

FEBRUARY 27, 2018– REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on February 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

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

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator, presented the following revisions to the agenda:

Deletions:

Citizen Requests: Item 41 - Ms. Denise Mack, Florida Chautauqua, requested board support to apply for a BP Triumph Grant for historic owner preservation of the former Lakeside Hospital at 1290 Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs.

Consent Agenda: Item 12 - Request to approve a three year Continuing Services Contract with Government Services Group, Inc. for the Daughette Canal and Maintenance Assessment Programs.

Additions:

Administration: Discussion and possible direction relating to the 4-H request for assistance on property lease.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the agenda with the revisions as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

There were no public comments and no items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Chapman recognized Mr. Bobby Beasley, Supervisor of Elections, who was present.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

1. Approve Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting
2. Approve Expenditure Approval List (EAL) excluding the Waste Management expenditures

	Total	WM	Grand Total
General Fund	\$ 957,328.79		
County Transportation	\$ 879,386.56		
Fine & Forfeiture	\$ 3,464,332.07		
Mosq. Control State	\$ 2,506.30		
Section 8 Housing	\$ 782.27		
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 1,150,651.28	\$ 2,197.36	
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 1,440.33		
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 4,230.25		
Public Safety- 911	\$ 46,354.78		
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 503,090.89	\$ 237,747.72	
Bldg. Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$ 1,693.87		
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 10,917.10		
Increment Tax Funding	\$ 59,303.25		
Payroll	\$ 291,894.98		
Totals	\$ 7,373,912.72	\$ 239,945.08	\$ 7,133,967.64

3. Approve the Investment Report for Quarter ended December 31, 2017 as requested by the Clerk's Office
4. Request approval to surplus several items from various departments (The list has been filed with the clerk)
5. Request to accept the internal audit report follow-up review from the Clerk's office concerning the Recreation Department and direct staff to review the report and take appropriate actions to address the report findings
6. Request to approve a resolution **(2018-18)** amending the FY 2018 Budget to roll forward revenues and expenditures for grants and projects not completed by fiscal year end from the FY 2017 budget into FY 2018
7. Request to approve a resolution **(2018-19)** amending the FY 2018 Budget for unanticipated grant revenues and expenditures and unanticipated additional grant revenue
8. Request to allocate \$331.00 in District Five Recreational Plat Fees for installation of ball field lighting at the South Walton Boys and Girls Club fields

9. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Discretionary Funding Agreement with the Judge Ben Gordon, Jr. Family Visitation Center
10. Request to approve a three year Continuing Services Contract with Government Services Group, Inc. for the Leisure Lake Assessment Program
11. Request to approve a one year Continuing Services Contract with Government Services Group, Inc. for the Fire Rescue Assessment Program
- ~~12. Request to approve a three year Continuing Services Contract with Government Services Group, Inc. for the Daughette Canal and Maintenance Assessment Programs~~
13. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 016-033 Walton Bridge Road SCOP Improvements with Roberts and Roberts, Inc.; increasing the contract 14 calendar days
14. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 017-034 CR 83 to CR 283 Multi-use Path Renovation Project with North Florida Construction, Inc.; requiring the contractor to use an alternative material (lime rock) for stabilization under the multi-use path in the right-of-way
15. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order No. 7 for Contract No. 017-006 CR 30A South Parking Improvements with Gulf Coast Utility Contractors, LLC.; correcting the amount of concrete pavers/asphalt. This is a corrective change order with a zero-sum
16. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Public Works Task Order 18-02 Engineering Services for Eve Circle Roadway Improvement Project with Atkins North America, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$85,272.00
17. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Public Works Task Order 18-03 Engineering Services for Seacroft Road Roadway Improvement Project with Dewberry/Preble-Rish, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$119,950.00
18. Request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Public Works Task Order 18-05 Engineering Services for Commanders Landing Boardwalk Improvement Project with Dewberry/Preble-Rish, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,400.00
19. Request approval to revise the FY 2018 Beach Code Enforcement vehicle purchase from 1 Chevrolet Silverado, 1 John Deer Gator, and 1 Honda Foreman to 2 Jeep Wrangler Sport models at a savings of \$3,940.00
20. Request approval to apply for an Artificial Reef Construction Grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to deploy pre-fabricated modules within the Miramar Nearshore permitted reef site
21. Request approval for the Supervisor of Elections to apply for the 2017-2018 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant in the amount of \$7,249.89

Chairman Chapman reported his conflict of interest in voting on the Waste Management EAL's and submitted Form 8B to the clerk. There was discussion regarding only two commissioners being present who could vote on the issue, therefore Attorney Heather Christman, Assistant County Attorney, recommended the board table the issue until the March 13th meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to table approval of the Waste Management Expenditure Approval List until March 13, 2018. Ayes 2, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Anderson Aye. Commissioner Chapman abstained.

Mr. Jones presented an update and requested direction regarding the former First National Bank Building negotiations. A letter outlining the proposed contract terms was submitted by Mr. Reynolds Henderson, the proposed buyer. Mr. Henderson agreed to pay \$20,000.00 earnest money giving him 45 days to inspect the building. Closing will occur 1 year from execution of the contract or before March 31, 2019. The buyer will pay the balance at closing and the buyer and seller will split closing costs.

Chairman Chapman thanked Mr. Henderson for working with the commissioners. He voiced the need to move forward on building a records storage facility.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the buyer's contract for the former First National Bank Building and move forward with a new building for Records Storage. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones presented an update and requested approval of design fees for revisions to various department areas and alternate spaces at the Freeport Office Complex and South Walton Annex. The revisions would result in a net increase of \$11,556.00 in design fees and an increase in construction of \$45,140.00. In addition, two alternates are being proposed: 1) a 1,729 square foot board/meeting room for \$10,645.00 in design fees and \$127,946.00 in construction estimates; 2) expansion of the existing board room at the south Walton Annex increasing the design fee by \$14,795.00 and \$177,825.00 for construction costs. If revision 1-4 and alternates 1 and 2 are approved, design fees would be \$165,581.00 for a net increase of \$36,996.00. Design fee and construction estimate would be \$2,024,996.00 for a net increase of \$350,911.00. Total cost for

design and construction would be \$2,190,577.00. Mr. Jones recommended approval of items 1-4 as presented.

Chairman Chapman requested clarification of Alternate 2 and questioned the cost. Mr. Stan Sunday, Assistant County Administrator, explained they would be adding an additional 600 square foot, but there is a possibility they may have to redesign and reconstruct the remaining square footage mainly pertaining to the AV and dios configuration. The HVAC system would also have to be reconfigured.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve items 1-4. Commissioner Jones commented on the dire need for space in south Walton and this will help. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve Alternate 1 at the Freeport Complex consisting of 1,729 square feet. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve Alternate 2 expanding the board room at the South Walton Coastal Annex.

Commissioner Anderson requested clarification of the space being reconstructed and if funding is available. Mr. Jones explained the spaces to be reconstructed. He recommended the board approve the design of the space then further action could be taken to move the project to construction phase at a later date.

The motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to proceed with the design phase for Alternate 2 for the board room at the South Walton Coastal Annex then determine available funding before the buildout. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones requested direction regarding available space in the Freeport Plaza. Currently, two tenants occupy space in the complex whose leases will expire in the near future. It is yet to be determined if those leases will be renewed. However, he recommended not leasing any additional space until this project is complete to ensure the additional space is not needed for the county. Commissioner Anderson agreed and recommend that all tenants be located on the far end away from the constitutional offices if the space is leased. Mr. Jones explained when the current leases were renegotiated they had to move to Unit 2 and they were also provided a 90-day walkout clause. He suggested a similar lease be provided for any new tenants and that they are located at the east end.

Mr. Jones presented an update and requested approval for the Landfill Disposal Rate change for commercial customers. He spoke about the closure of the landfill in Freeport and the increase in commercial dumping stating there has already been a 98 percent increase in 2018 over 2017. This shortens the life of the landfill by 50 percent leaving approximately 2 years. The current disposal rate is \$21.00 per ton. Proposed commercial rates of \$42.00 per ton were discussed. Mr. Jones requested for staff to draft a resolution increasing the commercial rate from \$21.00 per ton to \$42 per ton. He reminded the commissioner there will be a significant increase in handling the additional tonnage and assured them they will not charge citizens for household garbage.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to allow staff to draft a resolution increasing the commercial rate from \$21.00 per ton to \$42.00 per ton including C&D debris. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones presented an update and requested approval to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for the Design, Permitting and CEI for the

construction of a New Class III Solid Waste Disposal Facility. Current regulations require linings for all cells and this will help keep permits current. The estimated cost is \$300,000.00 per acre.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request to advertise for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for the Design, Permitting and CEI for the construction of a New Class III Solid Waste Disposal Facility. Commissioner Jones questioned how long a facility would last. Mr. Jones stated it depends on its size, but that will be taken into consideration during the review process. Mr. Sunday stated the current site is 16 acres which has lasted approximately 25 years. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones presented information relating to leased property by the 4-H Organization and questioned how to move forward with helping them. They are asking for county support in the amount of \$25,000.00. He recommended if the board approves the request they make it contingent upon approvals by the City of DeFuniak due to their Tree Ordinance and Livestock Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request from the 4-H Organization contingent upon approval by the City. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye. Commissioner Jones thanked the commissioners for assisting with the project.

Mr. Jones presented information on Nusom Road. A letter was presented for reference from former County Attorney Mark Davis stating the issue was closed. Mr. Jones stated there was no new information to present. Mr. Buddy Wright, Public Works, stated research has been performed and there is no new information that would change the situation. He stated after thorough investigation staff never found where the board ever conclusively or permanently maintained Nusom Road. The letter from Attorney Mark Davis explains the situation. Numerous offices have

conducted research and found no records indicating the road was ever accepted into county maintenance. However, pay-to-grades have been performed on Nusom Road. Mr. Wright stated that all roads in the county used to have green road signs, but a number of years ago non-county roads were changed to blue.

Commissioner Jones asked about the pay to grade program. Mr. Wright stated the pay-to-grade is an option and would help the Souders.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department to not maintain Nusom Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Michelle Souders appeared before the commissioners. Mr. Souders claimed changing of the sign was illegal. Mrs. Souders stated the deed to the road has belonged to the county and in public records more than 20 years. Commissioner Chapman stated a lot of roads in this county contain deed restrictions, but if they have not been formally accepted for maintenance by the county then they would not maintain them. Assistant County Attorney Christman stated she would review the Florida Statutes and bring it back to the board if anything found in her research changes the situation. Chairman Chapman asked Mr. Souders to present the Statutes he quoted to the attorney for review.

Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones presented information relating to the proposed park at Bay Grove Road & U.S. Hwy 331 and the update on the two public workshops held at Freeport City Hall relating to changes made to the preliminary park concept plan.

Staff requested approval and/or direction on the following items. Items d and e will be discussed separately.

a. Approval for staff to move forward with Land Use change for the park property from Rural Village to Public Facilities

- b. Approval for staff to move forward with design and permitting necessary for the park improvements based on the current park concept plan
- c. Approval for staff to submit a Development Order to the County for the proposed park improvements
- d. Direction to staff on proposed phasing and park budget
- e. Approval for staff to begin Phase II construction upon receipt of all necessary permits
- f. Approval for staff to post signage of upcoming park improvements at park property

Mr. Jones stated DEP has provided additional information that will allow the county to move forward without having to obtain additional permits. That will be brought back at a later date.

Chairman Chapman passed the Chair position to Vice-Chairman Anderson.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve staff's request for a, b, c, and f. Commissioner Chapman announced he met with staff and DEP and found additional information relating to dredging. As a result of the meeting with DEP and The Corps of Engineers he felt it is best to approve those 4 recommendations and allow staff to continue meeting with DEP and The Corps of Engineers on the other issues (d and e). Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Commissioner Chapman resumed the Chair position.

Mr. Jones presented an update and requested direction on RFQ 018-012 Engineering Services for CR 280A Connector Roads. Staff requested direction for review of the submittals.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to allow staff to review the submittals and bring back the top ranked firm to the board for approval. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye

Mr. Jones requested approval to advertise for Design, CEI and Construction Services for CR 0605 & CR 183B Resurfacing SCRAP Projects, CR 185 Gum Creek Church Resurfacing

SCOP Project and CR 883 Resurfacing CIGP Project contingent upon receiving a Notice to Proceed from the State of Florida Department of Transportation.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to allow staff to review the submittals and bring back the top ranked firm to the board for approval. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones asked the board if they would like staff to use the same process to rank other firms in the future or continue bringing them before the board individually. Commissioner Anderson stated it would be prudent for engineering staff to handle engineering type submittals, but other types of submittals should be brought before the board. Mr. Jones will communicate with staff and bring language back for the board's consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve Rock Hill Road Phase I (6.95 miles from US 331 to Walton Bridge Road) for funding consideration through the Small County Outreach Program for the 2019-2023 work program. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve CR 181E Phase I (4.08 miles from SR83 to Oak Grove Road) for funding consideration through the Small County Road Assistance Program for 2019-2023. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to award and begin negotiations with top ranked company, Walter Marine, for RFP 018-010 Walton County Topsail Hill Nearshore Artificial Reef Construction. The grant agreement has been received for construction of the modules and the county is ready to negotiate.

Ms. Bowman spoke in opposition to the reefs.

Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Mike Kerrigan, TDC Director of Marketing, requested approval to commit \$75,000.00 to a joint marketing effort with American Airlines to promote new air service of Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) services from Dallas and Charlotte. Flights will begin in June. Funding is in the budget, but they wanted approval from the board as well. The project was unanimously approved by their Marketing Committee and TDC Council.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve committing \$75,000.00 to a joint marketing effort with American Airlines to promote new air service as stated. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jay Tusa, TDC Executive Director, presented an update on the Driftwood Road property (Parcel # 30-2S-21-42290-000-0930) north of Pompano Joes. The appraisals came back less than the asking price. The Land Use Report is not complete, but will be ready at the next meeting. Mr. Tusa requested authorization to begin negotiations with the land owner.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve for Mr. Tusa to begin negotiations with the land owner as stated. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Tusa stated the meetings with bed tax collectors were successful. Discussion was held regarding VBRO and the impact to local bed tax collectors. They are in the process of developing a plan for how to assist them.

Attorney Christman requested consideration of the Brandon Oaks Interlocal Agreement with the City of Freeport. She spoke about the agreement modifications since it was last sent to Freeport. Attorney Christman voiced concerns with the timeline for completion of the project. She stated changes to paragraph 5 would limit the county's ability to grant or deny a request for

extension under appropriate circumstances. Mr. Jones stated he discussed this with Attorney Clay Adkinson, Counsel for the City of Freeport, and Mr. Adkinson assured him they would meet, along with Counsel, to draft acceptable language possibly within the next week.

Commissioner Anderson directed Legal staff to work together to draft the necessary language. Chairman Chapman voiced concern with the City's use of the term "impractical" in the agreement and questioned if this would be an easy way out. Discussions on this issue have been ongoing for 1.5 years. He agreed that things outside of each other's control may occur, but concessions could be made at that time. Attorney Christman sent proposed language to the city's attorney suggesting if the City needed to request an extension the County would consider it and not unreasonably withhold approval. The response was that the City Council discussed the proposed language and they remain comfortable with the version of the document sent to the County. Commissioner Chapman stated the county is only asking the franchise holder to address the 14 failed septic tanks then complete the remaining septic tanks in a reasonable amount of time. He stated the county gave the City of Freeport in excess of \$140,000.00 to begin the project. He felt the language should be stated in simple terms that if it is beyond the city's control or the county's control with no unreasonable delay then grant an extension.

Chairman Chapman asked Attorney Christman and staff to get back with Attorney Adkinson to clarify the language.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to accept the resignation of Mr. Trey Nick from the Local RESTORE Act Committee "Fishing Industry" position and appoint Mr. Buddy Gentry as presented by Mr. Jones on behalf of Commissioner Comander. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the disbursement of District 4 Recreational Plat Fees in the amount of \$5,000.00 to DeFuniak Springs Little League, \$2,500.00 to Driftwood Park, \$2,000.00 to Legion Park and \$500.00 to the Liberty Community Center playground equipment. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the transfer of \$250.00 each from District 1 and District 5 Recreational Plat Fees for playground equipment at the Liberty Community Center. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Sunday stated he spoke with Major Tom Ring regarding the building safety assessment and it should be completed soon. He will bring it back to the board in the near future.

Chairman Chapman discussed the Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Coalition. A letter was presented from Mr. Charles Windes, Jr., Okaloosa County Commissioner Board of Directors Chairman and Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Coalition regarding the unsuccessful endeavor in being awarded any funding from the EPA grant applied for. The Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Coalition was created through an interlocal agreement as a result. The Coalition is exploring numerous funding sources. Walton and Okaloosa Counties will receive Pot 1 allocations from the Restore Act for the next 15 years. Therefore, the Coalition is requesting Walton County consider reserving 10 percent of the funds to be used for the Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program allowing the program to begin operating and provide leverage for other funding sources to get the watershed project constructed sooner.

Mr. Jim Trifilio, Coastal Management Coordinator for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department, spoke about the existing Coalition formed under Florida Statute. He

stated the Coalition is now a multi-state organization. The economy is based heavily on tourism and without quality water in place we do not have the economy. He stated he could meet individually with the commissioners and gave a brief overview of the program. Mr. Trifilio spoke about Tampa Bay's seagrass and stated good seagrass affects many aspects of the economy. The program is moving forward and he asked Walton County to commit 10% of their Pot I monies. Okaloosa has also committed 10% to the program. He stated there is a great amount of support for the program on many levels. This will give the Coalition seed money and the program will continue on through grants, public support, business support, and become a legacy program. Mr. Trifilio stated this is an incredible program and urged the board to commit funding from their Pot I monies.

Commissioner Jones stated this is a regional project and asked if this is approved by RESTORE. Mr. Trifilio stated the RESTORE Committee is in the process of amending their multi-year plan. He also stated Okaloosa and Walton Commissioners directed joint staff to seek the EPA Grant, which Pensacola received instead. He stated there would be additional EPA funding in the future.

Ms. Melinda Gates, Coastal Resource Liaison, stated 10% would be approximately \$206,000.00 per year for 15 years.

Chairman Chapman felt this request should go back before the RESTORE Committee. Commissioner Jones agreed. Commissioner Anderson offered his support and spoke about the need to clean up the bay. Chairman Chapman stated without Alabama getting on board and their assistance in minimizing the impact on water flowing into the Choctawhatchee River and the bay, efforts would be futile.

Mr. Daryl Boudreau, Nature Conservancy Program, highlighted the program stating it will identify the most important problems and they will fix them. He felt because of the partnerships, chances of funding will greatly improve.

Ms. Bowman spoke about the 3 minute public comment portion of the meeting and freedom of speech.

Mr. William Pennington, Clerk of Courts Finance Director, asked if there were any other mechanisms in the absence of a quorum to pay the bills. He explained the Waste Management Invoice is large and needs to be paid. Attorney Christman advised that she had pulled the Statute for review and the commissioners could take action.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to reopen discussions for payment of the Waste Management Invoices. Ayes 2, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Anderson Aye. Commissioner Chapman abstained.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Waste Management Expenditure Approval List. Ayes 2, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Anderson Aye. Commissioner Chapman abstained. **(FORM 8B: Chapman)**

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to continue Eden's Landing Replat 2 to the March 13, 2018 BCC Meeting as requested by Mr. Mac Carpenter, Director of Planning and Development Services. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Carpenter requested to approve by ordinance, an amendment to Chapter 7 of the Walton County Land Development Code to provide the opportunity to participate in the FDOT Tourist Oriented Directional Sign Program. This program would allow certain directional signs on state ROWs, outside of the three designated Scenic Corridors, meeting the requirements of FAC 14-51.061. The first reading was held February 13, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Jones, to adopt an ordinance **(2018-07)** amending Chapter 7 of the Walton County Land Development Code providing the opportunity to participate in the FDOT Tourist Oriented Directional Sign Program. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

The Quasi-judicial Hearing was called to order and Attorney Christman administered the oath to those intending to speak. There were no objections to the advertisements. Attorney Christman instructed the commissioners to submit any Ex-parte to the clerk. The Commissioners did not have any discussions that would impact their decision.

Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Bob Baronti, Planner, presented Church Street Landing Plat and requested approval by final plat. Mr. Baronti stated this is a plat development order application submitted by Emerald Coast Associates, on behalf of HCB Financial Corp. requesting approval to plat 17 residential lots on +/-10.36 acres, with a future land use of Neighborhood Infill. The project is located off Highway 98, turning north on Church Street to Robby John Way and is identified by parcel number(s) 27-2S-20-33210-000-0430. The project meets the requirement of the Walton County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. **(Exhibit 1: Staff Report)**

Mr. Daryl Burgis, Applicant, stated the infrastructure is complete and checks have been submitted for the fees.

Ms. Bowman questioned how someone could build a home on Conservation Easement. Mr. Burgis stated that a conservation easement is recorded, but only on a portion of the property, thereby placing the wetlands on this property into conservation in the Corps permitting process. The ownership and ability to file the plat has been certified by a private attorney.

Mr. Carpenter stated the ownership and easement are both in order for approval of the plat.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the final order for the Church Street Landing Plat. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Anderson Aye.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller