

JANUARY 27, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 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 Cecilia Jones; and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; Ms. Dede Hinote, Deputy County Administrator; Mr. Stan Sunday, Deputy County Administrator; Mr. Mark Davis, County Attorney; and Mr. Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller, 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 Item 4 – Approve Change Order No. 1 with Empire Builders Group, Inc. for the EOC Building at a decrease of \$5,298.64 and an increase in calendar days by 7 days
2. Consent Agenda Item 5 – Approve Change Order No. 2 with Empire Builders Group, Inc. for the EOC Building at a decrease of \$16,120.70 for the purchase of ceiling tile

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the changes to the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment regarding any agenda item.

There were no public comments made.

Commissioner Meadows asked that the EAL's be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the consent agenda with removal of the EAL approval as follows. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Clerk's Items:

- ~~1. Approve Expenditure Approval List (EAL)~~
2. Approve Minutes of January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting

Administrative Items:

1. Approve the installation of a wall and septic system at Turkey Creek Pit for the District 3 trailer in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 using the Improvements other than Building Account
2. Approve the Life Enrichment Senior Center's Quarterly Report for October, November and December 2014
3. Approve to purchase an Alkota 4182 Hot Water Pressure Washer in the amount of \$3649 for the District 1 Road Department to replace BCC# 5263 using the Machinery and Equipment Account
4. Approve a Resolution **(2015-03)** proclaiming the week of February 15-21, 2015 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week
5. Approve change in the Walton County E911 Coordinator from Belinda Farmer to Daniel Carroll with the Walton County Sheriff's Office

Budget Amendment Resolutions/Transfers:

1. Approve to advertise and hold a Public Hearing on February 10, 2015 to bring forward funding from land sales at Mossy Head Industrial Park into FY 2015 Budget
2. Approve to amend the Capital Purchase Plan to authorize the purchase of a iMac with 3.5GHz Retina 5K Display 27 inch; 3.5GHz quad-core Intel Core i5 Turbo Boost up to 3.9GHz 8GB (two 4GB) memory as requested by the TDC
3. Approve a Resolution **(2015-04)** amending the Budget for unanticipated grant revenue in the General Fund for the Choctaw Beach Boat Ramp Project
4. Approve Change Order No. 1 with Empire Builders Group, Inc. for the EOC Building at a decrease of \$5,298.64 and an increase in calendar days by 7 days
5. Approve Change Order No. 2 with Empire Builders Group, Inc. for the EOC Building at a decrease of \$16,120.70 for the purchase of ceiling tile

Agreements/Contracts:

1. Approve Carr, Riggs & Ingram Engagement Letter to perform the required arbitrage calculation related to refinancing the Capital Projects line of credit
2. Approve to renew the Physio Contract for Technical Services Support in the amount of \$15,375 for the Lifepack 12 units that are on each ambulance
3. Approve and accept the FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant – Federally Funded Sub-grant Agreement
4. Approve the Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Mutual Aid between Walton County and Dorcas Fire District

Commissioner Meadows questioned the January 15, 2015 EAL line item for educational management consultant. Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney, answered that expenditure is for the company that is conducting negotiations for the County for the Firefighters. Commissioner Meadows questioned the dump truck purchase under the Mossy Head Industrial Park expenses. Mr. Jones answered that was a heavy duty rental, not a purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the Expenditure Approval List (EAL's) as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

General Fund	\$	858,629.07
County Transportation	\$	476,673.36
SHIP	\$	7,011.00
Fine & Forfeiture	\$	4,064.67
Section 8 Housing	\$	144,915.68
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	129,123.38
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$	3,323.41
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$	634,812.05
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	749.14
Imperial Lakes MSBU	\$	2,517.66
Mossy Head Ind. Park	\$	247,366.02
Capital Projects Fund	\$	28,879.42
Totals	\$	2,538,064.86

Mr. Jones requested to designate 1.9 acres located at 153 New Elba Drive as surplus pursuant to the Property Acquisition Ordinance. He explained that DOT intends to use the property as a stormwater facility for the expansion of Hwy 98.

