

DECEMBER 19, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on December 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. The meeting was rescheduled from December 26, 2017 due to the holidays.

The following board members were present: Commissioner W.N. "Bill" Chapman, Chairman; Commissioner Tony Anderson, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Melanie Nipper; and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; and Attorney Sidney Noyes; were also present. Commissioner Cecilia Jones was not present.

Chairman Chapman recognized Mr. Jason Catalano, Walton County School Board Member, who was present.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the agenda with the following revision: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Deletions: Under the Consent Agenda - Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the State of Florida Department of Transportation Small county Outreach Program (SCOP) Grand Agreement for County Road 185 Gum Creek Church Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$2,837,032.00

There were no public comments and no items were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

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

	Total	WM	Grand Total
General Fund	\$ 1,226,872.59		
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County Transportation	\$	802,924.42		
SHIP	\$	20,000.00		
Fine & Forfeiture	\$	7,239,490.86		
Section 8 Housing	\$	224.61		
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	51,481.31	\$	3,031.36
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$	1,224.31		
Recreation Plat Fee	\$	10,575.12		
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$	2,883,986.78	\$	619,559.04
Preservation	\$	13,206.69		
Bldg. Dept. /Enterp. Fund	\$	117.89		
Increment Tax Funding	\$	26,480.89		
Totals	\$	12,276,585.47	\$	622,590.40
			\$	11,653,995.07

2. Approve Minutes of the December 4, 2017 Workshop
3. Request to approve the Fiscal year 2017-2018 Public Works Capital Project List
4. Request board approval for the Port Ministries deposit refund request
5. Request approval to advertise an RFP for a redesign of the TDC website, as requested by TDC
6. Request to approve Amendment No. 1 to Construction Contract No. 017-015 for relocation of the Sheriff Substation in Mossy Head
- ~~7. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the State of Florida Department of Transportation Small county Outreach Program (SCOP) Grand Agreement for county road 185 Gum Creek Church Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$2,837,032.00~~
8. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Meeting Assistance, Inc. d/b/a DMI for Group Business Services and approve invoices from DMI for services provided from October 2017 to present
9. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Walton County DEP 2017-2018 Small County Consolidated Waste Management Grant Agreement
10. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Unstinting (MOU) between CareerSource Okaloosa-Walton and Emerald Coast Technical College and the associated Infrastructure Funding Agreement.

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

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the Waste Management Expenditure Approval List in the amount of \$622,590.40. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye, Jones absent, Chapman abstained. **(FORM 8B: Chapman)**

Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator, requested to award, approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 018-007 US Highway 98 Median and ROW Maintenance from the west end of CR 30A to Mack Bayou with Harper Landscaping in the amount of \$50, 870.00. Brightview Landscaping Services, Inc. also submitted a bid in the amount of \$136,608.00.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve awarding, approving and authorizing the Chairman to sign Contract No. 018-007 with Harper Landscaping in the amount of \$50, 870.00.

Commissioner Nipper questioned the disparity between the bid amounts. Mr. Jones stated Harper Landscaping met the specifications of the ITB and was the lowest responsible/responsive bidder.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to award, approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No 018-005 CR30A & CR395 Traffic Signal Installation with Murdock Investments LLC d/b/a Griffin Traffic Signals in the amount of \$114,349.00.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve awarding, approving and authorizing the Chairman to sign Contract No 018-005 CR30A & CR395 Traffic Signal Installation with Murdock Investments LLC d/b/a Griffin Traffic Signals in the amount of \$114,349.00.

Commissioner Nipper questioned Mr. Buddy Wright, Public Works, regarding the urgency of the project. Mr. Wright stated the contract is for the installation of materials and they need to complete it during the off season.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the South Walton TIF 2017/2018 Budget in the amount of \$4,000,000.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye. The projects have been vetted and reviewed by staff and ready to proceed.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve allocating \$600,000.00 from the District 5 Recreational Plat Fee account for improvements at Helen McCall Park.

Commissioner Nipper requested additional information on the improvements. Mr. Wright gave an update on the project stating the county applied for the permits four years ago. He stated the west side of the park had been previously updated and explained these upgrades would include new lights, concession stand and press box, and two new fields in place of the current one. The upgrades will update the park for the next 10-15 years. Mr. Jones stated this should substantially increase the county's capacity to handle the growth in south Walton. Commissioner Anderson spoke about how far the county is behind and this is part of the plan to update the county parks.

Mr. Alan Osborne stated he worked on this years ago and agreed this money needs to be spent, but felt \$600,000.00 is still not enough. There is not enough for the youth to do and felt more should be done.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 017-030 Helen McCall Park Improvements with C.W. Roberts. The value engineering has been completed. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the purchase of the Helen McCall Park Improvement Ballfield lighting material and installation with MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jay Tusa, TDC Executive Director, stated there were no updates, but wished the board a Merry Christmas.

Attorney Sidney Noyes requested direction from the board on the Sandestin Storm Water RFQ. She advised more research is needed and asked to present this item back to the board by the second meeting in January. She stated she is awaiting additional information from Dr. Harper.

Mr. Alan Osborne asked Chairman Chapman to take the lead on this due to him attending the meeting when the settlement was reached and asked the board to complete the stipulations of the contract. Attorney Noyes advised she is waiting to hear from Dr. Harper.

Commissioner Comander did not have any items to present.

Commissioner Nipper requested to consider amending the Walton County Personnel Policies, Chapter 12 – Grievance Procedure and read a portion into the record. Chairman Chapman stated he sees nothing wrong with allowing an aggrieved employee to have an individual attend the hearing with them. The person would only be there for support and would be non-participatory. An attorney would not even have the opportunity to ask questions or comment. Mr. Jones stated this would not impact the insurance coverage. If it is part of the county's policy that the investigators the insurance company assigns to the investigation, it would comply with policy. He stated further confirmation of that would be obtained from the insurance company. Attorney Noyes stated if they hear back from the insurance company that the language would jeopardize the

county's insurance coverage, it would be brought back to the board. If approved, the language would become effective immediately.

Motion by Commissioner Nipper, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the entire language as presented to be added to Walton County Personnel Policies Chapter 12 – Grievance Procedures. Attorney Noyes clarified that current policy states any individual who is part of the investigation would be allowed to bring someone with them.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Commissioner Anderson did not present any items for discussion.

Chairman Chapman wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Nipper, to reappoint Mr. John Roberts to the Planning Commissioner District 2 Seat as requested by Mr. Carpenter. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Commissioner Comander advised that Mr. Anderson, D4 appointee, would like to remove himself from the Planning Commission if anyone in District 4 is interested in serving.

Mr. Carpenter requested approval to advertise and hold public hearings in January to amend the Land Development Code related to single family residential storm water requirements.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve advertising to hold a public hearing to amend the Land Development Code relating to single family residential storm water requirements on January 11th at the Planning Commission Meeting with a recommendation to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on February 13th in south Walton and Feb 27th in north Walton.

Discussion was held regarding the best procedure to hear and vet the alternatives and whether they can be resolved at the Planning Commission level or if some or all of the alternatives should be brought back to the Board.

Mr. Jason Catalano stated there are currently 5 alternatives and staff's recommendation would be to use a combination of the first four; five being to maintain the status quo.

Mr. Jones recommended allowing the Planning Commission to work through the process then come back to the board with a request for scheduling. The board concurred and agreed the motion was not necessary. They also agreed to allow the Planning Commission to work through the process as necessary when deciding which of the alternatives to use.

Mr. Fred Tricker spoke in support of the proposal. He stated South Walton Community Council is proposing to hold a public forum to inform the public on the options. He questioned if the county is looking at short-term or long-term options. Mr. Carpenter stated they are considering all five options, but they do not want to maintain the status quo.

Mr. Carpenter requested approval to propose an amendment to the Land Development Code to provide the opportunity to participate in the FDOT Tourist Oriented Directional Sign Program. The golf course on U.S. Highway 20 feels they qualify for the program and for them to participate the county would need to amend the sign regulations. He stated this will be presented to the Planning Commission then brought back to the board. Mr. Jones stated the actual participation is between the golf course and DOT and any expense will be borne by the participant.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Nipper, to allow Mr. Carpenter to prepare a proposed amendment to the Land Development Code to present to the Planning Commission that provides an opportunity to participate in the FDOT Tourist Oriented Directional Sign Program.

Ms. Leigh Moore voiced concerns on behalf of the Scenic Corridor Foundation and questioned if this would amend Chapter 13 of the LDC. Mr. Carpenter stated it is a proposed change to Chapter 7 of the LDC. The signs would be located on the state right of way only. Ms. Moore reiterated that they would not be in favor of changes being made to the scenic corridor. Mr. Carpenter stated the request came from Windswept Golf Course.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Carpenter presented an ordinance requesting approval of Black Creek of Northwest Florida LSA. The Large Scale Amendment application was submitted by Emerald Coast Associates, Inc. on behalf of Walton County BCC requesting an amendment of the Future Land Use Category designation for 32.64+/- acres of the subject property from Urban Residential and Estate Residential to Business Park. The project is located approximately 3.25 miles east of the intersection of CR 3280 and U.S. Highway 331, on the north side of CR 3280 and identified by parcel number(s) 30-1S-18-14000-010-0030.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt an ordinance **(2017-27)** approving Black Creek of Northwest Florida LSA.

Mr. Carpenter explained they are only changing the portion described by the legal description and the parcel number will not change.

Commissioner Nipper questioned if the buffers, wetland protection, and transfer density would be applied when a development is approved. Mr. Carpenter stated it would.


Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

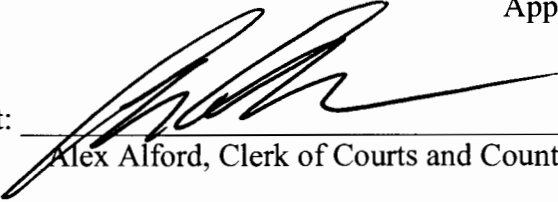
Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve continuing the Molbridge LLC Final Order to the January 9th board meeting in south Walton as

requested by Mr. Carpenter. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Nipper Aye, Comander Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones thanked the commissioners and staff for their support and the part they played in his life over the last year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Approved: 
W.N. "Bill" Chapman, Chairman

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller