

JULY 26, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on July 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; and Commissioner Bill Imfeld and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator, Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney, and Mr. Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller, were also present.

Chairman Comander called the meeting to order and recognized Freeport City Council Members Ms. Janice McLean and Ms. Kasey Cuchens who were present in the audience.

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

Additions:

Consent Agenda – Budget Amendment Resolutions/Transfers

2. Request to approve a Resolution amending the FY 2015-2016 budget in the General Fund for unanticipated grant revenue from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$19,720

Administration

5. Request permission to draft a RFP for feasibility/engineering phase one for the Walton County Intermodal Transportation Innovation Project and bring back for approval

Public Works

7. Request permission to advertise for bids for the maintenance and repair to multiphase traffic control signals

County Attorney

2. Request direction regarding enforcement options for violations of Section 22-55, Beach Activities Ordinance, during the pendency of litigation challenging the provision
3. Hold a special meeting for an Executive Session on August 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in DeFuniak Springs re: 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc., et al vs. Walton County, Case No.: 15-5619GM

Deletions:

Consent Agenda – Administrative Items

5. Request to approve the disposition of records which have met retention in accordance with State of Florida General Records Schedule GS1-SL as requested by Administration
4. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement between Walton County Fire Rescue and Dell Financial Services in the amount of \$40,530.48

Attorney Davis requested approval to hold a Special Meeting for an Executive Session on August 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in DeFuniak Springs re: 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc., et al vs. Walton County, Case No.: 15-5619GM. Due to advertising deadlines he requested an immediate motion be made.

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

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve to hold a Special Meeting for an Executive Session on August 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs re: 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc., et al vs. Walton County, Case No.: 15-5619GM. Those in attendance will be the Board of County Commissioners; Larry Jones, County Administrator; Mark Davis, County Attorney; Sidney Noyes, Assistant County Attorney; Larry Sellers and Nathan Adams, Attorneys representing Walton County; and a certified court reporter. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Comander opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. David Kramer addressed the commissioners regarding two parcels of property being considered for purchase for parking solutions. He spoke about the need to inform the public of the negotiation process in order to keep it in the Sunshine, yet maintaining confidentiality. He

also asked what methodology, expense, and long-term maintenance of how transportation will evolve from the properties to the beach accesses.

Ms. Mary Nielson stated the parcel on C.R. 283 South has been under contract on the MLS since May 23rd and asked if the contract is by Walton County or any of its representatives. Mr. Jones stated he was not aware it was under contract and is not aware of anyone that acted on behalf of the county. Neither Mr. Jones nor the commissioners were aware the property was under contract when they decided to obtain an appraisal. Commissioner Meadows stated many properties have contracts on them, but agents also accept backup contracts. Ms. Nielson felt the county should find out if property has an active contract and if they accept back up offers.

Ms. Suzanne Harris spoke about the county obtaining appraisals before knowing the Grayton property already had a contract on it.

There were no items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Chapman stated he has been working with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the City of Freeport to obtain \$1.6 million for closure of Coyote Landfill and should begin the closure process soon. Chairman Comander commended Commissioner Chapman and City of Freeport for their hard work to make the closure possible.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye, Meadows Aye.

Clerk:

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

General Fund	\$ 201,915.60
County Transportation	\$ 19,877.32

Mosq. Control State	\$ 475.00
Section 8 Housing	\$ 47.78
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 25,036.83
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 974.56
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 189.12
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 2,419.93
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	<u>\$ 1,081.68</u>
Totals	\$ 252,017.82

2. Approve Minutes of the July 7, 2016 and July 11, 2016 Budget Workshops and the July 12, 2016 Workshop and Regular Meeting

Administration:

1. Request to surplus BCC# 718 Generator from Public Works D-4 Yard, BCC# 4549 HP Laser Printer, BCC# 6361 and BCC# 6343 Dell Poweredge Servers, and several miscellaneous items from the Walton County Public Defender's office
2. Request to approve Library Policies as requested by the Library Advisory Board
3. Request to approve Walton County Farmer's market Policies and Procedures
4. Approve the Annual 5-year Public Housing Agency Plan and allow the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as requested by the Housing Director
5. ~~Request to approve the disposition of records which have met retention in accordance with State of Florida General Records Schedule GS1-L as requested by Administration~~
6. Request permission to draft a RFP for feasibility/engineering phase one for the Walton County Intermodal Transportation Innovation Project and bring back for approval
7. Request permission to advertise for bids for the maintenance and repair to multiphase traffic control signals

Budget Amendment Resolutions/Transfers:

1. Request to approve a Resolution **(2016-49)** amending the FY 2015-2016 budget in the General Fund for unanticipated grant revenue from the Florida Division of Elections for the Supervisor of Elections Office in the amount of \$34,848.00
2. Request to approve a Resolution **(2016-48)** amending the FY 2015-2016 budget in the General Fund for unanticipated grant revenue from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$19,720

Agreements/Contracts:

1. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Extension and Amendment to Contract No. 014-014 for Health Insurance Consultant Services with Combined Insurance Services of North Florida, Inc.

2. Request to approve and authorized the Chairman to sign a contract agreement with BurrellesLuce Services, LLC for media monitoring services
3. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Second Option to Renew and Amend the Agreement with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast, Inc. for the Maintenance of the Multipurpose Fields
4. ~~Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement between Walton County Fire Reseue and Dell Financial Services in the amount of \$40,530.48~~
5. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the engagement letter with Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A. for legal services in relation to Emergency Services Professionals of Walton County Local 4413
6. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the amendment to Master Services Agreement WAN/Internet Access Contract with Information Transport Solutions (ITS)
7. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 016-017 Agreement for Transportation Planning Professional Services with Renaissance Planning Group, Inc.
8. Request to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the DEP Contract No. SW234; Closure Service Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Environmental protection and Walton County

Expenditure Requests:

1. Request to approve the complete refurbish and overhaul on the Bandit Beast 3680 Chipper/Recycler in the amount of \$135,570.11 as requested by the Solid Waste Department
2. Request to purchase a 2016 FORD F-350 Crew Cab 4X4 in an amount not to exceed \$45,441.00 to replace BCC #5798, which is too costly to repair, as requested by Public Works
3. Request to purchase a HRA 10-12 Advantage Series Compressor for the shop in the amount of \$4,385.64
4. Request to allocate up to \$2,000.00 in District One Recreation Plat Fees to replace the ice machine at the Red Bay Community Center
5. Request permission to advertise for bids for the maintenance and repair to multiphase traffic control signals

Attorney Davis presented the following items to be presented for discussion during his presentation.

1. Request direction regarding enforcement options for violations of Section 22-55, Beach Activities Ordinance, during the pendency of litigation challenging the provision
2. Hold a special meeting for an executive session on August 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in DeFuniak Springs re: 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc., et al vs. Walton County, Case No.: 15-5619GM

Commissioner Chapman announced his conflict regarding the Waste Management EAL's and submitted Form 8B to the Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Waste Management EAL's. (There were no Waste Management bills.) Ayes 4, Nays 0. Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman abstained.

Mr. Larry Jones presented the commissioner's short list of firms to interview at a special meeting on August 9, 2016 in relation to the selection process for continuing service firms for Professional Engineering Services and asked the commissioners to rank them to select the top six (6) firms for interviews. Commissioner Meadows announced her conflict and stated she would abstain from the ranking. She submitted FORM 8B Voting Conflict Form for the record.

Mr. Jones announced the first board meeting in August will be held in DFS beginning at 3:00 p.m. for engineer presentations followed at 4:00 p.m. with the Regular Meeting and the second meeting will be held at the courthouse annex in Santa Rosa Beach at 9:00 a.m. due to the elections office utilizing the board room.

Mr. Jones stated the Board previously approved to apply for the FDOT Service Development Grant for Public Transportation and allow West Florida Regional Planning Council to assist in writing the grant. He presented the results of an internal survey of employees and constitutional officers to determine the level of interest in the service. He stated there are grants available. Commissioner Meadows agreed with looking into available grants. She also spoke about providing transportation to outlying offices and taxi rides for employees who may need to get to a doctor. Commissioner Comander spoke about accommodating employees in order to make the program workable. Commissioner Jones asked about a pilot program for a trial run.

Mr. Joel Paul, Jr., Executive Director - Tri-County Community Council, stated they are the community transportation coordinator and agreed a pilot program would be good. Specific funding has not been identified other than a community assistance grant. He stated Mr. Rob Mayhan, West Florida Regional Planning Council, was asked to look at a service development grant, which is a three year grant and would then revert to local businesses or local government to support. He recommended trying a pilot program and stated he would be willing to help compile program costs. Mr. Paul stated the Disadvantaged Transportation Funding would not be used as a source of revenue for this program.

Commissioner Imfeld questioned if specifics of the program would need to be established prior to applying for funding. Mr. Mayhan suggested using the commuter assistance funding for one summer to see how well it does. This program is not limited to three years. Mr. Mayhan stated the county would apply for a set amount of funding then the services provided would need to fall within that amount unless the county wanted to provide additional funding. Commissioner Meadows felt it would be worth considering. Mr. Mayhan stated they are also looking into providing east-west service from the Bay County to Okaloosa County lines. Mr. Jones stated staff will work with Mr. Paul and Mr. Mayhan. Commissioner Comander recognized Mr. Joel Paul for his service as a former County Commissioner.

Mr. Dave Rauschkolb stated he attended the Transportation Workshop in Seaside and felt the county needs to go big with community transportation. He represents 330 employees during the summer and considering all of the employees who work in south Walton; it is a big industry. Community transportation should be embraced and it will be a win/win for everyone. Mr. Rauschkolb stated it will take time for people to get used to change, but it will benefit everyone if it is transportation they can depend on.

Mr. Jones will bring back the information at a later meeting.

Mr. Jones presented the appraisal for property fronting U.S. Highway 83 as requested by the Health Department. The appraisal came in at \$130,000.00 and the seller is willing to accept the appraised value. He requested authorization to proceed with the property acquisition process as requested by the Walton County Department of Health. Commissioner Comander questioned the use of the property. Ms. Holly Holt stated they are using it primarily for parking, but if they continue to grow there may be an option to use the building. The most critical need is parking due to the DeFuniak office being the hub for this region. Commissioner Imfeld questioned the budget aspect of the purchase. Ms. Holt said this one-time funding is excess money that was accrued through fees and no other budgets will be impacted.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve moving forward with the property acquisition as requested for the purchase of property adjacent to the Walton County Health Department in the amount of \$130,000. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the appointment of Ms. Janice McLean to the RiverWay South Apalachicola Choctawhatchee Board of Directors as the At Large Representative for Walton County. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Alex Alford read into the record each of the commissioner's scoring sheets for professional engineering services. The top five firms were: Atkins; Dewberry-Preble Rish; Genesis Group; Polyengineering, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Chapman, to accept the top five firms for interviews. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Abstained. Interviews will be held 3:00 p.m. on August 9, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Jones, to award, approve, and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 016-028 for Artificial Reef Construction and Deployment Services with Coleen Marine, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000.00 as the only responsive bidder.

Attorney Davis recommended a minor change in the contract to state Ms. Melinda Gates or her designee shall be present at time of deployment. Ms. Gates stated this is to ensure the placement of the modules are in the correct location.

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

Mr. Jones presented a request to draft an RFP for the Feasibility Engineering phase for the Walton County Intermodal Transportation Innovation project. The RFP would be brought back for approval at the next meeting for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve drafting the RFP for the Feasibility Engineering phase for the Walton County Intermodal Transportation Innovation project. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve staff to sign and submit an application and associated permit documents to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Army Corp of Engineers for a permit modification to the Miramar Site #3 – Artificial Reef Site to allow for the deployment of a submarine by the Emerald Coast

Reef Association as presented by Mr. Jones. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones explained that bids were received for construction of the restroom facilities at Helen McCall Park. However, the lowest bid was approximately \$44,700.00 over budget. He therefore requested the Board reallocate the \$55,000.00 from the restroom construction funds to the new press box/concession stand allowing the restrooms to be constructed as part of the press box/concession stand facility.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to reject ITB #016-025 Helen McCall Park restroom facility, reallocate \$55,000.00 in budgeted funds, and allow Public Works to facilitate the design of restrooms into the press box and concession stand facility currently under design. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve advertisement for construction bids for County Highway 30A Parking Improvements at Grayton Beach. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones presented an update on a previous request to maintain Blue Bayou Drive stating Public Works recommended denial of this request because it does not meet the current standards of the Land Development Code. No action was taken. The road may be a candidate for an MSBU for the residents and he would like to discuss this with the residents. Commissioner Comander suggested staff meet with the neighbors.

Mr. Jones requested review of the Traffic Calming Policy and asked each commissioner to provide comments back to staff. The comments and questions will be brought back at the next meeting. Commissioner Imfeld asked if this would be coordinated with the sheriff as well. Mr.

Jones stated he will get with the sheriff after receiving comments from the commissioners. Chairman Comander voiced concern regarding people driving too fast in the Choctaw Beach area and spoke about the need to slow people down. Commissioner Jones stated there are problems in Paxton also and this is for the purpose of defining a policy.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve advertising for bids for maintenance and repair of multi-phase traffic signals/controls as presented by Mr. Jones. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. John Ervin, TDC, presented information relating to RFP 01-021 Advertising Service stating he has been through the entire publishing process and has evaluated all 11 firms. He requested to proceed with the top evaluated firm, Zehnder Communications, for FY 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to award RFP 016-021 Advertising Services to the top ranked firm, Zehnder Communications. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Tusa presented an update regarding the parcel on CR 283 S (Grayton Grand property) and requested authorization to negotiate with the owner for the purchase. He stated the property could be used to help with parking issues in south Walton. Mr. Tusa stated the asking pricing is \$7,785,000. One appraisal was \$7 million and one was \$7,578,000. He requested to move forward with the purchase.

In response to earlier discussion, Mr. Jones read an email from the broker stating there is no contract on the property and stated the county has not signed any contract. Commissioner Meadows asked how many parking spaces could be placed on that property. Mr. Tusa will present a plan for the property back to the board, but estimated roughly 300-350 spaces. He

stated other considerations such as a public/private partnership should also be considered while negotiating. Brief discussion was held on the best use of the property. Commissioner Imfeld commented on previous direction given to TDC to find solutions for parking and transportation. The commissioners were in agreement to move forward with looking at a proposed plan for the property. Mr. Tusa will bring some options back to the board for review.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve for Mr. Tusa to negotiate for the purchase of the Grayton Grand property on CR 283 S while developing a planned use for the property.

Ms. Mary Nielson suggested the county come up with the actual cost per parking space for how many spaces would be built. She also questioned spending over \$7 million on parking and feels a fee should be charged to park. Ms. Nielson encouraged the county to seriously consider a parking garage for best utilization of the space stating other buildings are four stories and parking should be also. She said taxpayer money is being used and pay-for-parking would provide a return on the investment. Commissioner Meadows felt surface parking is the most feasible at this time and stated it averages \$20k per space in a parking garage.

Mr. Kramer spoke about the four acres of wetlands on the parcel, which has mostly been filled, and stated there are currently 177 parking spaces available. He commented on the Intermodal transportation and acquiring property north of U.S. Highway 98 where property is more affordable.

Ms. Jackie Markel stated she would like to see bicycle services where you can pick up a bike and drop it off at another location so people do not have to rent a bike for the entire day.

Commissioner Chapman questioned how much of the property is wetlands. Mr. Tusa stated approximately three acres. He further questioned if the plan is to mitigate and fill the

wetland portion, if not why pay that much for four usable acres. Chairman Comander instructed Mr. Tusa to bring back all options.

Ms. Suzanne Harris suggested building the foundation pad strong enough to be able to add a deck later. According to the appraisal, best use of the property is a hotel/condo and she also requested the price per space. She also asked for clarification of the agent showing a contract on the property.

Ayes 4, Nays 1. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Nay, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Tusa asked to negotiate for property on west County Highway 30A located between Ed Walline Regional Beach Access and Gulf View Heights Regional Beach Access. The property is 2.7 acres with room for 169 parking spaces. Chairman Comander suggested Mr. Tusa also provide a plan for this parcel including how many spaces, any wetlands, access, public/private partnership and any other considerations in order to make the best decision. Commissioner Meadows stated there is not a land use for just parking and that needs to be considered.

Commissioner Chapman voiced concerns with using parking garages but there is landscaping that will soften the aesthetics of a building. He suggested looking at how to fit it in the community aesthetically. Commissioner Imfeld would like to consider a public/private partnership with a developer or construction company for a parking garage then consider parking fees.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve for TDC to negotiate for the purchase of property on West County Highway 30A and present a plan of use back to the board for the property.

Commissioner Meadows questioned if TDC Bed Tax monies would be used for these parcels. Mr. Tusa stated he is currently reviewing the funding aspect and will report back to the board.

Mr. Kramer said this parcel is a better parcel but overpriced and recommended strongly negotiating the price. The property is level and good for parking. He spoke about approaching a public/private partnership and suggested additional uses on top of a garage for best use. Commissioner Meadows commented on not placing parking in the middle of any neighborhood.

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

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Release of Lien and Satisfaction of Mortgage for a SHIP Mortgage for James and Amy Rasz upon receipt of the funds necessary to satisfy the mortgage and promissory note as presented by Attorney Davis. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested direction regarding violations of the Beach Activities Ordinance during pending litigation. The amendment adopted in June banned fences and signs on the sandy portion of the beach seaward of the vegetation line. Through efforts of code enforcement, there was a good response to remove those items. However, there are two lawsuits to declare that portion unconstitutional. The lawsuits have been forwarded to the Florida League of Cities and FACT to determine coverage. After reviewing allegations he asked code enforcement not to issue citations based on the amended ordinance stating he made the decision on his own based on general litigation strategy. However, he has suspended that direction after realizing he should have presented it to the board for their direction. Attorney Davis advised of the risks if the board wants to continue with issuing citations. Citations can only be issued that go

to county court. No citations can be issued for this matter that would go before code enforcement. The lawsuits allege the county has violated the plaintiff's first amendment rights by restricting their free speech. They are seeking an injunction from enforcement and attorney fees and costs. If individual homeowners are cited, the county court could choose not to render a decision until the federal court action is complete. By that point a number of citations could have been issued, hearings set, and the courts determine not to hear any cases until the conclusion to the federal court action. There is a concern that issuing citations while the matter is pending could increase our liability, but he did not feel it would be an issue. He stated there is no injunction from issuing citations and asked for direction. Commissioner Meadows questioned the procedure for issuing citations. Attorney Davis stated a letter is sent out stating "if you are in violation" but letters will need to be sent stating they "are" in violation past the date then a citation would be issued at that time. Commissioner Meadows stated a lot of people have complied and applaud them for that. Attorney Davis stated they must remove the object or be fined or it can be challenged in county court.

Commissioner Chapman stated action was taken because of what the county felt was in violation of the ordinance. The ordinance was amended based upon an interpretation from the judge. However, the county has not been told by any court to stop enforcement of the ordinance. If enforcement continues, hopefully people will continue to comply. Commissioner Jones agreed and stated without an injunction they should continue. Commissioner Imfeld felt they need to uphold their previous decision and give code enforcement the ability to enforce the ordinance. Commissioner Meadows agreed to continue enforcing the ordinance.

Ms. Suzanne Harris asked if the county will also remove their signs or was it just private owners. Attorney Davis will look at where county signs are located. She also asked for

clarification whether insurance will pay for the lawsuit. Attorney Davis stated there was concern with an increase in liability during dependency, but he does not think it's an issue. He stated the suits have been submitted to the insurance company and the county is awaiting an answer as to coverage for these lawsuits.

Mr. Dave Raushkalb questioned if there is an ordinance stipulating the size and location of signs. Mr. Davis stated there is an ordinance, but cannot comment further while litigation is pending. Mr. Raushkalb praised the county for standing beside their decision. Commissioner Jones clarified that homeowners can have a sign at the toe of the dune.

The commissioners recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

Commissioner Meadows spoke about recent water contamination in other counties due to breaches and requested staff bring back information on how to handle this should it occur in Walton County.

Commissioner Imfeld requested Mr. Billy Williams attend the next meeting regarding the Mid Bay Bridge Authority seeking \$285 million of the Triumph money. Mr. Imfeld had questions on how that would impact Walton County's legislative request for the coming years.