Commissioner Meadows questioned if there are wetlands or native preservation that would be required on the property. She also expressed concerns regarding the neighboring area and recommended that they leave a 10-foot buffer by the residential areas. Commissioner Comander felt that this stormwater facility would greatly help the area. Mr. Jones answered that there is no preservation or wetlands on the property.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the designation of 1.9 acres located at 153 New Elba Drive as surplus with a 10-foot buffer as recommended. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to approve the Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way transfer Resolutions **(2015-05, 2015-07, and 2015-10)** for the Hwy 98 Six-lane Expansion Project and the purchase agreement for the sale of 1.9 acres located at 153 New Elba Drive in accordance with the Property Acquisition Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve the Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way transfer Resolutions **(2015-05, 2015-07, and 2015-10)** for the Hwy 98 six-lane expansion project and the purchase agreement for the sale of 1.9 acres with the condition of a 10-foot buffer as recommended. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested direction regarding the Florida Enterprise Zones. He explained that the Legislation that created the zones sunsets at the end of 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to support the continuing of the Florida Enterprise Zones as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to begin negotiations with Lose & Associates, the top ranked firm for the design of the South Walton Sports Complex Park.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to begin negotiations with Lose & Associates for the design of the South Walton Sports Complex Park as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Comander questioned the status of the parcel located in Miramar Beach. Mr. Jones stated that they are making progress and trying to resolve some issues with the utilities. Commissioner Meadows suggested placing the item on the next agenda to determine if the property needs to continue to be considered.

Mr. Jones requested to approve a Lease Agreement with Compass Builders of Florida, LLC for use of 400 square feet for office space located at 372 College Ave, DeFuniak Springs (old Gills House).

Commissioner Comander questioned what the space is used for. Mr. Jones answered that the building is currently used for records storage. Commissioner Meadows stated that no equipment should be stored outside of the building to help maintain the look of the neighborhood.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve a Lease Agreement with Compass Builders of Florida, LLC for use of 400 square feet for office space located at 372 College Ave as requested with the condition that no equipment is stored outside of the building. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to begin negotiations with South Data for RFP 015-001 for Document Management Services. There was \$250,000 budgeted for moving storage to an electronic system. He stated that they anticipate it would take up to \$74,000 to take all of the

small format documents electronically, but would take approximately \$1.9 million to do all of the large format documents. He recommended engaging South Data to begin the process with the small format documents and move forward into the larger format documents with the remaining funds.

Commissioner Comander questioned if the historical documents are protected. Attorney Davis stated that most have been scanned or stored in protected areas.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to begin negotiations with South Data for RFP 015-001 for Document Management Services as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to hire Mr. Bill Williams for the Local RESTORE Coordinator position. Mr. Williams was the top ranked candidate from each Commissioner.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to hire Mr. Bill Williams for the Local RESTORE Coordinator position as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to appoint Ms. Melissa Thomason for the Finance Director position. He stated that Ms. Wanda Quimby recently retired and Ms. Thomason was the top ranked applicant for the position.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Ms. Melissa Thomason for the Finance Director position as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones announced that staff has been working on the following issues and will be meeting with each Board member individually for a briefing: US 331 Corridor Standards,

Hearing Officer for various Boards, parking for new development, sandwich board signs, and Business License/Registration.

Commissioner Comander felt that each topic should be brought back for discussion as a whole as well.

Mr. Jones requested approval to seek bids for the site work associated with the new North Walton Mosquito Control Facility.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to seek bids for the site work associated with the new North Walton Mosquito Control Facility as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested approval to seek bids for the construction of a new boat ramp and site improvements at Choctaw Beach Park, Phase I.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to seek bids for the construction of a new boat ramp and site improvements at Choctaw Beach Park, Phase I as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jim Bagby, Tourist Development Council Executive Director, requested to extend the 2014 Beach Vendor Permits until May 22, 2015 to allow staff time to develop and vet proposed changes to the current Beach Activities Ordinance. He explained that staff felt it was not fair to possibly change the rules mid-season and the extension would allow all input to be reviewed and brought back for consideration.

Commissioner Comander questioned if all Board members had been met with. Mr. Bagby stated that they have not. Commissioner Comander asked to review a draft of all the ideas once they have been received.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to extend the 2014 Beach Vendor Permits until May 22, 2015 as requested.

Ms. Tammy Reinhart stated that this has already caused hardships for vendors to obtain permits.

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

Mr. Bagby requested to hold a public hearing on March 10, 2015 to consider amending the Beach Activities Ordinance.

Brief discussion ensued regarding an appropriate date to hold the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to hold a public hearing on March 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the South Walton Annex to consider amending the Beach Activities Ordinance. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Nay, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Bagby requested to approve \$75,000 of the Emerging Markets Air Carrier Recruitment Funds for use in promoting a CoOp Plan for Silver Airways service to Orlando and Tampa. Silver Airways will begin flying on March 19, 2015, two flights to Orlando out of Panama City and one flight to Tampa.

Chairman Imfeld questioned if the payment would be directly to the airline or for advertising. Mr. Bagby answered it would be for advertising.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve \$75,000 of the Emerging Markets Air Carrier Recruitment Funds for use in promoting a CoOp Plan for Silver Airways as requested.

Mr. Bob Dobes questioned how to document the return of investment. Mr. Bagby explained that the funds will be the initial investment and traffic will be monitored to determine how many people are planing/de-planing on the airways.

Mr. Art Miller expressed concern with the request not coming before the TDC Board for consideration first. Commissioner Meadows explained that there was \$500,000 recently approved for use in promoting the airways in the area and due to timeliness the request could not be presented before the TDC Board first.

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

Mr. Bagby presented the following updates: parking ticket classes are being conducted for an overall parking solution, a Golf Channel publicity opportunity, and the title research company estimate will be complete by mid-March.

Commissioner Comander questioned the status of Mr. Brad Pickle's resignation. Mr. Bagby stated that Mr. Pickle's last day will be March 31, 2015 and they are going to take a draft RFP to the TDC Board for a Coastal Consultant for consideration.

Attorney Davis requested approval of Change Order No. 1 for the Northwest Florida Commerce Park (Mossy Head Industrial Park) at Mossy Head in the amount of \$3,596.30 to compensate the contractor for the difference in the cost of the public construction bond.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Northwest Florida Commerce Park (Mossy Head Industrial Park) at Mossy Head in the amount of \$3,596.30 to compensate the contractor for the difference in the cost of the public construction bond as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Attorney Davis requested authorization for Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson to file an appeal of the Department of Juvenile Justice Final Orders dated January 9, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to allow Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson to file an appeal of the Department of Juvenile Justice Final Orders dated January 9, 2015 as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Meadows requested to approve \$2,022 from the General Fund's Driftwood Park account and up to \$1,000 from District 5 Recreational Plat Fees for a baseball backstop at Driftwood Park, and direct the County Attorney to prepare an agreement for cost sharing between Driftwood I and Driftwood II and Walton County for funds for improvements to Driftwood Park.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve \$2,022 from the General Fund's Driftwood Park account and up to \$1,000 from District 5 Recreational Plat Fees for a baseball backstop at Driftwood Park, and direct the County Attorney to prepare an agreement for cost sharing between Driftwood I and Driftwood II and Walton County for funds for improvements to Driftwood Park as requested. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(Voting Conflict FORM 8B - Imfeld)**

Commissioner Meadows requested to apply for a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to assist with the construction of the Driftwood Park.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to apply for a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to assist with the construction of the Driftwood Park as requested.

Chairman Imfeld questioned what the grant covers. Commissioner Meadows answered recreation infrastructure.

Ayes 3, Nays 0. Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(Voting Conflict FORM 8B - Imfeld)**

Commissioner Meadows requested to de-obligate \$29,205 in the Sidewalk Fund currently earmarked for the South Holiday Road and San Juan Road sidewalks and obligate \$12,320 to the sidewalk and crosswalk at CR 395 and Seagrove Village Road.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to de-obligate \$29,205 in the Sidewalk Fund currently earmarked for the South Holiday Road and San Juan Road sidewalks and obligate \$12,320 to the sidewalk and crosswalk at CR 395 and Seagrove Village Road as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Meadows requested to re-appoint Ms. Debbie Heard and Ms. Marsha Anderson to the Coastal Dune Lakes Advisory Board.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to re-appoint Ms. Debbie Heard and Ms. Marsha Anderson to the Coastal Dune Lakes Advisory Board as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Commissioner Comander provided an update on the Gulf Consortium meetings and stated that they are beginning to make strides.

Commissioner Jones stated that she would like to have discussion on the Village Mixed Use land category and review recommendations for consideration. Mr. Dyess stated that a Planning Workshop would be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 to discuss the initial limits to

Village Mixed Use. He stated that there have been many concerns with the language in the land use category.

Chairman Imfeld requested to use up to \$12,000 of Sidewalk Funds for the Mossy Head Park. He stated that there is a need to have a sidewalk to get from the school to the park.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve up to \$12,000 of Sidewalk Funds for the Mossy Head Park as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Chairman Imfeld announced that they are still moving forward with the packaging distribution facility at the Mossy Head Industrial Park.

Chairman Imfeld asked for additional public comments.

Attorney David Theriaque presented a document for consideration for self-storage facilities and asked for the Planning Department staff to initiate the process for an amendment to the Coastal Center land development category.

Mr. Dyess stated that the Ordinance does not allow self-storage facilities in the Coastal Center land use category. Commissioner Meadows spoke in opposition of considering land use category changes for one particular property. Chairman Imfeld suggested that Mr. Dyess determine if a public hearing is needed for consideration of the land use category changes.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Dyess requested to continue the Planning Fees Resolution for Small Scale Extraction Mining, and the Mining Ordinance to the February 24, 2015 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to continue the Planning Fees Resolution for Small Scale Extraction Mining, and the Mining Ordinance to the

February 24, 2015 meeting as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye. **(Ex Parte Communication: Meadows)**

Mr. Dyess requested approval to appoint Mr. Marc Hart as the new member of the SHIP Program – Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy of “Representative of Employers”.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to appoint Mr. Marc Hart as the new member of the SHIP Program for the “Representative of Employers” as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Dyess requested to schedule and advertise a Public Workshop to be held on February 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the South Walton Annex to consider the Outdoor Events Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to advertise a Public Workshop to be held on February 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the South Walton Annex to consider the Outdoor Events Ordinance as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to re-appoint and/or replace the following Code Enforcement Board members: re-appoint Mr. Victor Bowman, Architect; Mr. Richard Fowlkes, Citizen; and Mr. Dave Lovell, Engineer and to appoint Mr. Gordon Porter, as Realtor. He recommended appointing the members for a 120 day time frame to allot time if the Board chooses to bring back a Hearing Officer for consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Meadows, to re-appoint and/or replace the Code Enforcement Board members as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones discussed the need to schedule a Public Hearing to consider the redesign of Chateau 30A.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Jones, to schedule a Public Hearing to consider the redesign of Chateau 30A on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Seascape. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Tim Brown, Planning and Development Services, requested to adopt the General Commercial Text Amendment Ordinance **(2015-01)** amending the Walton County Comprehensive Plan Policy 1-1.4.3 General Commercial (GC) to allow an exception to the Locational Criteria in South Walton on Goldsby Road. The previous transmission was sent to state with no comments returned.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to adopt Ordinance **(2015-01)** amending the Walton County Comprehensive Plan Policy 1-1.4.3 General Commercial (GC) to allow an exception to the Locational Criteria in South Walton as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Dyess presented the Recreation Plat Fee Amendment Ordinance for first hearing amending the Walton County Land Development Code Section 11.03.03, providing for an increase in Recreation Buyout Fees for Plat Proposals from five percent to six percent of the gross value of the subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Meadows, second by Commissioner Comander, to continue the Recreation Plat Fee Amendment Ordinance to the second hearing on February 10, 2015 as requested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

The request to consider a Mining Ordinance was removed from the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to hold an Executive Session to discuss Yellow House 30A, LLC vs. Walton County, Case No. 2014-CA-488, and Cynthia L. Abbott Revocable Trust, et al vs. Olsen & Associates of NW Florida, Inc. et al, Case No. 2007-CA-889. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

The Public Meeting was recessed at 10:41 a.m. and an Executive Session was called to order to discuss Yellow House 30A, LLC vs. Walton County, Case No. 2014-CA-488, and Cynthia L. Abbott Revocable Trust, et al vs. Olsen & Associates of NW Florida, Inc. et al, Case No. 2007-CA-889. This meeting was not open to the public pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8).

The following will be in attendance: Commissioner Imfeld; Commissioner Comander; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Meadows; Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney; Attorney Sidney Noyes, Assistant County Attorney; Attorney Bill Warner, Special Counsel; Attorney Tim Warner, Special Counsel; and Ms. Sharon Payne, Certified Court Reporter.

The meeting reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to close the Executive Session. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to take action as recommended during the Executive Session. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

Attorney Davis requested to consider an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Empire Truck Sales, LLC to begin in tax year 2015 and continue for a period of five years unless terminated by either party, not to exceed \$21,250 annually of taxes owed. The exemption would also be repealed if the Ad-Valorem tax base decreases by ten (10) percent.

Commissioner Jones felt that the exemption should be done before the company comes in and expressed concerns that at some point the exemptions will need to stop. Commissioner Meadows felt that a 100% exemption was too high. Commissioner Comander felt that the jobs and expenses generated from construction and the business would be an incentive for future companies. Chairman Imfeld felt that each exemption request needs to be considered individually.

Motion by Commissioner Comander to adopt an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Empire Truck Sales, LLC as requested. Chairman Imfeld stepped down from Chairman position to second the motion and Commissioner Comander assumed Chairman position.

Chairman Imfeld asked for public comment.

Mr. Bill Fletcher spoke in opposition of the request.

Mr. Bob Hudson spoke in favor of the request.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the creation of jobs and retroactive efforts.

Attorney Davis stated that Empire Trucks, LLC closed on the property in October 2014 and applied for the exemption prior to closing on the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to close the public hearing. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Meadows Aye.

Ayes 2, Nays 2. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Nay, Meadows Nay.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

ATTEST



Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts
and County Comptroller

APPROVED



Bill Imfeld, Chairman