

FEBRUARY 11, 2013 – WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a workshop on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 2:03 p.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Bill Imfeld; Commissioner Bill Chapman; and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Attorney Mark Davis, Temporary County Attorney, and Mr. Gerry Demers, Interim County Administrator, were also present. There were several Department Directors present as well.

The meeting was called to order to discuss the Strategic Goals and Objectives. Mr. Herb Marlow, Analytica, administered the meeting.

Mr. Marlow explained that after two Strategic Planning Workshops he would like to develop a list of accomplishments that the Board would like within their tenure. The goals for the next 5, 10, 20 years will be discussed. He presented a Strategic Plan flow chart for discussion and explained the different areas to ensure progress. He stated that economic vitality is key to the future.

Mr. Marlow asked that those in attendance discuss changes for the county in the next 5 to 20 years.

The Board expressed the need to:

1. Sustain the current quality of life and improve job opportunities in the north end of the county
2. Completion of the Mossy Head Industrial Park and the need for a better educated workforce – work with the school system to encourage workforce training services
3. Establish guidelines for the Hwy 331 expansion corridor
4. Installation of water/sewer services along the Hwy 331 expansion before completion

5. Population increase (double) which will require higher demands for infrastructure, water, and the Choctawhatchee Bay
6. Improve/Expand Health Care Services to the community
7. Diversified economy
8. Technology advancement
9. Land use changes
10. Support services for retirees

Mr. Marlow questioned how those in attendance feel that the county will not change. The Board agreed that there will always be changes, but not as much in the north end due to the more rural areas and farmlands.

Mr. Marlow questioned what those in attendance would like to accomplish in the next two years.

1. Mossy Head Industrial Park completion and create job opportunities
2. Work with the City of DeFuniak Springs to improve the DeFuniak Springs airport services
3. Encompass the existing aspects to promote the county for economic development
4. Determine how to expand health care services countywide and determine funding sources
5. Water front program to develop a strategy and action plan
6. Develop incentives for existing businesses
7. Develop a Hwy 331 corridor master plan
8. Develop an overall water plan for the citizens and working industry
9. Market Walton County as a healthy place to live and thrive
10. Increase rural areas as a tourism attraction
11. Improve technology to the more rural areas – internet service/cell phone service
12. Develop a long term solid waste strategy
13. Increase housing options for middle class people/families
14. Reach out to minorities and minority businesses
15. Develop a target market strategy
16. Provide maintenance to current aspects rather than focusing on incorporating new
17. Review different road maintenance cost options

Mr. Marlow asked those in attendance to discuss options to improve the quality of life.

1. Safe guarding the beaches, bay, forests, river, lakes, etc.
2. Preservation initiatives
3. Enhance entertainment initiatives
4. Provide health care services
5. Providing a safe community with lighting, sidewalks, etc.
6. Improve fire services to the rural areas

7. Improve stormwater and other environmental impacts
8. Provide more transparency, consistency, communication, and enforcement in governance
9. Provide understanding that the north and south ends of the county are not separate
10. Countywide TDC services
11. Equalized county representation

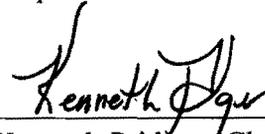
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

ATTEST



Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts

APPROVED



Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman