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brannon.

The floor was opened to public comments. The following citizens addressed the Board: Mr. Richard Fowlkes and Mr. Jim Bagby.

A vote was called for motion on floor. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Brad Pickel advised that the County was being issued a multiple beach scraping permit and, therefore, requested permission to authorize Chandler Construction and Ammons Dozier to expand their beach scraping operation.

Motion by Commissioner Jones to accept Mr. Pickel's request for authorization to allow Chandler Construction and Ammons Dozier & Trucking, Inc. to expand the beach scraping operation. Seconded by Commissioner Cuchens. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Due to safety concerns, Mr. Bell recommended that the Board authorize the assignment of two additional off-duty sheriff deputies to monitor the areas of the beach where Chandler Construction and Ammons Dozier were performing beach scraping activities. The cost for two deputies and equipment for six days per week totals \$400 per week, which is to be paid out of TDC funding.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the recommendation to allocate two additional off-duty sheriff deputies to monitor the areas where Chandler Construction and Ammons Dozier perform beach scraping activities. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

The Board recessed briefly.

Mr. Jim Jones, Health Department Administrator, addressed the Board to answer questions regarding the Gulf Trace septic issue. Mr. David Hammonds, Environmental Health Program Consultant, and Crystal Steele, Walton County Environmental Health Director, was also present to answer questions.

Prior to the floor being opened to public comments and questions, Commissioner Meadows entered several correspondences regarding the issue into the record.

The following citizens addressed the Board to make public comment and ask questions: Mr. Richard Fowlkes Ms. Clair Bannerman, Mr. Bill Crane, Mr. Phillip Ellis,

Ms. Anita Paige, Ms. Linda Ayer, Mr. Jeremy Solomon, and Mr. Jim Perry. Several comments and questions were in regards to the impact of the failed septic systems, health issues, and beach and neighborhood pollution. Photographs were entered into the record by Mr. Fowlkes and Mr. Crane.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows to adopt a policy requiring any person in Gulf Trace, Inlet Beach, or anywhere along the Bay to pay for damages caused by the failure of personal septic tanks. Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would support the motion, but felt there should be some type of criteria to assess proportionate shares of the damages to property owners.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows to direct staff to draft language for an ordinance that would require any person along the water boundaries to pay for damages caused by failure of personal septic tanks.

Staff was directed to work with all necessary parties to work out the logistics of practicality and enforceability.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called for the motion on the floor. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Jones Aye, Brannon Naye, Cuchens Naye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, County Administrator, requested approval of a Fire Assessment Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Walton County Fire Protection Municipal Service Benefit Unit.

(Commissioner Cuchens stepped out)

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Fire Assessment Preliminary Rate Resolution (2005-58). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

(Commissioner Cuchens returned)

Mr. Bell presented a request from Regional Utilities for approval of a utility easement. He recommended approval of the request contingent upon legal review of the easement.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the recommendation to approve the utility easement contingent upon review by Legal Services. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. John Comer, President of Southern Restaurant Group, Inc., requesting authorization to allow the guests of Pompano Joe's Restaurant to continue to park on the side of the road of Scenic Gulf Highway next to Miramar Beach Access until the parking lot was repaired. Following Hurricane Ivan, the County removed the "No Parking" signs to allow Pompano Joes' to re-open before the lot was completed, and the signs were never replaced after the lot was completed.

Commissioner Meadows expressed concerns with visibility when turning from Ellis Drive. She suggested a caveat that would address visibility concerns and prohibit parking in critical intersections where visibility was limited.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request with the stipulated safety concerns. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Cuchens asked that the Board formally present a request to the Federal Government, Elgin Air Force Base, to acquire or lease property at the Basin Bayou State Recreation Area. The Basin Bayou State Recreation was operated by The State of Florida until they decided to relinquish the operation in 1984. The park was offered to Walton County, but it was declined by the Board of County Commissioners. The land then reverted back to Eglin AFB.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request to formally request land at the Basin Bayou State Recreation Area from Eglin AFB. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. JB Hillard addressed the Board to recommend that the Board establish an ad-hoc committee or other process to formulate a plan to reopen the Basin Bayou State Recreation Area with full amenities. The process will include the County, Eglin AFB, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and other appropriate agencies. Mr. Hillard submitted his request along with photographs of the area into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve the request to establish an ad-hoc committee to review a plan to reopen the Basin Bayou State Recreation Area. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Cuchens read into the record a request from Walton County resident Mr. Flynn Morris asking the Board to endorse a letter addressed to Governor Jeb Bush. Mr. Cuchens stated that he would send a copy of the letter to each commissioner for review.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Jones recommended that Mr. Bell and Mr. Hallman work jointly to explore options to efficiently communicate with whoever necessary to get the four laning of Hwy 331 in process.

The floor was opened to additional public comments.

Mr. Ed Goodwin addressed the Board to publicly complement the Board and county staff for their efforts in contending with recent hurricane issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court