Commissioner Jones did not present any items for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to allocate up to \$2,000.00 in District One Recreational Plat Fees to replace part of the ice machine at the Red Bay Community Center. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Chapman thanked Freeport City Council Members Kasey Cuchens and Janice McLean for being present for this issue. He stated Brandon Oaks Development was constructed around 2003. Since that time the City of Freeport ran sewer lines along the roadways

in Brandon Oaks. He stated \$145,000. has been identified in escrow for that subdivision and requested those funds be utilized to assist the 52 homeowners who are not currently connected to sewer. He stated there are problems with raw sewage getting into the drainage swell and causing contamination. Commissioner Chapman requested county staff work with the City of Freeport in sending letters to the 52 homeowners advising them the county will contribute approximately \$2,600 per household (one half the cost for hook up) and ask them to hook up to sewer. It is a possibility the City will finance the remaining amount over a period of time. The city will submit an itemized bill with a letter requesting payment to the county as each hook up is completed. Chairman Comander stepped down as chair and applauded Commissioner Chapman for working with the city to make this happen. Commissioner Chapman advised that Mr. Greg Graham, Public Works, is working to resolve other storm water runoff issues in that area.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve utilizing escrow funds for sewer hookup in Brandon Oaks Subdivision allowing residents to connect to the City of Freeport's water and sewer service.

Ms. Suzanne Harris asked if the water would be filtered before draining into the bay. Commissioner Chapman stated it will be an approved process through DEP.

Mr. Robert Rogers, Bay Grove resident, presented pictures of the severe flooding issues in Bay Grove and spoke about drainage, turn lanes on Bay Grove Road, and sewer hookups that was promised to be completed. He spoke about the severe drainage problems from sewage and the damage it caused to his private property. Commissioner Chapman stated this money was designated for sewage repairs. Chairman Comander stated the developer was supposed to install turn lanes, but he absconded. Mr. Rogers stated the entire area needs to be addressed.

Mr. Graham will not invalidate what Mr. Rogers has said. He is unsure if it would have been modified due to recent four laning. He felt the highest and best use of funding is to get homes hooked up to sewer. Dewberry-PrebleRish is currently working on a drainage design for that area. In addition, they are working with the property owners to the south for another pop-off to create a storm water management system to address water quality before it goes into the bay. Mr. Graham stated Mr. Rogers has a valid concern. The county is continuing to work on drainage issues for that area.

Mr. Cliff Knauer, Dewberry-Preble Rish, stated the project is currently being designed and will provide major drainage improvements for that neighborhood. He stated the next step will be to request permits. He said the drainage is currently restricted by a small pipe and will be a simple fix. However, it should correct the problem.

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

Commissioner Comander thanked everyone who turned out for the rededication of Choctaw Park. A lot of work has gone into the improvements providing for new docks, park and restroom improvements. She thanked all who made it possible.

Chairman Comander opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Holly Holt thanked the commissioners for their initiatives to make the people of this community more healthy.

Ms. Suzanne Harris stated she received an email regarding political signs in DeFuniak Springs and asked the commissioners if they received notice from FDOT that political signs were going to be removed from the right of ways. Chairman Comander commented that she had not received a notice and recommended Ms. Harris contact the City of DeFuniak. Ms. Harris stated candidates should be allowed to pick their signs up and not have them thrown away by DOT

because they are costly. Commissioner Chapman stated FDOT has a storage location in Ponce De Leon where signs are held and candidates can pick the signs up during normal business hours.

Ms. Grace Morris thanked the board for the workshop regarding Headlands Beach Access and the TDC for providing a professional guide which helped keep the meeting on track. She asked the county to do what is right and build the access.

Mr. Wayne Dyess, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented a request to continue Topsail West PUD Overlay Ordinance until August 9, 2016. Commissioner Chapman questioned the number of continuances for the next agenda. Mr. Dyess stated the petitioner requested to continue the project because they want to meet with each commissioner.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve the continuance of Topsail West PUD Overlay Ordinance, WaterColor PUD and DRI amendments, and Publix Expansion at WaterColor Crossings to August 9, 2016 at 4:00 at DFS Courthouse. Ayes 4, Nays 1. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Nay, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Chapman voiced concern with continuing so many projects. Mr. Dyess explained the need to continue the projects.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved: 
Sara Comander, Chairman

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller