

NOVEMBER 20, 2012 – SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen; Commissioner Sara Comander; Commissioner Bill Imfeld; Commissioner Bill Chapman; and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Ms. Toni Craig, County Attorney; Ms. Dede Hinote, Interim Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Commissioner Comander led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Commissioner Pridgen called the meeting to order.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to elect Commissioner Pridgen as Chairman. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Meadows, to elect Commissioner Comander as Vice-Chair. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Dede Hinote, Interim Assistant County Administrator, requested to advertise for a Public Hearing to be held December 11, 2012 to consider an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Professional Products, Inc.

Ms. Scarlett Phaneuf, Walton County Economic Development Alliance Executive Director, explained the ordinance. This is the first candidate to apply for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption since the November general election approval. A letter from Professional Products was submitted for review as to what they plan to accomplish with the new project. The company

currently has 150 employees, have never laid-off an employee, and intend to hire 15 new employees with the program.

Chairman Pridgen questioned if there is a timeframe for how long the abatement can last. Ms. Phaneuf explained that the abatement could last up to 10 years.

Commissioner Imfeld questioned what kind of report would be given to ensure they sustain the additional 15 employees. Ms. Phaneuf explained that the ordinance states you can enter into a written tax agreement with the company to request any documentation required to ensure they have created and maintained those 15 jobs.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve advertisement for a Public Hearing to be held December 11, 2012 to consider an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Professional Products, Inc. as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Hinote requested approval of the Roadway Activities Applications from Seaside Arts & Entertainment Corporation for a Holiday Parade on CR 30A on November 24, 2012. Both lanes of traffic will be closed for approximately one hour. They have completed their application and the outdoor event declaration of content form has been provided from the South Walton Fire District as well.

Commissioner Chapman questioned if the Sheriff's Office had provided an outdoor event form as well. Ms. Hinote confirmed they had.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the Roadway Activities Applications from Seaside Arts & Entertainment Corporation for the holiday

parade on CR 30A on November 24, 2012 as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

The request to approve a Resolution in support of the CSX Facility Encroachment Agreement to facilitate utility extensions under the CSX Railroad right-of-way was removed from the agenda.

Ms. Hinote requested appointments for the following committees:

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to appoint Commissioner Comander to the Canvassing Board for November 20, 2012 only. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to appoint Commissioner Imfeld to the Communities for a Lifetime Advisory Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to appoint Commissioner Chapman to the Council on Aging Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioner Imfeld to the Local Emergency Food and Shelter Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to appoint Commissioner Chapman to the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to appoint Commissioner Imfeld to the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioner Meadows to the Small County Coalition Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to appoint Commissioner Imfeld to the Workforce Development Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Chapman, to appoint Commissioner Meadows to the Regional Utility Authority Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioner Meadows to the Tourist Development Council (TDC).

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a TDC chairman appointment.

Ms. Dawn Moliterno, Tourist Development Council Executive Director, explained that the Board elects the TDC chairman. She stated that the names of the members will be presented at the November 27, 2012 meeting for review, and she will then verify which members are interested in serving as the chairman and bring that information back at the December 11, 2012 meeting. Ms. Moliterno requested that the Board appoint a chairman for the December 10, 2012 TDC meeting until a decision can be made for a permanent chairman.

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

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to appoint Commissioner Meadows as the acting TDC chairman for the December 10, 2012 meeting as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to appoint Commissioner Meadows to the Board Association of Counties Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioner Chapman as the primary Value Adjustment Board member and Commissioner Imfeld as the Value Adjustment Board alternate. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioner Meadows to serve on the DEP Division of Recreation and Parks Committee. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to appoint Commissioner Meadows as the RESTORE Act Committee alternate. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ms. Hinote introduced Ms. Nan MacGinnis, the newly hired Human Resource Manager.

Ms. Hinote explained that Mr. Brady Bearden, Ms. Dawn Moliterno, and herself had reviewed all 48 applications for the County Administrator position to determine which had met the qualifications and completed the criteria worksheet for review. Mr. Bearden will supply each Board member with a copy of all 48 applications and the criteria worksheet for review. She

stated that at the meeting proposed for December 18, 2012 the Board will choose five candidates to interview and then at the January 8, 2013 meeting a candidate will be selected.

Commissioner Meadows expressed concern with the time frame. Commissioner Comander suggested extending the selection date to the January 22, 2012 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to review all 48 applications to ensure adequate review time to allow the proper candidate to be chosen.

Commissioner Meadows discussed the beach parking areas previously proposed by the TDC and suggested delaying the process to perform a needs assessment first. There are large parking areas that are not being used. She expressed her concern with intruding into residential neighborhoods to accommodate more beach parking.

Ms. Hinote explained that public workshops have not been held with the BCC yet.

Ms. Moliterno explained that a needs assessment has not been conducted and the AG opinion provides a different outlook on the funding aspect. She explained that construction cannot begin until the Board directs the TDC to move forward with the beach parking projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to provide clarity to the public during the process.

Mr. Charles Wilson urged the Board to have a process in place before moving forward with the beach parking projects to provide a good, sustainable approach.

Commissioner Meadows discussed the County Administrator position and the conflict with those working directly with the candidates who helped to review the applications submitted. She stated that the Board should have the ability to flag any applicant they choose, suggested interviewing seven applicants rather than five, and possibly interviewing the top three applicants several times to ensure the proper candidate is chosen. Commissioner Imfeld agreed.

Ms. Hinote provided clarity and stated that the three people who reviewed the applications only determined if the applicant met all the qualifications.

Mr. Alan Osborne encouraged the Board to review all 48 applications themselves.

Commissioner Meadows discussed the Special Project Coordinator position, job description, and the need to address economic development in the responsibilities rather than duplicating responsibilities of other employees.

Ms. Hinote explained that the employee would work with the RESTORE Act and economic development projects.

Commissioner Imfeld understood that the funds were moved from the Landfill fund for the position for economic development.

Mr. Bearden explained that the job description is older and could be updated to include economic development language if approved by the Board.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the Special Projects Coordinator job description and the need to incorporate economic development requirements and aspects.

Mr. Bearden suggested allowing the current job advertisement for the position to expire then re-advertise with a new job description after approved by the Board. The Board concurred to allow Mr. Bearden to work on a new job description for the Special Projects Coordinator position.

Commissioner Meadows requested to consolidate two budgeted part-time positions into one full-time position in District 5.

Commissioner Imfeld questioned if the funds for the two part-time positions will be the amount used for the one full-time position. Commissioner Meadows confirmed.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Meadows, to consolidate two budgeted part-time positions into one full-time position in District 5 as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Comander welcomed all to attend Hometown Christmas on Saturday, November 24, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Walton County Fair Grounds.

Mr. Hudson expressed his appreciation working with Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, over the past eight years.

Commissioner Imfeld, Chapman, and Pridgen wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and the opportunity to work with Ms. Ingle over the past years serving as Clerk of Courts.

Chairman Pridgen asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

The Public Meeting was recessed at 11:15 a.m. and an Executive Session was called to order to discuss Kenneth W. Cox, Jr. v. Walton County, Case No. 08-CA-529 and Susan B. Vallee v. Walton County TDC, Case No. EEOC-425-2011-0039.

The following will be in attendance: Chairman Pridgen; Vice-Chair Comander; Commissioner Imfeld; Commissioner Chapman; Commissioner Meadows; Attorney Craig, County Attorney; Ms. Dede Hinote, Interim Assistant County Administrator; Warner Lawfirm Special Counsel; and Ms. Lisa Jeter, Registered Professional Reporter.

The meeting reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to allow the Attorney's to negotiate as directed for Kenneth W. Cox, Jr. v. Walton County, Case No. 08-CA-529. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

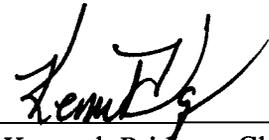
Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to allow the Attorney's to negotiate as directed for the Susan B. Vallee v. Walton County TDC, Case No. EEOC-425-2011-0039. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Craig questioned if the Vallee case negotiation is made within the 45 days if they can give authority for Chairman Pridgen to sign off on the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to allow Chairman Pridgen to sign off on the agreement with the Vallee case negotiation if made within the 45 day timeframe as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye.

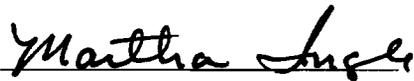
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

APPROVED



Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST



Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts