

APRIL 26, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on April 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board Members were present: Commissioner Sara Comander, Chairman; Commissioner Cecilia Jones, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner W. N. (Bill) Chapman; Commissioner Bill Imfeld; and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator, Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney, and Mr. Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller, were also present.

Chairman Comander called the Meeting to order.

Mr. Larry Jones presented the following additions to the agenda.

Additions:

Under Consent Agenda

3.4 (16-0604) Request approval of a resolution to recognize unanticipated revenues and amend the first year of the Election Systems and Software contract into the FY 16 budget

Under Mark Davis, County Attorney

4. (16-0603) Request by the applicant, Sandestin Development, Inc., to continue the Quasi-Judicial Hearing set for April 28, 2016 on the Amended Notice of Proposed Change

Under Commissioner Bill Imfeld, District Three

1. (16-0601) Discussion of surplus sales tax revenue for 331 Bridge and Park Project

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the additions to the agenda as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the agenda. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Comander opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Chapman, to remove the following item from the consent agenda for further discussion: Request to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary application for the Board to apply for tax deeds for 25 properties that are valued by the Property Appraiser at more than \$5,000.00 pursuant to Section 197.502(3), Florida Statutes. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commission Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Consent Agenda with one deletion. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

1. Approve the Expenditure Approval List (EAL) excluding the Waste Management expenditures

		WM	Grand Total
General Fund	\$ 775,571.32		
County Transportation	\$ 423,686.20		
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 2,373,593.80		
Section 8 Housing	\$ 582.40		
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 111,945.33	\$ 6,464.24	
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 5,343.67		
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 17,660.27		
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 286,594.76	\$ 259,284.12	
Bldg. Dept./Enterp. Fund	\$ 1,399.80		
Mossy Head Ind. Park	\$ 348,655.08		
Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 13,689.95		
Tax Increment Financing	\$ 27,784.65		
Totals	\$ 4,386,507.23	\$ 265,748.36	\$4,120,758.87

2. Approve Minutes of the April 12, 2016 Special Meeting, Workshop and Regular Meeting
3. Approve the Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter (January, February, March 2016) from the Life Enrichment Senior Center
4. Replace Kevin Wilkerson as the District Two appointee on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and appoint Charlie McKinley
5. Request to amend the FY 2016 budget for unanticipated grant revenue from the Florida Bar Association in the amount of \$1,500.00

6. Request approval to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Public Works Road Material Account for the CR 285 SCRAP Improvement Project
7. Request approval to transfer \$10,000.00 in budgeted contingency funding for the South Walton Senior Activities Kickoff Event (\$5,000.00) and for the Liberty Community Center (\$5,000.00)
8. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Election Systems and Software, L.L.C. for voting equipment
9. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the second and final option to renew Contract No: 013-012 with Crowder Gulf for Disaster Response Services
10. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the option to renew the contract with SouthData for online storage of scanned documents
11. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Ten-8 Equipment, Inc. for repair and maintenance of Fire Rescue emergency vehicles
12. Request approval of the Multitech Gateway Data Plan invoice in the amount of \$2,805.00 as requested by Fire Rescue
13. Request to approve purchase of a Ranger 3L in an amount not to exceed \$2,895.00 for the survey crew
14. Request to approve purchase of new fence and gates for landfill entrance in an amount not to exceed \$12,530.00
15. ~~Request to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary application for the Board to apply for tax deeds for 25 properties that are valued by the Property Appraiser at more than \$5,000.00 pursuant to Section 197.502(3), Florida Statutes~~
16. Request approval for Emergency Management to submit an application for the Fiscal Year 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program
17. Request approval to apply for a Communities Trust Grant and Unique Abilities funding through DEP State Park

Commissioner Chapman reported his conflict of interest in voting on the Waste Management EAL's and submitted Form 8B to the clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Waste Management Expenditure Approval List in the amount of \$265,748.36. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Chapman

Commissioner Imfeld addressed the tax deed issue removed from the consent agenda for Coyotte Landfill. He voiced concern over the county's liability if they pay for the tax deed and requested Attorney Davis provide his opinion for liability the county may incur due to contamination on the property.

Attorney Davis explained the tax deed certificate process according to F.S. 197.432(5) for tax certificates not sold. F.S. 197.4725 states for those properties struck to the county, anyone can purchase those tax certificates. After two years anyone can apply for a tax deed through an auction process and the tax certificate holder is paid from the proceeds of the auction. For tax certificates the county holds for properties over \$5,000 in value, the county is required to apply for the tax deeds. He further stated the county must apply for the tax deed, but is not required to bid on the tax deed at auction and encouraged the county not to bid on the Coyotte Landfill property for multiple reasons. The property would then go on a list of unclaimed properties that could then be purchased by anyone. If the property later escheats to the county, Florida Statutes provide significant liability protections including no responsibility for ground water contamination.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the item removed from the consent agenda authorizing the Chairman to sign the necessary application for the Board to apply for tax deeds for 25 properties that are valued by the Property Appraiser at more than \$5,000.00 pursuant to Section 197.502(3), Florida Statute with the understanding the county will not bid on the Coyotte Landfill property.

Commissioner Chapman stated the property is in his district and will be a significant cost to perform proper closure of the landfill. He stated they have been in communications with the DEP and owner to get it closed properly. There is one portion of the property that no one will ever be able to build on and will be of no value to anyone.

Mr. Jones commented on the county working with DEP, as a third party, for the closure of the landfill and is currently considering an agreement with DEP to properly close the facility at no cost to the county. DEP has funds available to assist in the closure, but needed a third party

to participate. Commissioner Imfeld questioned if DEP knew the nature of the ground water contamination. Mr. Jones stated they did not know. Commissioner Imfeld asked that caution be taken regarding any county staff on that site until the information is provided.

Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Comander commended Commissioner Chapman for working with the City of Freeport and local individuals in an attempt to get the Coyotte Landfill cleaned up.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve a Resolution (2016-27) recognizing May 1-7, 2016 as Correctional Officer's Week in Walton County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Meadows, to approve the updated Public Safety Coordinating Council. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. This Council is important to the COPE Center for receiving grants.

Mr. Jones requested authorization to move forward with obtaining an appraisal for Parcels 25-3N-19-19070-001-6270 and 25-3N-19-19070-001-6271 (total of 1.69 acres), which adjoins the Walton County Department of Health Facility, for much needed additional parking space. The appraisals will be paid from the Health Department's Budget allocated by the county.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve obtaining appraisals for the Walton County Health Department. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to award, approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station Engineering Design & Permitting

and Design in the amount of \$336,727.05. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to award Invitation to Bid No.: 016-015 Collection and Purchase of Recyclable and Salvageable Materials to Waste Management. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Abstain, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement 016-015 with Waste Management for Collection and Purchase of Recyclable and Salvageable Materials. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman abstained, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones presented a request asking for direction on the conceptual design for Highway 331 landscaping between the Clyde Wells Bridge and Highway 98. This project is funded through FDOT's bridge contract. DOT allocates 1% of each project to landscaping. As currently designed the project will need investments in future costs for the project to thrive beyond the two year funding. Mr. Stan Sunday, Deputy County Administrator, stated FDOT's budget will take care of it for two years and though there is no obligation to the county, the project will need to be taken care of in order to continue thriving. Commissioner Meadows questioned if the \$6 million left in the bridge funding could be dedicated to this project. Mr. Jones stated that could be looked into. Chairman Comander suggested discussing it with TDC due to it being the gateway to south Walton. She also voiced objection to using boulders in the design. Commissioner Meadows agreed.

Commissioner Imfeld asked for Ms. Leigh Moore, Scenic Corridor Foundation, to address the Board. Ms. Moore stated landscaping has been one of their primary goals for years.

They are excited but also have concerns with this project. Their concerns relate to the boulders, crushed shell, Shumard Oak Trees, and Palm Trees. They feel the design should be cohesive to what is currently growing and is easily maintained. She commented on the importance of it thriving and it being the gateway into south Walton. Commissioner Jones asked for a legislative finding to consider using TDC funding for this project as well as the boat ramp on the north side of the bridge. Mr. Jones stated he will check into that as well as using bridge money as requested by Commissioner Meadows.

Mr. Jones stated when a decision is made to move forward with irrigation it will determine what type of landscaping can be used. This will be brought back at the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to award RFP 016-007 to Information Transportation Services for E-Rate services to the libraries as part of the ongoing fiber optics efforts. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to award Bid plus Alternate 1 for ITB #016-010 CR285 SCRAP Improvements Project to MidSouth paving in the amount of \$1,366,041.18. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 016-010 for CR285 Improvement Project with MidSouth Paving. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve to seek proposals from the county's Professional Continuing Engineering Services for CEI Services for

the Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. Mr. Chance Powell, Public Works, stated they will present responses at the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the landowner/property manager agreement for retrofitting existing lighting with turtle friendly lighting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones presented an update on the 10 Acre parcel adjacent to Helen McCall Park. He presented a summary of findings from the Environmental staff who reviewed the property and advised that it would entail substantial funding for wetland mitigation and development. Commissioner Meadows recommended passing based on allocation of resources that can be done less expensive.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a new contract with Simpleview to continue the TDC's Customer Relationship Management Application Services at a cost of \$23,500.00 as presented by Mr. Jason Cutshaw, TDC Director of Administration. The program has been utilized by staff since 2010 and is used to track company details. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jay Tusa, Executive Director of TDC, and Mr. Brian Kellenberger, Beach Activities Director, requested direction from the Board on the Walton Dunes Public Beach Access. Mr. Kellenberger presented a timeline of how the issues transpired at Walton Dunes beginning in 2004. He asked how the commissioners would like him to move forward with the remaining beach accesses. He spoke about land conveyance from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the county. Some of the terms of conveyance through the Recreation and Public Purposes Act

include opening the property for recreation and public purpose. Mr. Kellenberger asked for direction on how the TDC should proceed on that property. Mr. Tusa recommended holding a workshop. Commissioner Meadows asked for a copy of the conveyance document from the BLM. Mr. Kellenberger stated the conveyance also included the Inlet Beach property, One Seagrove property and Ft. Panic/Dune Allen property. Discussion followed regarding the cul-de-sac created at One Seagrove for loading and unloading. Mr. Kellenberger stated there were no plans to develop Walton Dunes at the time the Land Management Plan was submitted. Commissioner Meadows asked for information regarding the dune. Mr. Kellenberger explained where the dunes are located and stated the plan does not compromise the dune at all. The conceptual design is to show what can be done at that location and to help minimize further destruction of the dune. Commissioner Meadows requested a map overlay be provided to show the existing dunes. Chairman Comander asked Mr. Kellenberger to visit each commissioner individually to further discuss the issue.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to hold a workshop on June 14th to discuss the Walton Dunes Public Beach Access. Commissioner Meadows stated she would like a separate meeting at the South Walton Courthouse Annex from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Commissioner Jones agreed.

Commissioner Meadows amended the motion to hold a Public Workshop on June 8, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 at South Walton Courthouse Annex to discuss Walton Dunes, second by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jones requested Mr. Kellenberger contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to ensure activities in this area will not affect the beach mouse.

Mr. Tommy Bowden, resident of Walton County, stated you will have to drive through the proposed parking lot to get to his home and commented on a street going through a parking

lot. He spoke about the "No-Parking" signs that have been placed in that location due to several safety issues occurring. He stated his main concern is with safety, but that is not listed in the AVCON Report. An additional concern is the existing parking lot, which is never full and questioned why another parking lot is needed. He also commented it was his understanding that was a neighborhood beach access, not a regional beach access. Mr. Bowden also spoke about the sand dunes and the extensive process he had to go through when requesting to build sand dunes and questioned how the county can get permission to tear them down. He stated he is against this.

Ms. Beverly Humphry requested the commissioners take more time to review the documents before holding a meeting and asked the county to send out notices to homeowners. Attorney Davis stated the county does not send notices. Chairman Comander stated this would be a public workshop and a vote cannot be taken. Ms. Humphry stated the documents to be reviewed are extensive and asked the workshop be postponed an additional month. Commissioner Jones' office will send out notices to anyone who has sent her an email on this issue.

Further discussion was held regarding a dead end sign and the lack of a location for people to turn around. Commissioner Jones stated there is one at the existing paved parking lot, but suggested one being placed just passed the parking lot on the right. Commissioner Meadows suggested placing a "No Outlet" sign at the end of the BLM property on the eastern end and the turn-a-round on the north side of right of way.

Ms. Kristen Nostrand stated she was present to request the commissioners rescind their previous vote from the April 12th meeting and to request approval of capital improvements for the new beach access at Walton Dunes Neighborhood Beach Access because the proposal was

voted on prematurely and without the necessary steps. Another request was for the BCC to incorporate the following in any BCC vote or workshop regarding the Walton Dunes Neighborhood Beach Access: 1) completion of an environmental study of beach access and the dunes in between the two sandy accesses; 2) neighborhood safety study; 3) neighborhood traffic study; 4) parking needs study; and 5) completion of surveys to determine easements and property ownership. She stated these requests are because of the April 12th meeting in which the BCC voted based on misinformation from a TDC vote that never took place. Ms. Nostrand submitted an email from Marina Daniel addressed to the commissioners regarding a timeline for meetings held regarding the Walton Dunes Neighborhood Beach Access.

Ms. Tina Baron, voiced concern regarding the Walton Dunes Neighborhood Beach Access and asked the commissioners to visit that location. She stated she wants it to be recognized as a neighborhood beach access. She spoke about their close knit neighborhood and stated this change will disturb their neighborhood and affect the quality of their life.

Mr. Steve Johnston, full time resident of Walton County, stated his road that was constructed to serve seven homes is being destroyed by the amount of traffic and trucks using it as a turnaround. The HOA has voted to close the street because of the destruction from the public. He requested clarification for the location of the proposed hammerhead turnaround. Commissioner Meadows explained the proposed location. Mr. Johnston requested an updated topography map of the dunes for the workshop.

Chairman Comander restated the motion to hold a Public Workshop on June 8, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 at South Walton Annex to discuss Walton Dunes Beach Access. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Tusa stated there were no updates.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to open the Public Hearing to consider a budget amendment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Melissa Thomason, Walton County Finance Director, requested an amendment to the FY 2015-2016 budget for 30A Proportionate Fair Share revenue and expenditures for the Highway 30A Overlay Project in the amount of \$358,758.00. She stated this was part of the realignment of funding for the underground utility work from Liveoak to Seaside.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for 30A Proportionate Fair Share revenue and expenditures for the Highway 30A Overlay Project in the amount of \$358,758.00. There were no public comments. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Meadows, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis presented a request to approve the dismissal, with prejudice, of all claims, including appeals filed for and on behalf of Walton County, Florida against the Department of Juvenile Justice and authorize the Chairman to sign any necessary release and waivers with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. He stated Legislature passed a Bill authorizing a 50/50 split of pre-adjudication detention costs for juvenile delinquents.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the dismissal against the Department of Juvenile Justice as stated by Attorney Davis. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested approval of two new policies for the Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual regarding grants – Procurement with Federal Funds and Conflicts of Interest. The Federal Government has produced a new Circular requiring the county to have a policy on how the county can procure services and goods with Federal grant money and a Conflict of Interest Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve two new policies for the Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual regarding grants – Procurement with Federal Funds and Conflicts of Interest. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis presented a request for approval and authorization of signature on the General Release agreed upon by the parties in Abbott et al. v. Olson et al., Case Number 3:14-cv-646-MCR/EMT.

Commissioner Imfeld and Chairman Comander recused themselves from the Abbott et al. v. Olson et al. issue and filed Form 8B: Voting Conflict of Interest. Chairman Comander stepped down as Chair and Vice-Chairman Jones accepted the position of Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the General Release agreed upon by the parties in Abbott et al. v. Olson et al., Case Number 3:14-cv-646-MCR/EMT containing the language regarding the U.S. Attorney Federal Judgement, with the caveat the Chair will not sign the agreement until the other parties have signed before the county. Ayes 2, Nays 1. Imfeld Abstain, Comander Abstain, Chapman Aye, Jones Nay, Meadows Aye. Motion passed 2/1 in favor.

Attorney Davis stated he received a request by the applicant/declarant of Sandestin Development Inc. to continue the quasi-judicial hearing set for April 28, 2016 on their amended

Notice of Proposed Change. He forwarded the request to Attorney's Heath, Hunter, Theriaque, and Stewart who had no objections to continuing the hearing. Attorney Davis requested a tentative hearing date of Friday, September 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with the location to be announced later. Commissioner Imfeld recused himself and submitted Form 8B.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to continue the quasi-judicial hearing and tentatively it set for September 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Meadows requested the motion include for all documents to be provided, in hand, two full business weeks prior to the September 9th meeting for review.

Commissioner Jones amended the motion to include that documents must be provided two weeks prior to the hearing, Commissioner Chapman seconded the amended motion. The venue is to be determined. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Abstain, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. (Form 8B submitted as part of his previous recusal)

Discussion was held regarding the amount of ex-parte communications and the easiest way to store it. Staff will download each commissioner's ex-parte joint emails to a zip drive and they will be responsible for submitting individual emails.

Commissioner Meadows commented on the number of calls she has received regarding quiet titles and asked Attorney Davis to bring options on getting involved in these cases, both old and new cases.

Commissioner Imfeld stated the county has finished collecting sales tax for the bridge project and there are now some preliminary indications that the remaining funds can only be used for the bridge or park. He requested to meet with Mr. Tusa and Mr. Jones along with getting public input to find out the desires for expenditures and enhancements to the bridge/park area for citizen and tourists. A determination needs to be made as to where those funds can be spent other

than the bridge and the park at the south end of the bridge. He requested staff determine a date to hold a workshop for public comments.

Chairman Comander questioned if the use of the money would have to be taken back to the voters since they had to vote the tax into place. Attorney Davis said they would not be required to vote, it could be decided with a super majority vote of the Board. Mr. Jones agreed to bring information back to the Board for a workshop date.

Commissioner Jones did not present any items for discussion.

Commissioner Chapman stated he had met with Secretary Barfield and Administrator Jones regarding the expenditure of the \$6million. He said it would be best to wait until the bridge is completed and signed off on by the State. Commissioner Chapman agreed that it would be best to hold a workshop for discussion on how and where the money can be spent and if it can be spent on the north side of the bridge. He stated there will be a slight realignment of the south bound lanes to the west encroaching into the old wayside park. Until completion, it is unknown how much space will be left and what needs to be done at that location.

Motion by Chairman Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve a resolution **(2016-28)** recognizing May 1 – 7, 2016 as National Small Business Week in Walton County presented on behalf of the DeFuniak Springs Business and Professional Regulations. Chairman Comander commented on them being the core of our workforce. Commissioner Meadows also voiced her appreciation to small business owners and stated there are many new small businesses in Walton County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Comander opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Tammy Wilder addressed the commissioners requesting assistance with people speeding on Alaqua Road in the Portland area. There are children who live and play there and people who walk up and down the road. She has met with a deputy in an attempt to get assistance and asked for a stop sign at Don Blizzard Road and Thelma Road requiring people to slow down before reaching the residential area. She also requested the county to install a stop sign and was told there was not enough traffic to warrant one.

Commissioner Imfeld asked that someone from the Sheriff's Office look into the speeding issue.

Commissioner Chapman stated whatever mechanism is put in place to help fix the problem will take enforcement and a combined effort from all parties to make it work.

Mr. Chance Powell presented an aerial picture of the location. Commissioner Jones commented on traffic calming devices and suggested staff bring policy back to the board relating to traffic control.

Chairman Comander spoke about the use of zip strips to slow people down.

Mr. Powell stated he had visited the site and there is currently no speed limit sign for south bound traffic. The current speed is 25 MPH from Highway 20 to Thelma Road and then 15 MPH from Thelma Road to the end of Alaqua Road. The entire road is approximately one mile. He stated county staff just installed two more speed limit signs of 25 MPH on Alaqua Road after turning off of Highway 20 and one near Don Blizzard Road. Mr. Powell stated he also has a traffic counter in place recording speed. In order to warrant an all way stop it requires an equal volume of traffic on all roads. Commissioner Chapman asked about placing the stop sign at Thelma Road. Commissioner Meadows suggested a stop sign at Don Blizzard Road and Children at Play signs. Mr. Powell stated he had met with Deputy Infinger and they will put the radar out

there. Chairman Comander suggested a lower speed, but consistent speed for the entire road along with stop signs and zip strips if necessary. Commissioner Chapman recommended placing a stop sign at Thena Road rather than Don Blizzard Road. The commissioners also agreed that zip strips need to be placed at Don Blizzard Road.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve changing the speed limit on Alaqua Drive to begin 15 MPH north of Don Blizzard Road to the bay, install zip strips at Don Blizzard Road, install children at play signs, and place stop signs for an all-way stop at Thena Road. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Cliff Knauer stated he submitted a grant application for replacing the boat ramp at Dead River. The Florida Boating Improvement Project staff has reviewed the application and indicated the lease on the property needs to be 20 years to qualify for the grant. The lease needs to be renewed with the Water Management District. Mr. Knauer requested the Board send a letter to the Management District's Executive Director requesting to renew the lease for 20 years which would then qualify the county for funding.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to direct County Administration to send a letter to Mr. Barron, Executive Director of the Florida Water Management District, requesting to renew the lease of the Dead River Boat Ramp property for a period of 20 years. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

The commissioners recessed briefly.

Mr. Mac Carpenter, Planning Manager, presented a request to transmit Portland Community LSA 2015-020. The LSA application submitted on behalf of Walton County is a

request for approval to change the future land use designation of +/- 109 acres from General Commercial to Rural Low Density on property located approximately 3.5 miles west of the SR 20 and US Highway 331 intersection on both the north and south side of Highway 331. The change is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve to transmit Portland Community LSA as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

The Quasi-Judicial Hearing was called to order and Attorney Davis administered the oath to those intending to speak. There were no objections to the advertisements. Attorney Davis instructed that any Ex Pate forms are to be submitted to the clerk.

Mr. Carpenter requested the Methvin petition for abandonment and Martha's Lane Townhomes both be continued.

Discussion was held regarding these projects having to go before the Planning Commission again if they are continued. Mr. Carpenter stated they would not. The Planning Commission made recommendations to amend the project and the applicant will have to make those changes. They did not approve the entire abandonment request which requires an amendment to the project so they are requesting a continuance. Commissioner Imfeld questioned how the Board will know if what they are amending satisfies the Planning Commission. Mr. Carpenter stated the staff report will confirm it along with the minutes from the Planning Commission. Attorney Davis noted if the abandonment is not approved then the project changes. Commissioner Meadows stated the project needs to be reviewed before the developer redesigns and resubmits the project. Attorney Davis stated the redesign could be rejected and the original application could be approved if the Board chooses to, or reject the entire project. Mr. Jones

reminded the commissioners they will be considering the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the abandonment prior to any development. Attorney Davis recommended the applicant may want to get the abandonment approved first. Commissioner Meadows voiced concern with the applicant making the changes in good faith in hopes it will be approved. Mr. Carpenter stated they understand they are proceeding at their own risk in an attempt to accommodate the Planning Commission before it is presented to the commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to continue the Methvin petition for abandonment to the May 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to continue Martha's Lane Townhomes to the May 10, 2016 as requested by the applicant. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

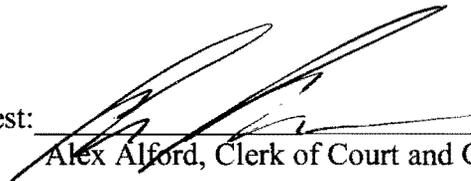
Mr. Carpenter presented the final plat for Park Place at Inlet Beach. Voelker Surveying requested approval to replat 10 lots within the Park Place at Inlet Beach Subdivision with a future land use of Neighborhood Infill. The project is located on South Orange Street. The Development Order was approved by the Board in 2008 reducing the side setbacks from 7.5' to 5' with the exception of the perimeter buffer. This plat is a result of the 2008 Development Order.

Commissioner Meadows questioned the redactions. Ms. Melissa Ward appeared before the Board on behalf of the applicant and further explained the site plans and drainage location.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Park Place at Inlet Beach Re-plat subject to all comments and conditions being satisfied. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Approved: 
Sara Comander, Chair

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller