

## MARCH 24, 2009 – 2009 STRATEGIC PLAN SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., at the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Sara Comander, Chairman; Commissioner Scott Brannon, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Larry Jones, Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, and Commissioner Cecilia Jones. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, and Mr. Mike Burke, County Attorney, were also present.

Chairman Comander called the meeting to order regarding the 2009 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, stated that the last component of the budget process is underway. The budget packets have been sent out and the priority list from 2008 needs to be discussed to determine what items need to be deleted, added, or rearranged. The current list is as follows:

1. Improve public relations, make government more service and solution oriented, and instill confidence in county government;
2. Develop a comprehensive program for paving, bridges and other infrastructure;
3. Protect natural resource areas from negative impacts of growth;
4. Promote the development of more diverse and higher paying jobs, infrastructure to support them; i.e., attainable work force housing and military impact coordination;
5. Provide equitable recreation facilities for the different areas of the County; and
6. Continue to expand Walton County's private/public partnerships to accomplish regional objectives.

Chairman Comander stated a number of the items on the list have been moving forward. Commissioner Pridgen commented that these items are still going to be the top priorities because they address the concerns of the citizens. He stated that workforce

housing impacts to the County need to be reviewed and encourage EDA to find opportunities for businesses in Walton County

Commissioner C. Jones commented that item four should be moved up on the list. Chairman Comander suggested switching items three and four.

Chairman Comander questioned if the strategic plan works within the present economy. Commissioner L. Jones stated if things are not handled carefully then the economic conditions could sway the priorities when all priorities need to be the same.

Commissioner Brannon commented on item two stating that a comprehensive plan has already been developed. Mr. Bell clarified that the second item will state “Implementation of a comprehensive program for paving, bridges and other infrastructure”.

Chairman Comander commented that the last item should be moved up one because it is very important to work with the City, EDA, Eglin, the Chamber, and others to help accomplish the objectives. Brief discussion continued regarding the change of language to the last item.

Mr. Bell clarified that the language will be changed to state “Continue to expand Walton County’s private/public partnerships to accomplish local and/or regional objectives to enhance and expand to make a bigger product”. Chairman Comander questioned if item six should be switched with item five. Commissioner C. Jones stated that the two items should be switched.

Chairman Comander asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve switching items five and six, and items three and four of the 2009 Strategic Plan. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Comander Aye, Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Sara Comander, Chairman

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts