

MARCH 26, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom A of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Kenneth Pridgen, Chair, Commissioner Cindy Meadows, Vice-Chair, Commissioner Larry Jones, Commissioner Scott Brannon, and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, Mr. Mike Burke, Interim County Attorney, 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 Brannon, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the items below. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

1. EAL Approval

General Fund	\$2,951,175.10
County Transportation	\$ 797,207.49
SHIP	\$ 42,013.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 93,206.77
Debt Service Hospital	\$ -
Mosq. Control State	\$ 1,108.00
Mott Sign Grant	\$ -
Section 8 Housing	\$ 123,065.48
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 148,132.76
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 26,942.02
W. Co. Library	\$ 7,535.15
Tax Deed Surplus Trust	\$ -
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 15,116.49
Public Safety- 911	\$ 7,479.14
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 24,225.89
Mossy Head VFD	\$ -
Glendale VFD	\$ 15,251.26
Darlington VFD	\$ -
Red Bay VFD	\$ -
Preservation	\$ -
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 88,061.85
Local Option Gas Tax	\$ -
Special Law Enf. Trust	\$ -

Driftwood Debt Service	\$	33,200.00
Criminal Justice Ed Fund	\$	-
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	3,745.65
Capital Projects Fund	\$	270,225.20
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	-
Totals		\$4,647,691.25

2. Approve Minutes: March 13, 2007 — Special Meeting and Workshop
3. Approval to surplus a computer from the Clerk's Office (CC#951)
4. Approve a Resolution to amend the budget for the award of a Federal Shore Protection Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (**2007-25**)
5. Approve acceptance of additional funds from the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs

Mr. Bill Imfeld, Finance Director, requested the Board's guidance regarding budget solicitations from county departments and Constitutional Officers in accordance with the Strategic Plan.

(Commissioner Meadows arrived 4:07 p.m.)

Ms. Ingle questioned the potential increase in health insurance rates. Mr. Imfeld replied approximately 21%, but did not estimate an increase in workers compensation premiums.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to have Mr. Imfeld calculate the budget with an increase of 0-7.1%. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Imfeld requested that the Board de-obligate \$650,000 currently in the 2006-2007 budget for the animal control facility budget and to make those funds available for other capital projects, such as the GEC Pedestrian Trail Bridges. He explained that \$2 million remains in the budget for the animal control facility and that construction will be budgeted in the 2007-2008 budget year.

Commissioner Meadows explained that the bridges must be constructed as adjudicated in the settlement of *Palandini v. Walton County*.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to de-obligate

the funds from the animal control facility as requested by Mr. Imfeld. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Ryan Douglass, Staff Engineer, requested that the contract for the construction of the GEC Pedestrian Trail Bridges be awarded to the low bidder, Entech Enterprises, at a cost of \$650,000.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to award the bid to Entech Enterprises as presented by Mr. Douglass. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Discussion regarding radar units for the City of DeFuniak Springs Police Department was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Jim McCall, Chief Financial Officer, Walton County School District, and Ms. Carlene Anderson, Superintendent, Walton County School District, requested that the Board allow a ½ mill referendum to be placed on the ballot for the May 15, 2007 Special Election. Mr. McCall read the ballot into the record and discussed how the funds benefit Walton County Schools.

Commissioner Jones explained that the addition to the ballot is not an endorsement by the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the request by resolution (**2007-26**). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Commissioner Pridgen called to order the public hearing to discuss the proposed resolution for the abandonment of 1140 ft. of McCullough Road, located north of Thompson Road and south of CR 1084, approximately .5 miles west of the intersection of Bryan and

Thompson Road and .5 miles east of the intersection of Thompson Road and CR 1084.

Mr. Burke gave a brief background of the issue. He explained that the request has gone through the abandonment process and that the Planning Commission recommended denial. Mr. Burke stated that Attorney Bill Jennings, representative for Mr. Cortez Thompson, filed a motion to have Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Pridgen abstain from the vote. Mr. Burke advised that there was no conflict of interest for either Commissioner and that both were obligated to vote. He read an affidavit from Ms. Angela C. Fields, Bus Driver, Walton County School District, submitted by Mr. Jennings regarding her opposition to the abandonment based on use of the road in her bus route.

The following spoke in support of the proposed abandonment:

Mr. Aubrey “Bo” Newberry, CR 1084, Mr. Coy Bell, Liberty, Mr. Tommy Adkins, CR 1084, and Ms. Toni Norman, Price Road, spoke in support of the abandonment.

Mr. Wayne Bishop, McCullough Road, discussed damage to his property by water conveyance from McCullough Road.

Ms. Jackie Herring, CR 1084, discussed damage to her property by water conveyance from McCullough Road.

Mr. Steve Herring, CR 1084, discussed the history of the road closure; communications with Commissioner Jones and county staff; the lawsuit with Mr. Thompson; and damage to his property by water conveyance from McCullough Road. He stated that he was granted permission to close the road by Mr. John Johnson, former Public Works Director. Mr. Herring added that he will donate right-of-way for the widening of Thompson Road when McCullough Road is permanently closed.

Commissioner Brannon referred to minutes from a 1992 Board meeting and questioned

maintenance of the road during that time. Mr. Herring stated that the county dumped dirt onto the road which exacerbated the drainage issues and that the road was occasionally graded.

The following spoke in opposition to the proposed abandonment:

Ms. Angela Fields, DeFuniak Springs, Ms. Dana Thompson, Glendale, Mr. Glenn Pope, DeFuniak Springs, and Ms. Billie Edwina McCullough-McKee, DeFuniak Springs, spoke in opposition to the abandonment.

Mr. Jennings discussed the litigation with Mr. Herring and how Walton County became a party to the suit. He stated that the road is number 718 on the County Maintained Road List and that records indicate that it has been maintained by the county.

Mr. Gene Ryan, DeFuniak Springs, discussed the inclusion of the road on the County Maintained Road List, the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial, and of the need for roads to accommodate future growth. He added that affidavits were received from county employees regarding the county's maintenance of McCullough Road during his term as a County Commissioner.

Ms. Carolyn McCullough-Bludworth, 170 Stinson Road, discussed drainage issues on Thompson Road. She submitted copies of the minutes from the June 8, 2007 Planning Commission Meeting, a statement regarding her position, and a map of the area.

(Commissioner Comander exited at 5:15 p.m. and returned at 5:20 p.m.)

Mr. Jack Bludworth, 170 Stinson Road, discussed the inclusion of the road on the County Maintained Road List and referred to Board Meetings from April 8, 1997 and October 26, 1999 when the list was adopted.

Dr. Rueben Garcia, 518 McCullough Road, discussed his use of McCullough Road when other routes were impassible due to inclement weather conditions.

Mr. Randall Infinger, 988 Thompson Road, stated that the road was maintained during his term as Commissioner from 1996 to 2000. He discussed the condition of Thompson Road and the need for right-of-way for proper drainage. He stated that he is willing to donate right-of-way.

Mr. Cortez Thompson, 254 Thompson Road, discussed the history of the lawsuit and communications with Commissioner Jones and county staff regarding ownership of the road.

Attorney Mark Davis, representative for Mr. Herring, stated that public purpose must be established to keep the road open. He explained that no citizen will be denied access to their property or to a utility easement as a result of the abandonment. He stated that, as a member of the Walton County School Board, he was not aware of a request being made on behalf of the School Board to keep McCullough Road open. Mr. Davis discussed the lawsuit and mediation by which no agreement was reached. He further discussed the ambiguity of the definition of continuous maintenance.

Mr. Jennings submitted 13 unmarked photos of McCullough and Thompson Road. He reiterated the stand of his client, Mr. Thompson. Mr. Jennings discussed the costs to maintain McCullough Road, which he felt would be less than costs to maintain Thompson Road. He also discussed the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Commissioner Pridgen closed the public hearing.

Mr. Allen Brown, Deputy Public Works Director, discussed his involvement with the issue. He stated that District 3 had maintained McCullough Road in the past and that the county has a prescriptive easement under Florida Statute 953.61. Mr. Brown discussed the need for right-of-way to widen Thompson Road. He verified that Mr. Herring was granted permission to close the road by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Aaron Warren, Assistant County Engineer, stated that McCullough Road is 20 ft. wide with a driving surface 10-12 ft. He added that a traffic analysis conducted by Public Works revealed that there are currently four trips per day traveled on McCullough Road. Mr. Warren discussed the danger of traveling down a two trail road such as this, which prohibits two vehicles from passing one another.

Commissioner Comander asked if improvements can be made to Thompson Road. Mr. Warren replied that they can be, but that the county does not have the necessary 50 ft. of right-of-way. Mr. Brown expanded upon the discussion of Thompson Road and added that Mr. Herring agreed to donate right-of-way if McCullough Road is permanently closed.

Commissioner Brannon questioned the status of obtaining the necessary right-of-way. Mr. Brown replied that verbal agreements have been made by residents, but no deeds have been signed.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Brannon, to support and move forth with the abandonment of said portion of McCullough Road (**2007-27**). Ayes 4, Nays 1. Jones Aye, Meadows Nay, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

(Commissioner Meadows left 5:55 p.m. and returned at 6:00 p.m.)

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Services Director, introduced Ms. Gloria Mayo, Executive Director, Early Learning Coalition of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, Ms. Judy Ahlen, Director, Jobs Plus One Stop Career Center, Ms. Rebecca Adams, Okaloosa Walton Childcare Services, and Ms. Beth Studes, Early Learning Coalition. Mr. Little requested approval of a proposed resolution to declare March 25-April 1 as Children's Week. A poster detailing Children's Week was submitted.

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

resolution as presented (2007-28). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Little requested that a public hearing be scheduled at the next Board Meeting to discuss the SHIP Committee's recommendation to reallocate interest funds from the 2005 budget year into the current budget year.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Brannon, to have staff schedule the requested public hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Little discussed the rental strategy included in the 2007-2009 Local Housing Assistance Plan. He requested that the Board approve the requests of two developers who wish to utilize the rental strategy funds for three projects at \$20,000 each. Mr. Little explained that the Board allocated \$50,000 to the rental strategy fund and requested that \$10,000 of substantial rehabilitation funds be transferred to cover the deficit. He stated that the funds can be reallocated if not used. A copy of the SHIP Report was submitted.

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

Mr. Little requested that the Board allow Commissioner Pridgen to sign the forms related to the rental strategy request.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to allow Commissioner Pridgen to sign the applicable forms as requested. It was determined that no vote was needed; therefore, no further action was taken.

Mr. Jim Jones, Walton County Health Department, announced that a vacant

Environmental Scientist position will not be filled due to the decrease in requests for septic tank site evaluations. He explained that private evaluators can be utilized to expedite the procedure and that a list of qualified evaluators will be provided. Mr. Jones also announced that Dr. Biamoni Ross, Secretary, Department of Health, will be present at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Health Department site.

Mr. David Kramer questioned the affect on the budget. Mr. Jones explained that there will be a savings of \$40,000-\$45,000 by not filling the position.

The Board recessed briefly at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Brannon returned from the recess at 6:48 p.m.

Ms. Christina Larson presented a petition in support of creating a light ordinance for a “darkness preservation” special overlay at Shoal Sanctuary in Mossy Head. She gave a brief explanation of the sanctuary and the request. A brochure was also submitted.

Ms. Blackshear requested the Board’s direction as to whether the recommendation should come from the Lighting Committee or if staff should advertise for the appropriate public hearings.

The Board directed staff to work with Ms. Larson and bring more information back to the Board.

Ms. Blackshear announced that the next Lighting Committee meeting will be held on April 3rd at the Mossy Head Community Center.

Ms. Melody Tooke, Mossy Head, requested that the parcel identification numbers of all surrounding affected parcels be listed in their request.

Ms. Mary Jones, Hollow Tree Lane, requested an exemption for rural residential areas in the proposed lighting ordinance.

Mr. Ryan Douglass, Staff Engineer, requested that the Board approve the replacement of three Mosquito Control vehicles (BCC 2783, 2784, & 2785) and the necessary budget transfer of approximately \$65,000 from the operating to the equipment account.

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

Mr. Douglass requested the Board's approval of the Scope of Services with Comprehensive Engineering Services in the amount of \$19,399.87 for the design of a right turn lane on Bruce Avenue. He explained that the project will be done in coordination with a FDOT traffic light installation at the intersection of Bruce Avenue and US Highway 331 and that Comprehensive Engineering Services has been contracted by FDOT for that project.

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

Mr. Brown presented a request from the residents of Shellseekers Drive to enter into a Developer's Agreement allowing them to privately pave and maintain the public right-of-way. He explained that public access is not to be impeded and that an engineering study was submitted and approved by staff.

Mr. Kramer felt that the documents did not contain sufficient information regarding the responsible parties and that the bylaws/articles for the corporations should be included. He also spoke in opposition to a request by the Rosemary Beach Property Owners Association to place an exfiltration system in the county right-of-way.

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

Developer's Agreement with Shellseekers as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Brown presented a request from Sun Cor Development of Northwest Florida, LLC., to enter into a Developer's Agreement allowing them to paint and maintain the fence along the bike path on CR 393.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the Developer's Agreement with Sun Cor Development of Northwest Florida, LLC. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Brown presented a request from Summer Haven South Townhouses, Phase Two to enter into a Developer's Agreement allowing them to extend a retaining wall into the county right-of-way on Scenic 98.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the Developer's Agreement with Summer Haven Townhouses, Phase Two. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Brown presented a request from Rosemary Beach Property Owners Association, Inc., to enter into a Right-of-Way Agreement allowing them to install a stormwater exfiltration system in the CR 30A right-of-way adjacent to Rosemary Beach. He explained that the request stems from drainage issues caused by the filling of county ditches. Mr. Greg Graham, Staff Engineer, added that there are other methods to remedy the drainage issues, but that the requestor is trying to maintain an aesthetic quality.

Commissioner Meadows was not in favor of the request.

After further discussion, the Board directed the Planning Department to consult with Public Works regarding the request.

Mr. Aaron Warren, Assistant County Engineer, requested that the Board approve the re-obligation of funds for the following paving projects, which will not be constructed this calendar year, to the General Maintenance Fund: Water Tower Road (Choctaw area); J.D. Miller Road/North; Freedom Way; Woodlawn Circle; Bay View Cove; Wildwood Street; Pecan Street; West Hewitt Road; Cabbage Rose; Ivy Lane; and Purdue Road and from Goodwin Creek Road which has been completed. He explained that many of the roads have outstanding issues, but will be considered for the 2008 list.

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

Commissioner Comander requested that funds be dedicated to Thompson Road.

Major Danny Glidewell, Department of Corrections, requested that the Board approve a proposed resolution outlining a new fee schedule for the Walton County Justice Facility and a transfer of funds from the Inmate Welfare Fund to the General Revenue Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the requests as presented (**2007-29**). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Major Glidewell requested that the Board allow him to negotiate renting/leasing beds to the Federal Government.

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

(Commissioner Pridgen exited briefly at 6:29 p.m. Commissioner Meadows acted as

Chair until his return.)

Mr. Ed Baltzley, Emergency Response Director, requested that the Board approve a request from the Argyle Fire Department to receive an old metal building frame from the Red Bay Fire Department.

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

Mr. Baltzley requested that the Board approve for the Argyle Fire Department to purchase fuel from Walton County.

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

Mr. Baltzley requested that the Board approve an Affiliation Agreement between Chipola College and Walton County (EMS and Fire Rescue) for training purposes.

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

Ms. Kriss Titus, Tourist Development Director, requested approval of the Scope of Work for the monitoring of the Western Walton County Beach Restoration Project for a total of \$138,807.41.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the Scope of Services as presented . Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Ms. Titus stated that the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance requested to reduce the amount of impervious asphalt area. She stated that the total cost of the project is \$57,000 and that the CBA requested a \$27,000 allocation from the TDC. She requested that the Board approve the use of funds.

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

Ms. Titus reported that American Incline will not be able to complete the Greenwood Street access by the April 30, 2007 deadline. She requested that the Board approve changing the construction plan to that of a typical, wooden boardwalk and to begin construction immediately.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to cancel the contract with American Incline as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to allow the construction of a wooden boardwalk as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

(Commissioner Pridgen returned at 6:35 p.m.)

Ms. Titus also reported that American Incline will not be able to complete the Geronimo Street access by the April 30, 2007 deadline. She discussed the question of the county's ownership of the access and stated that Ms. Mary Kramer, Matthews & Hawkins, advised that the county does own the access. Ms. Titus added that homeowners have since disputed the easement. She requested that the Board cancel the contract with American Incline and move forward with the construction of a typical, wooden boardwalk.

Mr. Burke explained that some homeowners were under the assumption that the county had abandoned the easement, which he felt was erroneous, and that there would be an overburdening of the access. He further advised that approval of the request may bring subsequent litigation against the county.

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

Mr. Bell presented a request by the Economic Development Council for a Commissioner and himself to attend an upcoming trip to Washington D.C. on May 23 & 24, 2007.

The Board concurred that Commissioner Pridgen should attend with Mr. Bell.

Mr. Bell requested that the Board approve the appointment of Commissioner Pridgen to the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).

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

Mr. Bell discussed a letter from Mr. Patrick Pilcher, Walton County Property Appraiser, regarding an additional homestead exemption available to persons 65 years of age or older. He explained that an ordinance will be needed if the Board approves the additional exemption.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Brannon, to have staff draft the appropriate ordinance for the Board's consideration. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. Mr. Robert Newbold regarding an offer for the county to purchase 10 acres for \$85,000 on Triple G Road. He stated that an environmental

analysis by staff revealed that 8.3 of the 9.88 acres is upland and that there is evidence of gopher tortoise activity. He submitted information regarding the parcel and requested direction from the Board regarding an appraisal.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to allow staff to move forward with the appraisal. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. W.C. Henry requested that the Board adopt three resolutions and authorize execution of a deed and two easements prepared by FDOT in conjunction with the project to widen US Highway 331. He added that FDOT provided a letter of assurance that they will pay to relocate a fuel island at the Sheriff's sub-station and an oral assurance that they will pay to relocate sidewalks and sheds.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the three resolutions, each resolution authorizing the Chair to sign the appropriate deed (**2007-30, 2007-31, & 2007-32**). Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Commissioner Meadows requested that the Board accept the dedication of the Escada Subdivision greenway easement for a walking and bicycle path as depicted on the plat.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the dedication of the greenway easement as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

Commissioner Comander stated that she and Commissioner Brannon would like to install eight trash cans along the boardwalks in Bayfield at a cost of \$520 each, for a total of \$4160. She explained that the costs are to be divided evenly between the recreation plat fees of District 1 and

District 4. Chairman Brannon added that he would like Public Works to look into methods of permanently installing the receptacles. Information was submitted.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Meadows, to utilize recreation plat fees, divided equally between Districts 1 and 4, for the purpose of purchasing the trash receptacles. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon Aye, and Comander Aye.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Pridgen called to order a public hearing to discuss final plats and major developments.

Ms. Blackshear presented a request for a one-year extension of Final Development Order for Bay View Estates as provided for in the Land Development Code.

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

Ms. Blackshear presented a request for an extension of a Development Order for Sugar Sand Lane Subdivision as provided for in the Land Development Code.

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

Ms. Blackshear requested a continuance of the proposed Scenic Corridor Design Standards Ordinance until the April 24, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the continuance as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, Brannon

Aye, and Comander Aye.

Ms. Blackshear requested a continuance of the proposed ordinance regulating drive-throughs in the Coastal Center until the May 8, 2007 Regular Board Meeting at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

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

Mr. Tim Brown, Planner, presented Marathon Village, a major development proposal which consists of 175,859 sq. ft. of retail space on 6.68 acres with future land use designations of Coastal Center and Neighborhood Planning Area/Infill. The project is located on the south side of U.S. Highway 98, east of Ellis Road and west of North Holiday Road. Staff found the project consistent with the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan contingent upon the conditions set forth in the staff report and the Planning Commission's final recommendations (**Marathon Village Exhibit # 1**).

(Commissioner Brannon stepped out at 7:49 p.m.)

Mr. Jim Barton, Seaside Engineering and Surveying, was present to represent the applicant, Marathon Group, LLC.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve Marathon Village as presented with the conditions set forth by staff and the Planning Commission. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

Mr. Jason Bryan, Planner, presented Alaqua Valley Commercial Park, a major development proposal which consists of 16 office/warehouses on 22.93 +/- acres with a future

land use designation of Industrial. The project is located on the west side of Indian Creek Road. Staff found the project consistent with the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan contingent upon the conditions set forth in the staff report and the Planning Commission's final recommendations (**Alaqua Valley Commercial Park Exhibit # 1**).

Mr. Jeremy Bracewell, Jenkins, Sanford & Associates, was present to represent the owner, Charity Commercial Park, LLC.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve Alaqua Valley Commercial Park with the conditions set forth by staff and the Planning Commission. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Pridgen Aye, and Comander Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth Pridgen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court