

## DECEMBER 19, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Meeting on December 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

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

Commissioner Comander led the invocation and the pledge to the American Flag. Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Chapman announced that Commissioner Meadows would not be in attendance.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve the agenda additions and deletions as follows. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen, Aye.

1. Addition: Consent Agenda: Clerk's Office-Records Disposition Request
2. Addition: Administration: Presentation of Capital Credit Check from CHELCO
3. Addition: County Attorney-Resolution pertaining to Mossy Head Industrial Park.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve the agenda. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

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

1. Approval of the Expenditure Approval List (EAL)

General Fund	\$	169,146.92
County Transportation	\$	235,440.74
Section 8 Housing	\$	120,782.29
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	51,865.19
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$	1,394.68
Recreation Plat Fee	\$	17.52
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$	6,563.05
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	315.48
Inmate Canteen Fund	\$	8,634.33
Leisure Lake MSBU	\$	1,812.00
Totals	\$	595,972.20

2. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2013 Executive Session/Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approve Records Disposition Request
4. Approve a **Resolution (2013-106)** approving the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization Voting Membership Reappointment Plan
5. Approve Amendment #1 to Work Squad Contract WS814 for Department of Corrections
6. Approve Consent Letter and Lease Agreement between Walton County and Florida Community Services Corp. of Walton County and Alltel Communications, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Inlet Beach site)
7. Approve agreement for Professional Lobbying Services with Heffley & Associates, Inc.
8. Approve Interlocal Agreement between Walton County and the City of DeFuniak Springs for waiver of landfill fees
9. Approve a **Resolution (2013-107)** to amend the FY 2013-2014 Budget in the Recreation Plat Fee Fund to roll forward revenues and expenditures for other current charges in the amount of \$335,870 from FY 2012-2013 into FY 2013-2014

There were no public comments regarding the agenda items.

Ms. Tina Rushing, CHELCO, presented a Capital Credit check in the amount of \$6,053.51 for the years of 1993 and 2012 or portions of both. Commissioner Imfeld asked the significance of 1993. Ms. Rushing stated that Capital Credits are returned in margins of 20 year increments. The CHELCO Board elected to return the 1993 Capital Credit and a portion of 2012.

Mr. Tom Conley, Florida League of Cities, presented a premium return check in the amount of \$96,717.00.

Attorney Davis stated that the County is beginning the process of possibly turning over property, through Florida Statute and county policy, to the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) to establish a center in DeFuniak Springs. He asked that he be allowed to start the process to accomplish the sell or lease of the property to the Advocacy Center. Commissioner Comander questioned if a 50 year lease was being considered. Attorney Davis stated that is was.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to allow Attorney Davis to begin the process to accomplish the sell or lease of the College Blvd. property to the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Julie Hurst, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, briefly discussed the Advocacy Center and its services. She reported that the goal is to build a 10,000 square foot facility in DeFuniak Springs and to engage the senior citizen community to help the kids at the center. She thanked the Board for their support on behalf of the center.

Chairman Chapman discussed his prior experience with the CAC and voiced an eagerness to have a CAC facility in this area.

Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator, reported that staff had been discussing with representatives of Empire Truck Sales, LLC regarding their interest in locating a facility in the Mossy Head Industrial Park (MHIP). He presented an offer by Empire Truck Sales to purchase 10 acres of land in Zone 1 in the amount of \$20,000 per acre to build a facility to house a large truck service center, truck parts department and sales area. The County would assure that utilities infrastructure is available, land clearing and two entrance/exit cuts from the unnamed service

road to the north of the property. He recommended approval contingent upon securing commitments via the purchase contract that discussed facilities be constructed in an acceptable time frame. He also requested that Attorney Davis be allowed to move forward to accomplish the sale of the property to Empire Truck Sales, LLC.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to allow Attorney Davis to begin the process to sell the MHIP property to Empire Truck Sales.

Commissioners Comander and Imfeld spoke in favor of Empire Truck Sales and their coming to Walton County.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Jones stated that the Planning Department would be presenting a request regarding the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS). He asked that the individuals who are a part of the LMS Working Group be made aware of the importance of working together to obtain the available grant funds.

Ms. Rene Bradley, Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Chairman and Planning and Development Planner, requested acknowledgement of the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group and their necessary participation in processing of the mitigation action list. She briefly discussed the requirements of the Local Mitigation Plan. She reported that the Florida Department of Environmental Management will be visiting on January 16, 2014 to help apply for the available grants and has requested to visit with each of the Board members.

Commissioner Pridgen asked if prior work would be required on potential LMS projects. Ms. Bradley stated that FEMA has asked that the list be updated and re-ranked. Commissioner Pridgen asked if there would be any up-front costs. Ms. Bradley state no.

Mr. Jones requested that the Board allow the Chairman to sign a letter to each of the LMS Working Group members stressing the importance of their participation at a date and time prior to January 16, 2014 meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Management.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to allow the Chairman to sign a letter to each of the LMS Working Group members stressing the importance of their participation at a date and time prior to January 16, 2014 meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Management. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Michelle Ray, TDC, briefly discussed the following upcoming events and TDC items: Sports Complex Workshop on December 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Coastal Branch Library; The Freeport Basketball Blow-Out which is sponsored yearly by the Sandestin Hilton; renovations of the TDC building are 50% complete.

Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney, requested adoption of the Use of Facilities Policy. He stated that there is no written policy regulating the use of county facilities by outside groups. He has been working with Public Works to establish fees for the use of the facilities and would present those rates at a later time.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to approve the Use of Facilities Policy. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Attorney Davis stated that there was an error and omission in a deed prepared for Florida Community Services Corp. of Walton County. He requested approval of the corrected Quit Claim Deed.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the corrected Quit Claim Deed with Florida Community Services Corp. of Walton County. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Attorney Davis requested adoption of a Resolution (2013-108) to declare that the highest and best use for a certain property in the MHIP is for a truck stop.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt Resolution 2013-108 declaring that the highest and best use for a certain property in the MHIP is for a truck stop. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Comander wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She questioned if it would be feasible for the Board to meet with the School Board to discuss the growth of the Mossy Head area. Attorney Davis stated that it would be easier and more productive to have Mr. Jones meet with Mr. Mike Davis, Career Development Center and then have the Boards meet afterwards.

Commissioner Imfeld gave an update on his recent trip to Germany and discussed the need for suppliers for Airbus along the I-10 corridor. The Airbus Company is eager to work in this area and he urged that all the counties work together to bring in the economic development.

Commissioner Pridgen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairman Chapman discussed the Canvassing Board and Board Members stated that due to a change in the law, an alternate is to be appointed.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to appoint Commissioner Bill Imfeld as alternate to the Canvassing Board. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Chairman Chapman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Ed Armbruster briefly discussed the history of Beethoven Circle and Tchaikovsky Circle and stated that both roads have been designated as county maintained. He requested that the two roads be paved. Commissioner Imfeld reported that he and Mr. Armbruster had met and stated that there are roads in the district which are far worse; some road damage due to the storms and flooding this past summer. He said that he would like the opportunity to work with Public Works to come up with a reasonable placement on the road paving list, then meet again with Mr. Armbruster after the first of the year. The Board concurred.

Attorney Davis announced that this was the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Freeport Basketball Blow-Out Tournament and that there have been between 5,000 to 10,000 rooms rented for the event. He encouraged the Board to spend a day at the tournament.

Ms. Mary Konovsky, South Walton Community Council, questioned Consent Agenda Item 6: Alltel/Verizon Tower at Inlet Beach agreement and stated that the Manager of Inlet Beach Water Systems stated that there was no agreement with Verizon. Attorney Davis said that the agreement would add equipment to an existing site and tower. Ms. Konovsky questioned if the location was Peach Creek rather than Inlet Beach. Attorney Davis stated that the original agreement was with Alltel which is now Verizon and that he would research the issue.

On behalf of the staff, Mr. Jones wished the Board and the public a Merry Christmas and announced that an Open House would be held today at County Administration from 11:00 a.m. to 2 a.m.

There were no further items to present.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Approved:   
Bill Chapman, Chairman

Attest:   
Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller