

AUGUST 23, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 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 Cuchens led with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Pridgen called the meeting to order.

Mr. Bell, County Administrator, requested that item #18—Authorize County Construction Crew Foreman to Drive County Vehicles Home from the Jobsite—be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items, with the exception of item #18. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

1) EAL Approval	
General Fund	\$ 529,459.72
County Transportation	\$ 645,865.19
SHIP	\$ 21,601.43
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 1,739.65
Debt Service Hospital	\$ -
Mosq. Control State	\$ (167.98)
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 16,185.81

Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 285,628.09
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 3,066.55
W. Co. Library	\$ 12,019.68
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ -
Public Safety- 911	\$ 1,751.13
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 445,248.76
Mossy Head VFD	\$ 77,386.82
Glendale VFD	\$ 380.50
Darlington VFD	\$ 1,088.37
Red Bay VFD	\$ 10,679.98
Preservation	\$ -
Sidewalk Fund	\$ -
Local Option Gas Tax	\$ -
Special Law Enf. Trust	\$ -
Driftwood Debt Service	\$ -
Criminal Justice Ed Fund	\$ -
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$ 3,760.13
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 13,017.40
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$ -
Totals	\$ 2,068,711.23

- 2) Approve Minutes of July 26, 2005 — Special Meeting  
     July 26, 2005 — Regular Meeting  
     August 01, 2005 — Special Meeting  
     August 09, 2005 — Regular Meeting
- 3) Approve a Resolution to Amend the Budget for Unanticipated Revenues from MSBU Collections for the Mossy Head Volunteer Fire Department (2005-64)
- 4) Approve a Transfer from Excess Personnel Funds into Capital and Operating Accounts for the Purchase of Equipment for Growth Management
- 5) Approve Amendment #3 to the Hammock Point Water Quality Improvement Grant Agreement
- 6) Approve Amendment #3 to the Oyster Lake Restoration Project Grant Agreement
- 7) Approve the Public Assistance/Disaster Relief Funding Agreement
- 8) Approve the Fiscal Year 2006 Small County Solid Waste Grant Agreement
- 9) Approve the County Incentive Grant Program Agreement
- 10) Approve a Resolution to Authorize the Execution of the County Incentive Grant Program Agreement (2005-65)
- 11) Approve a Resolution to Amend the Budget for Unanticipated Grant Revenues for the Workfare Program (2005-72)
- 12) Approve a Resolution to Amend the Budget for Unanticipated Grant Revenues for the Wee Care Children's Park Phase III FRDAP Grant (2005-66)
- 13) Approve a Resolution to Amend the Budget for Unanticipated Grant

- Revenues for the Hazardous Materials Analysis Grant (2005-67)
- 14) Approve a Resolution to Amend the Budget for Unanticipated Grant Revenues for the Shelter Retrofit Grant (2005-68)
  - 15) Approve a Resolution to Amend the Budget for Unanticipated Grant Revenues for the Hurricane Ivan Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant #1 for Darlington-Gaskin VFD (2005-69)
  - 16) Amend the Budget for Unanticipated Grant Revenues for the Hurricane Ivan Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant #2 for Darlington-Gaskin VFD (2005-70)
  - 17) Approve Clerk of Court's Quarterly Investment Report
  - 18) Authorize County Construction Crew Foreman to Drive County Vehicles Home from the Jobsite (REMOVED)
  - 19) Approval to erect a tent in the Sandestin Shopping Center for the Sandestin Wine World 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blues, Beer & Sausage Festival to be held October 29, 2005 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm
  - 20) Approve Agreement for Pompano Street
  - 21) Approve Memorandum of Agreement from the Supervisor of Elections to Match Funds for Voter Education Grant
  - 22) Agreement for Professional Services Whereby the State Attorney's Office Agrees to Prosecute Certain County Ordinances

Mrs. Kriss Titus, Tourist Development Director, presented certificates to the following students participating in Seymour Safety Crab commercials: Katie Burns, Robbie Irwin, Jillian Ethridge, and Lang Hartley, Greg Jackson, and David Whicham. Mrs. Titus also recognized the following students who were unable to attend: Brittany Kitch, Jaclyn March, and Stephanie Paul.

Ms. Pam Bergsma addressed the Board to present information on Retinoblastoma, a rare disease that causes the growth of ocular malignant tumors that develops in the retinal cell layer of the eye. Ms. Bergsma gave a background of her own experience with the cancer. Her grandson, Joseph Hollander Bergsma, died on December 22, 2000 from metastasis retinoblastoma. She felt strongly that if Joey's eyes would have been examined by his pediatrician with an ophthalmoscope he would be alive. She said that the ophthalmoscope is used to produce a red reflex when shined into the eyes in a darkened room. Ms. Bergsma continued her presentation by explaining the "Infant Eye Care Bill", nicknamed "Joey's Bill". The bill requires eye dilation examination upon

well child examinations for the early detection of treatable intraocular pathology, specifically retinoblastoma and cataracts. Ms. Bergsma encouraged the Board to adopt a proclamation supporting the bill before the Florida Legislature.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to adopt a proclamation supporting the “Infant Eye Care Bill”. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

On behalf of Ms. Lisa Heil, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Mr. Bell presented a revised proclamation declaring August as “South Walton Professional Firefighters, Local 3516 Appreciation Month”. Firefighters present were asked to address the Board while Mr. Bell read the revised proclamation into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to adopt a proclamation declaring August as “South Walton Professional Firefighters, Local 3516 Appreciation Month”. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the advertised public hearing to consider the Annual Rate Resolution for Imperial Lakes MSBU Assessment Program.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to adopt the Annual Rate Resolution for Imperial Lakes MSBU Assessment Program (2005-75). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Pridgen called to order the advertised public hearing to consider reimposing fire protection special assessments for the provision of fire protection within the Walton

County Fire Protection MSBU, comprised of the service areas of the following fire departments: (1) Darlington/Gaskin, (2) Freeport (excluding the incorporated area of the City of Freeport), (3) Glendale, (4) Paxton (excluding the incorporated area of the City of Paxton), (5) Mossy Head, and (6) Red Bay.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the Fire Assessment Annual Rate Resolution (2005-76). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bell clarified for the record that there was no increase in the annual rate.

Mr. Bill Imfeld, Finance Director, presented two quotes received on the bid for Poinciana Boulevard Mast Arm Replacement. He gave a brief history of past experience with Ingram Signalization, Inc., stating that due to lack of satisfaction, he recommended awarding the bid to Matthew Griffin in the amount of \$60,000.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the recommendation and award the bid to Matthew Griffin, in the amount of \$60,000. Also, to direct Legal Services to review options to seek reimbursement from Ingram Signalization.

Commissioner Jones suggested removing Ingram Signalization from the approved vendor list. Commissioner Meadows concurred with Mr. Commissioner Jones's suggestion.

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.

Mr. Imfeld gave a brief update on the debris removal process. He advised the

commissioners to notify him of any calls received relating to claims that debris had not been removed.

Mr. Joel Paul, on behalf of the Tri-County Community Council, addressed the Board to request approval of the Florida DOT Service Development Grant. He also requested that the County waive the 1% administrative fee.

Attorney Hallman asked that approval of the grant be contingent upon legal review.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request for the Florida DOT Service Development Grant contingent upon review by the county attorney. The motion also included approval to waive the 1% administrative fee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Paul requested that the Board adopt a resolution encouraging AUCA to stay within Florida Statute Chapter 427.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Cuchens, to allow staff to prepare a resolution for legal review. The motion also included authorizing the Chairman's signature contingent upon Legal Services' approval of the resolution. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing advertised for 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Pat Blackshear, Growth Management and Planning Director, requested that the Board table the proposed ordinance amending the Land Development Code to establish a compatibility analysis for development in the Neighborhood Planning Area/Infill future land use category.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request to table the proposed resolution. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. John Johnson, Public Works Director, addressed the Board and gave a brief road inventory update. He explained that Public Works was currently performing a road inventory analysis and expected to be complete around late October. Mr. Johnson explained that the main purpose of the inventory was to determine three items: (1) the size, classification and condition of the road system. This element of the inventory analysis will indicate the miles of roads in the system, whether the roads are gravel or asphalt, their condition and their classification by traffic count; (2) the necessary resources needed to maintain the system at different service levels; (3) given a set amount of resources, determine where available resources should be focused to maintain the road system at the highest level.

Commissioner Brannon asked that Public Works also review right-of-ways on existing roads and in the future include them as part of the inventory list.

Mr. Hallman requested that the Board amend the previous motion to table the proposed resolution to continue it until a date certain to avoid incurring additional advertising costs.

Mr. Commissioner Cuchens amended his motion to table consideration of the proposed ordinance amending the Land Development Code to establish a compatibility analysis for development in the Neighborhood Planning Area/Infill future land use category until September 22. Commissioner Meadows seconded the motion. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Attorney Hallman addressed the continuing issues regarding drainage and access in Driftwood Estates. He recalled that the Board previously took action to place a moratorium on issuing building permits in Driftwood Estates, including construction by Adam's Homes.

Commissioner Jones recused himself from any discussion or action regarding Adam's Homes due to previous affiliation with the company.

The floor was turned over to Mrs. Blackshear to discuss staff's findings per review of the Sandestin DRI. Mrs. Blackshear stated that staff's findings were that changes made since Sandestin's development order was approved in 1976 were through the proper procedures and notification processes. She discussed actions taken by staff to prepare the Driftwood Estates History documentation submitted to the Board prior to this meeting. A notebook containing the documentation, including staff findings and a list of exhibits, was entered into the record. Mrs. Blackshear stated that the residents had requested additional project information and staff would provide the records as soon as possible.

Ms. Renee Bradley and Mr. Brian Martinez were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Hallman noted for the record that a community meeting was held between 2:00–3:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for open forum discussion. He stated that staff had presented a power point presentation during the meeting.

The floor was turned over to Mr. Johnson to discuss actions taken by Public Works to repair drainage in Driftwood Estates. Public Work's assessment was that the existing open ditch system will not provide the residents with an acceptable drainage system regardless of modifications that might be made to the open system. This was



because of the relatively flat topography and high ground water table of the area. Public Work's findings were that they could not eliminate standing water in the yards with the open ditch system and the only way to provide a dry yard was to pipe the conveyance, fill in the ditches and create small swales of only a 6' inch depth with a catch basin in each yard. The cost estimate to eliminate the open ditches is \$250,000. Mr. Johnson stated Public Works was working jointly with Olsen Associates and Adam's Homes, and both had agreed to participate in the drainage and roadway improvement projects, contributing an amount of \$60,000 each. Mr. Johnson stated that they were also proposing to overlay the roads toward the end of the development in 2007-2008.

Mr. Johnson further stated he and Mrs. Blackshear were going to initiate further reviewing stormwater standards in efforts to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future.

Attorney Hallman recommended that the Board lift the moratorium of issuing building permits in Driftwood Estates contingent upon Adam's Homes and Olsen Associates entering into a written agreement with the county to financially participate in the upgrade activities proposed by Mr. Johnson. He stated that a condition of the agreement would be that everyone would agree that all matters related to the moratorium had been resolved. Mr. Hallman also recommended that the Board consider a motion authorizing Legal Services to go to court if necessary to open any historic outfalls. Mr. Hallman requested if the Board's direction was to proceed with the upgrade improvements as recommended by Mr. Johnson that the Board approve allocating funding for conversion of the Driftwood Estates drainage system from an open ditch system to pipe and minor swale system. The estimate of the funding was \$250,000, less

\$120 contributed by Olsen Associates and Adam's Homes. He requested that the Board also approve allocating funding in the amount of \$100,000 for road paving.

The floor was opened to public comments.

Mr. Allen Osborne, Driftwood Estates homeowner, asked what was going to happen if \$250,000 did not completely resolve the issues. He submitted several photographs illustrating drainage problems in Driftwood Estates into the record. He also submitted and reviewed several documents pertaining to Driftwood Estates, stating that it was his opinion that the residential external vehicle trips, acreage, drainage, right-of-way, and easements were substantial deviations as defined by the substantial deviation chart. Mr. Osborne also expressed concern with a particular road in the master plan being closed by Bay Villas. He said that by blocking off this road, there would be no emergency exit for the 700+ families living in Driftwood Estates if their current exit flooded.

Commissioner Meadows replied to Mr. Osborne's concern, stating that a letter from Sandestin DRI had been located agreeing to review an emergency exit for Driftwood Estates.

Mr. Bob Dobes and Mr. David Kramer also addressed the Board to make public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows consisting of the following items: Walton County enters into agreement with Adam's Homes and Olsen Associates; upon execution of the agreement, the moratorium for issuance of building permits be lifted without further action from the Board; the County would be responsible for maintaining the roads and stormwater; and if the issues are not resolved via upgrade activities recommended by

Mr. Johnson, Public Works Director, the county will assume responsibility. Commissioner Brannon seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye. Commissioner Jones abstained from voting as stated previously.

Attorney Hallman stated that Legal Services would begin preparing the agreement the following day and hopefully would have the document completed by the end of the week.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, that the county pursue all necessary actions to have the historical outfall on Buck Road opened. The motion included authorizing Legal Services to proceed with legal action if necessary. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Brannon Aye, Cuchens Naye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye. Commissioner Jones abstained from voting.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to authorize monies being allocated to fund upgrade activities as recommended by the Public Works department. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye. Commissioner Jones abstained from voting.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to direct staff to review the concept for an additional access in Driftwood Estates.

Mr. Robert Lee stated that the road previously referred to being blocked off in the Bay Villas plat was originally approved in the development order as an emergency exit only.

A vote was called for the motion on the floor. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye. Commissioner Jones abstained from

voting on this issue.

Mr. David Kramer addressed the Board to discuss a difference of opinion with staff's interpretation of an ordinance regarding Neighborhood Commercial uses on County Road 30A. He explained that the difference of opinion was whether or not the interpretation that covenants and restrictions could be disregarded because they "expire". He said staff needed to interpret/enforce the covenants and restrictions referenced in the Land Development Code by "the letter of the law" rather than opinions. He said he had requested a written response from staff regarding their interpretation of the ordinance, but had not yet received one. He requested that the Board direct staff to provide him with a written legal opinion to present to the Board of Adjustments for an appeal.

Attorney Hallman recommended that the Board direct Mr. Kramer to appeal staff's decision through the appropriate appellant process, not through the county's legal department.

Mrs. Blackshear explained staff's position and said that she would be happy to provide Mr. Kramer with a letter outlining staff's interpretation.

Mr. Dewey Wilson, President for Florida Community Services, addressed the Board to request approval to advertise for a public hearing for the Board's consideration of a bond resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request to advertise for a public hearing for the consideration of a bond resolution. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Wilson requested that the Board advertise for a public hearing to consider

amending the current ordinance regarding lines and cables within the right-of-way.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve advertising for a public hearing for consideration of amending the present ordinance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Services Director, requested that a second commissioner and an alternate be appointed to serve on the Walton/Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Regional Utility Authority.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to appoint Commissioner Brannon to serve on the Walton/Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Regional Utility Authority. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to appoint Commissioner Jones to serve as an alternate on the Walton/Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Regional Utility Authority. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Ed Baltzley, Emergency Response Director, presented a request that the Board adopt a resolution to integrate the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) into the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens to adopt the NIMS Resolution (2005-79) as the basis for all incident management in Walton County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Baltzley requested the Board's approval and acceptance of funds into the Fire Rescue Budget if the Safer Act Grant for Mossy Head Fire is awarded. The grant supports the funding of six full time fire/paramedic or EMT positions and one volunteer coordinator.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve and accept the funds if awarded by the federal government. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Baltzley requested that the Board adopt a resolution for dissolution of the Walton County Fire Board.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to adopt a resolution (2005-80) dissolving the Walton County Fire Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Brad Pickel, Tourist Development Council, presented TDC's request that the BCC adopt the state approved Erosion Control Line for the Western Walton County Beach Restoration Project. He explained that as part of the permitting process for the beach restoration project an ECL must be established. Since the permit had been issued it was time to adopt the Erosion Control Line.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to adopt the ECL for the Western Walton County Beach Restoration Project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Pickel presented a second request that the Board extend the Western Walton County Beach Restoration Project, approximately 2000 feet to include Four Mile Village. He explained that eleven of the fourteen properties had requested to be added

into the current project. He further stated the extension of the project was feasible and would lead to the protection of all properties in Western Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to approve extending the Western Walton County Beach Restoration Project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bell advised that a request had been received for the county to prepare a letter requesting an extension on the emergency order that was scheduled to expire September 7. He recommended that the Board also approve to submit an extension for beach scrapings once the emergency order extension was issued.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the request to prepare a letter addressed to Senator Castill requesting an extension on the emergency order that was scheduled to expire September 7, and also to submit a request to the appropriate entity for additional time for beach scrapings. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Further discussion was held regarding beach restoration.

The Board recessed briefly.

Mrs. Pat Blackshear, Planning and Growth Management Director, presented a request that the Board allow staff to prepare the model Comprehensive Plan element for school concurrency for DCA. Previously, DCA contacted Mrs. Blackshear offering the County an opportunity to prepare the element. Mrs. Blackshear explained that recent state legislation requires the element and the DCA had offered a \$173,000 grant to assist the local government in its efforts. The interlocal agreement with the three municipalities will need to be expanded and the element will be completed in conjunction

with the EAR.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request and allow staff to prepare the model school concurrency element for DCA. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mrs. Blackshear requested two public hearings be set to a date certain for consideration of the proposed Planning and Development Fees Resolution, proposed Building Code Ordinance, proposed Building Plan Review and Permit Fees Resolution. She requested that the public hearings be set for October 11 & 25. She said that staff would continue to meet with various stakeholders to refine proposed fee schedules and complete preparation of cost analysis and revenue projections. She further stated that drafts of the proposed ordinance would be available at both Planning offices and could also be accessed via the county website.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the request to set public hearings for October 11 and October 25 for consideration of the proposed ordinance. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mrs. Blackshear turned the floor over to Mr. Greg Scoville, Planning Processes and Systems Senior Manager, to discuss her next agenda item, sale of Bureau of Land Management land to Palms of Dune Allen Owners Association, Inc. Mr. Scoville gave a brief summary of the situation, explaining that the Chairman had received a letter from the Bureau of Land Management initiating a direct sale of a .58 acre parcel of property located south of the Palms of Dune Allen condominium. The letter stated that the sale



was consistent with federal plan, State of Florida Governor's consistency review and the Walton County's comprehensive plan. However, the Bureau of Land Management requested the county's cooperation in the preservation of the public uses of the land. Mr. Scoville noted that the proposed sale was detailed in the portion of the Federal Register contained in the board material. Mr. Scoville reviewed and read into the record minutes involving past Board activity regarding this issue. Stated in the minutes, was the Board's approval to "authorize the Chair's signature on a letter allowing the Palms of Dune Allen to pursue the purchase of property from the Bureau of Land Management subject to the conditions and covenants". Mr. Scoville advised that he was unable to locate any material indicating that the letter had been executed. Therefore, it was staff's recommendation that the Board direct staff to work with Legal Services to prepare a letter authorizing the Palms of Dune Allen to pursue the purchase of the property from the Bureau of Land Management subject to continuing to allow public access.

Photographs of the subject area were entered into the record by staff.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to direct Legal Services to prepare a letter authorizing the Palms of Dune Allen to pursue the purchase of the property from the Bureau of Land Management subject to continuing to allow public access infinitively. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mrs. Blackshear presented a request that the Board set a public hearing date for the proposed Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. She advised that current regulations did not comply with FEMA regulations. The amendment would bring the LDC into compliance with FEMA regulations.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to schedule a public hearing date for September 27 and October 11. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Attorney David Hallman presented a request from the Sheriff's Department for Legal Services to assist them in handling proceedings related to seizures and forfeitures of property used in criminal activities. He requested the Board's direction regarding the issue. He asked that if it was the Board's decision to approve the request, approval be for a limited time on a trial basis. The Board could then evaluate whether the employee time spent handling the situation should be compensated by the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request that Legal Services assist the Sheriff's Department in handling proceedings related to seizures and forfeitures of property used in criminal activities for a limited amount of time. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Hallman advised that Hartman & Associates, Inc., had recently been acquired by Tetra Tech, who was requesting that the continuing services agreement be amended to allow them to assume the Hartman continuing services.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Cuchens to approve the request and authorize staff to amend the contract between Hartman & Associates, Inc., and Walton County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the advertised Public Hearing for final plat approval for Bear Creek Cottages, First Addition.

Mrs. Blackshear presented a request for final plat approval for Bear Creek Cottages, First Addition. Ricky Rookis, owners, and Connelly & Wicker, engineers, were requesting approval of a re-plat of a 66 lot single family subdivision located on the south side of Black Creek Road, one mile east of Hwy 331. Mrs. Blackshear stated that the request had met all technical requirements, but there was one outstanding issue with Legal Services. She recommended that the Board authorize execution and recording of the plat contingent upon legal review.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Bear Creek Cottages, First Addition, final plat for recording contingent upon legal review. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mrs. Blackshear addressed a continued request for final plat approval of Coastal Grove, a 14 lot single family subdivision located on the north side of Penny Lane, approximately 400 feet east of the intersection of Penny Lane and CR 393. She stated that it was staff's understanding that the previous issue regarding an easement had been resolved. Staff's recommendation was approval with the understanding that they would not allow the final plat to be executed and recorded until full review of the revised project. A copy of the proposed plat was entered into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve Coastal Growth final plat for recording with the understanding that the final plat would not be executed and recorded until full review of the revised project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, presented a request that maintenance of jail administration, jail and south Walton substation be assumed by county personnel. Mr. Bell also requested that the Facilities Maintenance budget be amended to accept assumption of the responsibility.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request to authorize county personnel to assume maintenance of the jail administration, jail and south Walton substation, and to approve the request to amend the Facilities Maintenance budget to accept assumption of the responsibilities. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

For informational purposes, Mr. Bell advised that the majority of the Lighting Committee members had been appointed and would soon be scheduling an organizational meeting.

Mr. Bell requested the Board's authorization to allow the grants coordinator to apply for the Florida Forever Grant to assist with the Bay Loop stormwater restoration project.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request and authorize the grants coordinator to proceed with applying for the Florida Forever Grant. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Meadows briefly discussed a phone call she had received from Mr. Tom Pickett regarding destroyed boat ramp launching areas off Hwy 331 Bridge. She presented photographs illustrating the accesses. (The photographs were not submitted into the record).

Mr. Tom Pickett addressed the Board to further discuss the issue. He stated that three of the six accesses were located in shallow water and were in fairly acceptable condition. He stated that the other three were in very poor condition. He requested the county's assistance in improving the boat ramps.

Mr. Bell advised that the areas that Mr. Pickett was referring to were located at the County Wayside Park. He informed that the county had recently received a DEP permit for one of the accesses and had scheduled to request for proposals the following week. He further informed that the Board had already approved to apply for boating improvements funds to repair the access on the east side and would soon be advertised through the bid process. He agreed to review the other access areas, specifically one on the southeast side referred to by Mr. Pickett.

Commissioner Jones advised that he had received a letter from a resident complimenting Mr. Harold Petty and those within the Public Works and Engineering Departments who had assisted him with resolving an issue with the county. Mr. Jones explained that the issue was regarding a culvert and stormwater drainage pop-off that the county had previously placed on a parcel of property near Juniper Lake that the citizen had recently purchased. Commissioner Jones stated that he would provide a copy of the letter to each of the commissioners and a copy to the clerk for the record.

There were no additional public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Meadows, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Cuchens Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Meadows Aye.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Pridgen, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court