

## MARCH 13, 2007 - REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Kenneth Pridgen, Chair, Cindy Meadows, Vice-Chair, Commissioner Larry Jones, and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, Mr. W.C. Henry, Interim County Attorney, and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present. Chairman Brannon was not present.

Commissioner Meadows led with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Pridgen called the meeting to order

Ms. Ingle announced that Mr. Johnny Street accepted the position of Internal Auditor and will begin employment with the Walton County Clerk of Court on April 23, 2007.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the items below. Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

### 1. EAL Approval

General Fund	\$ 743,064.28
County Transportation	\$1,225,617.67
SHIP	\$ 228.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 951,179.00
Debt Service Hospital	\$ 1,060.00
Mosq. Control State	\$ 294.00
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 321.86
Tourist Dev. Council	\$1,644,842.80
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 9,598.19
W. Co. Library	\$ 14,958.54
Tax Deed Surplus Trust	\$ -
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 122,620.81
Public Safety- 911	\$ 20,297.80
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 788,914.73
Mossy Head VFD	\$ -
Glendale VFD	\$ 74.44
Darlington VFD	\$ -
Red Bay VFD	\$ -
Preservation	\$ -
Sidewalk Fund	\$ -

Local Option Gas Tax	\$	-
Special Law Enf. Trust	\$	-
Driftwood Debt Service	\$	-
Criminal Justice Ed Fund	\$	-
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	15,404.80
Capital Projects Fund	\$	2,213,475.24
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	2,765.91
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$7,754,718.07</b>

2. Approve Minutes: Special Meeting/Workshop & Regular Meeting from 2-27-07
3. Approve to surplus a 2002 Ford truck from the Public Works Department
4. Approve to surplus a 2003 Ford truck from the TDC and give to the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department
5. Approval to donate three surplus computers to Liberty Baptist Church when they become available
6. Approve a Resolution to amend the budget for the awarding of a Habitat Conservation Plan Grant from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission **(2007-16)**
7. Approve a Resolution to amend the budget for the awarding of a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant for the Cedar Log Lake Boat Ramp project **(2007-17)**
8. Approve a Resolution to amend the budget for the awarding of a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant for the Morrison Springs Boat Ramp project **(2007-18)**
9. Approve FBIP Contract for Cedar Log Lake Boat Ramp
10. Approve FBIP Contract for Morrison Springs Boat Ramp

Commissioner Comander presented the Board with a plaque from the DeFuniak Springs Little League Association.

(Commissioner Jones arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Service Director, requested approval of the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan for 2007-2009 and the accompanying resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the SHIP LHAP by resolution as presented **(2007-23)**. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Little discussed issues in obtaining a surplus dental van from the Orange County Health Department to be used by the Children's Volunteer Health Network. He stated that the van reverted back to the State, which in turn advised that the van would have to be auctioned.

Mr. Little requested the Board's direction.

No official value for the van or equipment could be obtained, but Ms. Tricia Carlisle-Northcutt, CVHN, stated that Dr. James Nabers, a retired dentist working with CVHN, inspected the van and felt the dental equipment would be of value to CVHN.

The Board directed Mr. Little to discuss the value with Dr. Nabers and Mr. Ernie Montgomery, Fleet Manager, and report back to the Board.

Mr. Little requested approval of the Long Range Plan and Annual Plan for the Library Department.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Long Range Plan and Annual Plan for the Library Department as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Little requested approval of the following committee appointees or re-appointees:

Zoning Board of Adjustments - Mr. Joe Johnson  
Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board - Mr. Wayne Carlisle  
Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee – Mr. J.D. Sweeney

Mr. Little advised that Ms. Polly Capps, Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, could not be reached regarding further service on the committee. Commissioner Meadows stated that she will find a suitable replacement.

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

Mr. Little announced that an open house will be held for the Walton County Justice Facility will be held March 24, 2007 and the ground breaking for the new Walton County Health Department location on April 4, 2007.

Ms. Nora Murphy, Beachside Condominiums Owners' Association, Inc., requested permission to connect a seawall with the Emerald Hills Condominiums seawall. The connection will require construction across a 10 ft. county-owned beach access on Campbell Street. She stated that they have obtained a DEP permit, but will request a modification if the Board approves the connection.

Commissioner Meadows questioned previous Board action regarding requests to build seawalls on county-owned beach accesses or easements. Ms. Blackshear explained that the Board previously approved a seawall at the Sea Grate Access in Blue Mountain Beach. She added that the Board placed the onus of permitting or incidental taking on the applicant.

Mr. Brad Pickel, Director of Beach Management, stated that any impact on the access will be mitigated by Beachside Condominiums Owners' Association, Inc. He added that he supports the connection.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve an agreement with the County and Beachside Condominiums Owners' Association, Inc., for the construction of a seawall over a county easement contingent upon legal review. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Gary Mattison, Human Resource Director, presented the second reading of the revision to Policy 6.4, Use of Government Property. He discussed the list of employees currently utilizing Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's) and in which capacity.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the revision to Policy 6.4, Use of Government Property, as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Mattison discussed a recommendation by the Insurance Committee to consider a

long-term disability plan for Board employees. He stated that he will present more information in the future.

Mr. Pickel requested that the Board authorize the final cash payment to the US Army Corp of Engineers for the Walton County Florida Shore Protection Feasibility Phase Study in the amount of \$392,500.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the payment as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Pickel requested approval of the Scope of Work by Taylor Engineering for the final design, permitting, and preparation of construction plans and specifications for the Miramar Beach Parking Structure in western Walton County. He briefly described the structure design. Mr. Pickel explained that FEMA will consider the project in lieu of a seawall for which Walton County was to receive mitigation funds and that FEMA and the State will be involved under the Hurricane Dennis project worksheets. He added that there will no longer be right-of-way parking in that area.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the request as presented by Mr. Pickel. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Commissioner Comander questioned the status of plans for the parking lot across from the location of the Miramar Beach Parking Structure. Commissioner Meadows stated that the plans for the new parking structure have taken priority.

Mr. Dave Sell, Beach Maintenance Manager, discussed the Gulf Street and Sandtrap Road Beach Access re-builds. He requested that the Board allow the TDC to waive the

advertising period and request bids from contractors that submitted bids for the phase three access and to award the bid to the lowest bidder. Mr. Sell explained that the permits expire on April 30, 2007; therefore, work needs to begin immediately. He added that costs will be under \$100,000 and are to be cost-shared with FEMA.

Mr. Henry advised that the request is permissible.

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

Mr. Henry presented a proposed draft of a resolution in support of the Sheriff's Office Career Service Employee's Act as requested by Sheriff Ralph Johnson at the February 27, 2007 Board Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the resolution as presented (**2007-20**). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Commissioner Comander requested that Sheriff Ralph Johnson investigate complaints of parking on county right-of-ways, which obstructs the flow of traffic. Sheriff Johnson replied that he will look into the issue and that an ordinance may need to be drafted.

Mr. Henry discussed the use of a resolution in lieu of a contract or appointment agreement to solidify the appointment of Dr. Paul D. Hart as the EMS Medical Director. He presented a proposed resolution and requested that the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter agreement with Dr. Hart stating that the monthly stipend will be \$1000 plus other reasonable expenses.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the

proposed resolution and to authorize the Chair to sign the letter agreement with Dr. Hart as presented (**2007-21**). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Henry presented an Interlocal License Agreement with Okaloosa-Walton College for the Cessna Park Stormwater Remediation project. He explained that the agreement is a license for the college and its contractors or sub-contractors to go onto county property to construct the project.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the Interlocal License Agreement as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Henry presented a proposed draft of a resolution in support of the Act to Amend Florida Law 200-491, relating to the South Walton Fire District, as requested by Mr. Sean Hughes, SWFD, at the February 27, 2007 Board meeting. The act is to comply with the new voting precinct established in south Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to adopt the resolution as presented (**2007-22**). Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Henry explained that a warranty deed given to the County in 1999 by the T.R. Miller Mill Company was conveyed, but never recorded due to its loss. He stated that a corrected document was drafted and signed by the family. He asked that the Board accept the corrected warranty deed and authorize a refund of approximately \$500 in tax monies paid by the family.

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

Aye.

Mr. Bell requested approval to create the Walton County Public Safety Coordinating Councils as mandated under Florida Statute 951. He stated that the members will include a circuit and county judge, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the chief correctional officer of the Walton County Justice Facility, the Walton County Sheriff, and the DeFuniak Springs Chief of Police.

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

Mr. Bell requested approval of Work Squad Contract WS386, to provide an additional work squad for the Parks and Recreational Department.

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

Mr. Bell asked that the Board appoint three Commissioners to serve on the 2007 Value Adjustment Board.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioners Pridgen, Comander, and Brannon to the 2007 Value Adjustment Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Bell requested that the Board approve the renewal of contract WS387 with the Walton Correctional Institute for the Landfill Work Squad.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the contract as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander



Aye.

Mr. Bell reported that FDOT has requested that a resolution be drafted in support of highway improvements on US Highway 285 and US Highway 98 at the industrial park when warranted.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to allow staff to draft the appropriate resolution as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Ms. Pat Blackshear, Planning and Development Director, requested approval of a Cooperative Technical Partnership Agreement with FEMA and the North West Florida Water Management District to create awareness of flood hazards and to provide the necessary data for a community floodplain management program. She stated that no additional fees are associated with the agreement and that legal has reviewed the CTPA.

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

Mr. William Imfeld, Finance Director, discussed the proposed bills being introduced into legislature by the Governor and House of Representatives. He submitted a comparison of both proposals and the potential effects on Walton County's budget and an overview of revenues which affect the Walton County budget. Mr. Imfeld explained that the potential revenues generated by the proposed 2.5% increase in sales tax would be collected by the State and redistributed throughout the State at their discretion.

Commissioner Meadows requested that Public Works look at the dedication of the Escada Greenway.

Chairman Pridgen requested that a letter be drafted to the Walton County School District requesting two acres in Glendale off of US Highway 83 for a future park site.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to have staff draft the letter as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

The floor was opened to public comments.

Ms. Anita Page announced that the South Walton Chamber of Commerce and Nokuse Plantation will host a public presentation on the vegetative communities of Walton County featuring Dr. Bruce Means at the South Walton Courthouse Annex on April 5, 2007, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mr. David Kramer requested that the Board require the applicant(s) for WaterSound North NOPC DRI to re-advertise the project due to the numerous continuances.

The Board recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. into a public hearing to discuss major developments.

Ms. Lois La-Seur, Planning Manager, requested that the proposed Lighting Ordinance be continued until the April 10, 2007 BCC Meeting. She stated that the continuance was requested to allow staff time to draft additional language regarding an exemption for agricultural properties and to present that language to the Lighting Ordinance Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to continue the proposed Lighting Ordinance to the April 10, 2007 Regular Meeting to be held at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The floor was opened to public comments.

(Commissioner Jones returned from the recess at 5:04 p.m.)

Ms. Ella Caro and Ms. Sue Grill, both of the Lighting Ordinance Committee, spoke in opposition to the addition of the exemption and of the objections not being brought before the committee while the proposed ordinance was being drafted.

Commissioner Pridgen called for a vote for the motion on the floor. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Ms. Blackshear stated that a continuance was requested by the attorneys representing various parties involved in discussions regarding Nature Walk Beach Club PUD.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to continue Nature Walk Beach Club PUD until the April 10, 2007 Regular Meeting at the South Walton Courthouse Annex. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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

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