

SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Special Meeting September 30, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse Annex in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Bill Chapman; and Commissioner Bill Imfeld. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; and Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney; were also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the meeting to order.

Attorney Davis stated that this Special Meeting was being beheld in order to recess into Executive Session to discuss a settlement offer in the case of Thomas Hicks v. Walton County (Case No.: 09-CA-1709). In attendance at the Executive Session will be Chairman Pridgen, Commissioner Comander, Commissioner Chapman, and Commissioner Imfeld. Also in attendance will be Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; Attorney William Warner, Special Counsel to the Board; Attorney Mark Davis and Attorney Sydney Noyes, County Attorneys; and Ms. Sharon Payne, Certified Court Reporter. Pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8), this meeting was not open to the public. The Special Meeting recessed at 4:05 p.m. and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session by the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to open the Executive Session. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye.

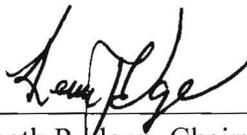
The Executive Session was closed and the Special Meeting reconvened at 4:23 p.m. by the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Comander, to close the Executive Session and reconvene the Special Meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye.

Attorney Davis stated that based on the discussion held in the Executive Session, a motion would be needed to either accept or reject the settlement offer as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Chapman, to accept the settlement offer in the amount of \$125,000 to be paid to Thomas Hicks in return for a complete release of all claims against Walton County. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Approved: 
Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller