

MARCH 24, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Bill Imfeld, Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner W. N. “Bill” Chapman; Commissioner Cecilia Jones; and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; Mr. Stan Sunday, Deputy County Administrator; and Mr. Mark Davis, County Attorney, were also present.

Commissioner Jones led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Imfeld called the meeting to order.

Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator, presented the following changes to the agenda for approval:

ADDITIONS:

1. Consent Agenda Administrative Item 5 – Approve request from the Sheriff’s Office to apply for the Annual Spring Grant for 911 Maintenance and the replacement of the DeFuniak Springs Police Department 911 Recorder
2. Consent Agenda Administrative Item 6 – Approve to purchase 500 beach towels for \$12,250 as requested by the TDC
3. County Attorney Item 8 – Approve a Resolution (**2015-17**) making a legislative finding and authorizes the expenditure of tourist development tax revenues for the construction and maintenance of parking lots and spaces to provide more adequate parking for beach accesses in south Walton County

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the changes to the agenda as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment regarding any agenda item.

There were no comments made.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the consent agenda as follows. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Clerk's Items:

1. Approve Expenditure Approval List (EAL)

General Fund	\$ 1,214,583.20
County Transportation	\$ 383,004.68
Section 8 Housing	\$ 10,037.00
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 668,869.17
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 101,106.34
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 273,235.83
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$ 4,339.25
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 48,540.95
Mossy Head Ind. Park	\$ 450.00
Totals	\$ 2,704,166.42

2. Approve Minutes of March 5, 2015 Special Meeting, March 10, 2015 Special Meeting/Executive Session, March 10, 2015 Public Hearing and March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting

Administrative Items:

1. Approve request from the Planning Department to surplus several items
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter acknowledging the Washington Holmes Technical Center name change to the Florida Panhandle Technical College
3. Request to adopt a Resolution **(2015-18)** calling for a Special Election on May 19, 2015, regarding the continuation of an Ad Valorem Millage increase for Operating Expenditures for the Walton County School District
4. Approve applying for a State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Grant for five residential properties and one Walton County Public Park
5. Approve request from the Sheriff's Office to apply for the Annual Spring Grant for 911 Maintenance and the replacement of the DeFuniak Springs Police Department 911 Recorder
6. Approve to purchase 500 beach towels for \$12,250 as requested by the TDC

Budget Amendment Resolutions/Transfers:

1. Approve a Resolution **(2015-19)** amending the budget for FY 2014-2015 to account for unanticipated grant revenue in the General Fund in the amount of \$8,703 for the EMS County Grant Program from the Florida Department of Health

2. Approve a Resolution **(2015-20)** amending the budget for FY 2014-2015 for unanticipated additional grant revenue in the General Fund for the State Aid to Libraries Grant in the amount of \$3,449
3. Approve budget amendments for mid-year re-allocation to accommodate unanticipated projects, expenses and repairs for the TDC – from Contingency Funds

Amendments/Contracts:

1. Approve the 2014-2015 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2. Approve a Lease Agreement with James R. McHenry and Rosemary McHenry for office space
3. Approve Amendment 1 to the DEP funding agreement LP66021 for the Mossy Head Waste Water Treatment Facility project

Mr. Jones presented Resolution **(2015-16)** for adoption honoring Mr. Alex Colby Brack and designating the County Road located on Montgomery Circle as Alex Brack Drive.

Chairman Imfeld read aloud the Resolution for the record and presented it to the family of Mr. Brack.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to adopt Resolution **(2015-16)** honoring Mr. Alex Colby Brack as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to approve the contract for the design of the South Walton Sports Park to Lose and Associates, Inc. for the negotiated rate of 6.25% of the construction costs plus \$29,500 fee for the master planning.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the contract for the design of the South Walton Sports Park as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones presented the request from Ms. Julie Hurst with the Children's Advocacy Center for the County to provide fill dirt (6,975 cubic yards) for the purpose of filling in the old

hospital basement. This situation was not anticipated when the property was conveyed to them for their use.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the request from Ms. Hurst as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to approve Change Order No. 3 to Empire Builders for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) renovations for \$6,851. These were changes that were asked by staff to be made.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve Change Order No. 3 to Empire Builders for the EOC renovations as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones presented the request from the Public Defender's Office regarding office space. Their current facility, owned by the County, is not ADA compliant and there are other issues with the building as well. He stated that staff will begin looking for alternate spaces for their office.

Commissioner Chapman stated that there are other needs throughout the County as well and questioned if the needs will be addressed separately or with a comprehensive approach. Mr. Jones stated that they will look at all the needs at one time, but the Public Defender's Office will be addressed in the short term.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the current office space and the amount of space needed for the Public Defender's Office.

The consensus of the Board was for staff to bring back proposals at the next meeting for consideration.

Mr. Jones requested to approve a rate increase for removal of scrap tires at the County Landfill to \$110 per ton to recoup costs of service, labor, fuel, and maintenance associated with the program. The current charge is \$86 per ton.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to increase the rate for removal of scrap tires at the County Landfill to \$110 per ton as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to approve the task order and cost proposal to Preble-Rish, Inc. for the amount of \$31,054.09 to develop and submit to DEP a gas remediation plan.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the task order and cost proposal to Preble-Rish, Inc. for the amount of \$31,054.09 to develop and submit to DEP a gas remediation plan as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to approve the Walton County Fire Rescue Firefighter Employer Safety Program and Respiratory Protection Program as presented.

Commissioner Comander stated that the report was very well done and commended staff for their hard work.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the Walton County Fire Rescue Firefighter Employer Safety Program and Respiratory Protection Program as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 014-028 with J&P Construction Company, d/b/a Jamison Construction Company for the Waste Water Treatment

Facility at Mossy Head. The change order deducts \$186,350.08 due to material purchases by the County to save on sales tax.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 014-028 for a reduction of \$186,350.08 as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested direction from the Board in regards to paving the road crossing Leisure Lake Dam and to place it on a future paving list. He explained that staff recommended not considering adding the road to the future paving list. There are other paved roads across dams throughout the County and they do have many issues, including maintenance and liability.

Attorney Davis, County Attorney, stated that the liability concern is that the County does not own or control the dam and there are issues that have arisen in the past regarding similar situations of this matter.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to not consider paving the road crossing Leisure Lake Dam and not to place it on the future paving list as recommended by staff.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

Mr. Harry Riley, Leisure Lake land owners representative, presented information and discussed that there is no known reason to have the road reopened.

Mr. John Murphy also spoke in opposition of reopening the roadway.

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

Mr. Jones requested to award ITB 015-021, for a 2015 Low-Boy Truck Cab and Chassis to lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Empire Truck Sales, LLC in the amount of \$131,536.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to award ITB 015-021 to Empire Truck Sales, LLC, for the amount of \$131,536, as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to renew and approve Contract No. 014-005 for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Supply Services with Retif and Oil, LLC for an additional year.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Chapman, to renew and approve Contract No. 014-005 with Retif and Oil, LLC as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested permission to begin the process of amending the Stormwater Management section of the Land Development Code as outlined in the document provided and to bring forward an Ordinance establishing a minimum finish floor elevation in Walton County.

Chairman Imfeld questioned if the amendment is sustainable for areas north of the Choctawhatchee Bay. Mr. Jones explained that they believe that it is and if there are areas north of the Bay they would certainly entertain it. Chairman Imfeld asked for staff to meet with Public Works to determine if there would be any stormwater impact to those areas north of the Choctawhatchee Bay for residential construction.

Commissioner Meadows felt that for future development it would be a good idea to include areas north of the Choctawhatchee Bay. Chairman Imfeld agreed and felt that information needed to be provided for consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to move forward with the process of amending the Stormwater Management section of the Land Development Code as requested and to include areas north of the Choctawhatchee Bay.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to include areas north of the Choctawhatchee Bay in the proposed amendment for stormwater management needs.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

Mr. Richard Flowers spoke about roadway issues on Joe Duggar Road. Mr. Jones explained that there are safety issues, but the roadway is private and not publicly maintained.

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

Mr. Jones discussed the design and CEI components of the bids for RFQ 015-008 for CR 181C and RFQ 015-009 for Walton Bridge Road. The design portion and the CEI portion must be awarded to two different firms. Staff reviewed the submittals and provided the following recommendations for consideration:

RFQ 015-008: Design – DRMP Engineering, CEI – Genesis Engineering

RFQ 015-009: Design – Genesis Engineering, CEI – Atkins Engineering

Commissioner Meadows recused herself from voting on the requests to begin negotiations with the engineering firms for the CR 181C and Walton Bridge Road projects due to a conflict of interest. **(FORM 8B Submitted)**

Mr. Jones requested to begin negotiations with DRMP Engineering for the CR 181C Design Services for RFQ 015-008 as recommended by staff.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to begin negotiations with DRMP Engineering for the CR 181C Design Services for RFQ 015-008 as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye. Commissioner Meadows abstained from voting. **(FORM 8B - Meadows)**

Mr. Jones requested to begin negotiations with Genesis Engineering for the CR 181C CEI Services for RFQ 015-008 as recommended by staff.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to begin negotiations with Genesis Engineering for the CR 181C CEI Services for RFQ 015-008 as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye. Commissioner Meadows abstained from voting. **(FORM 8B - Meadows)**

Mr. Jones requested to begin negotiations with Genesis Engineering for the Walton Bridge Design Services for RFQ 015-009 as recommended by staff.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to begin negotiations with Genesis Engineering for the Walton Bridge Design Services for RFQ 015-009 as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye. Commissioner Meadows abstained from voting. **(FORM 8B - Meadows)**

Mr. Jones requested to begin negotiations with Atkins Engineering for the Walton Bridge Road CEI Services for RFQ 015-009 as recommended by staff.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to begin negotiations with Atkins Engineering for the Walton Bridge Road CEI Services for RFQ 015-009 as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye. Commissioner Meadows abstained from voting. **(FORM 8B - Meadows)**

Mr. Jim Bagby, Tourist Development Council Executive Director, requested approval for the Chairman to sign a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting a deferred reimbursement agreement with the State for funding of the Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge in the amount of approximately \$1,049,106. He recommended taking the funds out of the TDC Reserves as long as FDOT agrees to reimburse the funds by FY 2018-2019.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Chairman to sign a letter to FDOT requesting a deferred reimbursement agreement for funding of

the Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bagby requested approval to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Topsail Hill State Park for parking, with a value not to exceed \$25,000. He explained that they have identified an overflow of about 100-120 parking spaces in the park.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the notification to the public of the new parking area, the benefit of the parking area to all visitors rather than those only going to Topsail Beach, tram services in the park, and parking needs for the area.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Topsail Hill State Park for parking as requested.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

Ms. Mary Nielson discussed the costs involved for those that have already purchased the annual passes to state parks and felt that there should be a better benefit to the park system due to the amount of money generated by providing the parking spaces to the public.

Mr. Bagby gave an overview of the history of the negotiations that led to the presented price amount.

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

Mr. Bagby requested to award and approve the Construction Contract with P2M General Contractor Services, Inc. for the TDC Visitor Center Exterior Paint Project.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to award and approve the Construction Contract with P2M General Contractor Services, Inc. for the TDC

Visitor Center Exterior Paint Project as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bagby requested to award and approve the contract with SOWAL Graphics, LLC for the TDC Beach Access & Dune Lakes signage retrofitting.

Commissioner Comander exited the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to award and approve the contract with SOWAL Graphics, LLC for the TDC Beach Access & Dune Lakes signage retrofitting as requested.

Commissioner Chapman commented that measures need to be taken to remedy the peeling issue that has been a problem in the past.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bagby presented the following TDC updates: Silver Airways started having direct flights to Tampa and Orlando last Thursday, Ms. Jennifer Vigil was appointed as Chair to the American Public Works Association, and they recently received two reimbursement checks from the state for cost share of beach nourishment.

Chairman Imfeld asked for an update on the Angelos property. Mr. Bagby explained that there was a previous plan that they were not aware of for a nature center at that location, and they are in the process of developing three options for the Board to consider.

Commissioner Comander returned to the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Attorney Davis requested approval of a contract with Dr. Harvey H. Harper, III, P.E. for Engineering Services for Driftwood. This was requested by the Special Magistrate.

Commissioners' Comander and Imfeld recused themselves from discussion on any Driftwood items due to a conflict of interest. Commissioners Comander and Imfeld abstained from voting. **(FORM 8B – Comander, Imfeld)**

Commissioner Chapman assumed the Chairman position.

Commissioner Meadows discussed on page 9 of 11 in the Scope of Services that she would like for Mr. Harper to meet with county representatives and also resident representatives in Driftwood as well. Attorney Davis stated that could be added to the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the contract with Dr. Harvey H. Harper, III, P.E. for Engineering Services for Driftwood as requested with the addition as recommended by Commissioner Meadows. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(FORM 8B – Comander, Imfeld)**

Attorney Davis requested approval of a cost sharing agreement between Walton County, Greater Driftwood Estates HOA, and Driftwood Estates Phase II HOA regarding the construction and maintenance of improvements to the Driftwood Park.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve a cost sharing agreement between Walton County, Greater Driftwood Estates HOA, and Driftwood Estates Phase II HOA as requested. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(FORM 8B – Comander, Imfeld)**

Commissioners Comander and Imfeld reentered the meeting.

Chairman Imfeld resumed the Chairman position.

Attorney Davis requested to authorize the Chairman to sign a Quit-Claim Deed to Mr. Rome Garrett, and to make a finding that the parcel being conveyed has a value less than

\$15,000 and due to the size, shape, location, and value it is only of use to the adjacent property owner.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Quit-Claim Deed to Mr. Rome Garrett and to find that the parcel is only of use to the adjacent property owner as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the settlement agreement for damages caused by Mr. Harold Gilley to the Miramar Regional Beach Access parking deck for approximately \$10,900.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the settlement agreement for damages caused by Mr. Harold Gilley as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested approval to hold a Public Hearing on April 14, 2015 to consider an Ordinance creating the 331 Tax Increment Area.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to hold a Public Hearing on April 14, 2015 to consider an Ordinance creating the 331 Tax Increment Area as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested to hold a Public Hearing on April 14, 2015 to consider an Ordinance creating the South Walton Tax Increment Area.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to hold a Public hearing on April 14, 2015 to consider an Ordinance creating the South Walton Tax Increment

Area as requested. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested to adopt Resolution **(2015-21)** establishing the highest and best use of a commercial storage and delivery facility for dry goods for 1.5 acres in the Mossy Head Industrial Park (MHIP) for the Busby Property.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to adopt Resolution **(2015-21)** establishing the highest and best use of a commercial storage and delivery facility in the MHIP for the Busby Property as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested to adopt Resolution **(2015-17)** making a legislative finding and authorizing the expenditure of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) revenues for the construction and maintenance of parking lots and spaces to provide more adequate parking for beach accesses in south Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to adopt Resolution **(2015-17)** making a legislative finding and authorizing the expenditure of TDT revenues for the construction and maintenance of parking lots and spaces for beach accesses as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis provided an update regarding public records requests.

Chairman Imfeld called to order the Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Triangle Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to open the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Meadows asked if the numbers were available for review. Mr. Jones stated that information could be provided for review prior to the next meeting.

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

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

Mr. Bill Fletcher presented information for review and spoke in opposition of the two requests for Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions.

Chairman Imfeld announced that Mr. Fletcher had exceeded his time limit.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to allow Mr. Fletcher to finish his presentation of information regarding the two Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption requests. (A vote was not made/recorded.)

Mr. Fletcher explained that the information would cover both requests and no additional time would be needed after the next hearing is called to order.

Commissioner Imfeld withdrew his objection to allow Mr. Fletcher to continue presenting the information. Mr. Fletcher continued.

Chairman Imfeld asked Ms. Melissa Thomason, Finance Director, to provide information regarding the amount of property taxes paid in the enterprise zones. Ms. Thomason stated that the property values were obtained from the Property Appraiser's Office and the millage rates were calculated at the budgeted rate. Mr. Fletcher stated that the information in his presentation was provided by Mr. Patrick Pilcher, Property Appraiser.

Commissioner Comander stated that the business for Triangle has increased and they had to add 4-6 new employees.

Mr. Greg Lathinghouse, owner of Triangle Chevrolet-Buick, Inc., explained the history of applying for the tax exemption, increase of employees, and business increase. He felt that the program does help promote business for Walton County.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to move the request to consider an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Triangle Chevrolet-Buick, Inc. to a second hearing at the April 28, 2015 meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Imfeld called to order the Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance **(2015-04)** granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Empire Truck Sales pursuant to Section 196.1995 of the Florida Statutes.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to open the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

Commissioner Comander spoke in support of the business coming to north Walton County and felt that this is a tool to help the County expand.

Commissioner Meadows expressed concern that the business was already here and did not have to have an incentive to come to our area.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Jones, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt Ordinance (2015-04) granting the Economic Tax Exemption to Empire Truck Sales as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Nay, Meadows Nay.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the contract with Empire Truck Sales for an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Nay, Meadows Nay.

Commissioners Comander, Chapman, and Imfeld had no items to present.

Mr. Jones announced that staff met with Mr. Flowers regarding Joe Duggar Road to determine a solution and felt that the pay grade program was an adequate resolution to the issues on the roadway.

Commissioner Jones suggested looking at emergency situations to allow Public Works to conduct the needed repairs. Mr. Jones commented that there is nothing in writing, but a policy could be made for consideration.

Commissioner Meadows stated that last year there was a contract with the Sheriff's Office for traffic calming measure at the intersection of Hwy 395 and CR 30A and questioned if those services would be provided again.

Mr. Jones stated that with direction of the Board they could move forward with the same traffic calming measures that were performed last year.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the level of chaos due to the Spring Break/tourist season.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to allow the Sheriff's Office to provide the same traffic calming measures as last year. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Meadows questioned if the location has been confirmed for the April 20, 2015 meeting to continue discussion on the Redesign of Chateau 30A (Hampton Inn) request. Mr. Jones answered that the meeting would be held at the Emerald Coast Middle School at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Imfeld asked for additional public comments.

There were no additional public comments made.

The meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

Mr. Wayne Dyess, Planning and Development Services Director, presented the Mining Ordinance for the first reading amending Section 11.06.01 and adding Section 11.06.07 to the Walton County Land Development Code, adding definitions, establishing a review process and criteria for temporary small scale mineral extraction and excess materials from pond construction in the Large-Scale Agriculture and General Agriculture future land use districts.

Commissioner Chapman expressed some concerns with the ordinance as written and addressed the following issues: property located north of I-10, bond requirements, 12.5% for parcels less than 40 acres, and use of excess dirt from building private ponds on personal property.

Commissioner Comander felt that a bond should be required and the need for private property owners to reclaim their land as commercial selling services do.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the current language in the Land Development Code, procedures for obtaining bonds, and commercial mining operations vs. agriculture operations.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Comander, to move forward with the second hearing of the Mining Ordinance with the following changes: 1) applies north of the Choctawhatchee Bay, 2) obtain a bond to ensure reclamation of land, 3) 12.5% of parcels less than 40 acres in size, 4) section B3 ponds to use Best Management Practices (BMP) language as recommended by Attorney Davis, and 5) use for state/local bonified public works road building projects.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

Mr. Lee Perry spoke in opposition of removing regulations that restrict environmental impacts and requested to keep the restrictions north of I-10.

Mr. Kevin Chilcutt spoke in favor of the recommended changes.

Mr. Chester Carter expressed concerns with the language and how it would affect his property. The Board explained that Mr. Carter would be able to build a 15 acre pond on his 300 acre property.

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

Commissioner Comander exited the meeting at 11:26 a.m. and did not return.

Mr. Mac Carpenter, Planning and Development Services, presented the Transit Stop Sign Ordinance for the first reading amending Chapter 7 (Signs) and Chapter 13 (Scenic Corridors and Vistas) of the Walton County Land Development Code to provide for permitting of off-premise Transit Stop signs on private property as part of an approved Transit Stop plan.

Commissioner Meadows recommended adding language to make the signs consistent with the area.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to move forward with the second hearing of the Transit Stop Sign Ordinance, accepting the recommendations by the Planning Department and the recommendation to add language to make the signs consistent with the area. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

The Quasi-Judicial Hearing was called to order and Attorney Davis administered the oath to those intending on speaking. There were no objections made to the advertisement notices as published.

Mr. Tim Whaler, Planning and Development Services, presented the Hidden Palms Subdivision major development order application submitted by Sachs & La Seur, P.A., requesting approval of a 20 lot single-family subdivision on 2.5 +/- acres with a future land use of Neighborhood Infill. The project is located on the south side of Hatchew Road, 300 feet west of South Holiday Road. There are no known code violations on the subject property. The project will be consistent with the LDC and Comp plan once all conditions set forth in the staff report have been met.

Commissioner Meadows questioned the parking needs for the project. Mr. Whaler explained that two parking spaces are required and the bedroom limitations would be consistent with the parking spaces. Commissioner Meadows stated that since the project is located in a resort area that overflow parking is needed.

Commissioner Chapman asked about stormwater retention treatment. Mr. Whaler stated that the stormwater pond has been designed to the current LDC standards, a 25-year event.

Ms. Melissa Ward, representative, stated that the project has a 100-year stormwater event retention, the standard set-backs were used on the property, and the housing will be up to 2 stories but no more than 1800 square feet. She explained the access points to the subject property.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

There were no public comments made.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Hidden Palms Subdivision request contingent upon conditions set forth in the staff report in addition to include information of the maximum house size and stories on the final plat. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(Exhibits: Staff 1)**

Mr. Whaler presented the Burke-Mullins Re-plat plat application submitted by Emerald Coast Associates, Inc., requesting approval to re-plat Lots 8 and 9 of the Beach Highlands First Addition, Plat Book 3 Page 50, to move a common lot line. The plat consists of 0.375 +/- acres with a future land use of Residential Preservation. The project is located at 132 Dune Drive. There are no known code violations on the subject property and the project will meet the LDC and Comp Plan requirements unless further evidence is presented.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

There were no public comments made.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Burke-Mullins Re-plat application as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(Exhibits: Staff 1)**

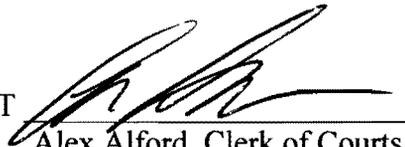
Mr. Brian Underwood, Planning and Development Services, requested to continue the Forest View Village PUD Amendment major development application submitted by Innerlight Engineering to the April 14, 2015 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to continue the Forest View Village PUD Amendment request to the April 14, 2015 meeting as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(Exhibits: Staff 1)**

Mr. Underwood explained that there were some concerns raised and if any additional information is provided it will be presented to the Board for review prior to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

ATTEST



Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts
and County Comptroller

APPROVED



Acting Bill Imfeld, Chairman