

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 24, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on May 24, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Larry Jones, Chair; Commissioner Scott Brannon, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen; Commissioner Cecilia Jones; and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Gerry Demers, Assistant County Administrator; Attorney Lynn Hoshihara, County Attorney; and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts; were also present.

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

Chairman L. Jones recognized and welcomed Mr. Monty Merchant, Vice-Chair Holmes County Board of County Commissioners

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the agenda additions and deletions as follows.

Chairman L. Jones requested to add a brief discussion of the budget process.

Motion amended by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones to approve the agenda additions and deletions as follows including the addition as requested by Chairman L. Jones.

Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

1. Addition: Consent Agenda-Approve a Resolution declaring June 14, 2011 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Walton County
2. Addition: Consent Agenda-Approve a Resolution for Andrews Institute Rehabilitation to locate in Walton County
3. Addition: Consent Agenda-Approve a Change Order from Preble-Rish and designate Recreational Plat Fee Funds as the funding source for the Chat Holley Sidewalk project

4. Addition: Consent Agenda-Approve a Resolution requesting Governor Rick Scott sign into law Senate Bill 2000 with funding for the West End Bridge Crossing (a/k/a Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge)
5. Addition: Consent Agenda-Approve a Resolution requesting Governor Rick Scott sign into law Senate Bill 2000 with funding for Economic Aid to the Panhandle
6. Addition: Public Works-Approve the Administrative Services Proposal from Fred Fox Enterprises for the Walton County CDBG Economic Development FFY 2009 CDBG Application Cycle (RFP: 011-018)
7. Addition: Support Services-Approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Freeport for a shared Recreational Director
8. Addition: Commissioner Brannon-Presentation on Choctawhatchee River Paddle Trail by Cliff Knauer with Preble-Rish and Bill Cleckly with Water Management District
9. Addition: Chairman L. Jones-Appoint a replacement for the Canvassing Board for the Post Election Voting System Audit to be held Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
10. Addition: Chairman L. Jones-Discuss upcoming budget process
11. Deletion: Consent Agenda-Approve a grant application for Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge Improvements

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Brannon, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows.

Chairman L. Jones asked if Consent Item 12 was to a specific district. Mr. Gerry Demers, Assistant County Administrator, stated that it was District 5.

Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

1. Approve Expenditure Approval List (EAL)

General Fund	\$	351,461.91
County Transportation	\$	425,281.34
Section 8 Housing	\$	138,534.00
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	962,047.33
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$	11,166.18
W. Co. Library	\$	3,355.85
Recreation Plat Fee	\$	9,746.12
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$	8,423.31
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	396.59
Inmate Canteen Fund	\$	10,336.88
Daughette Subdivision	\$	1,250.00
MSBU's - General	\$	875.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$	109,977.65
<b>Totals</b>	\$	<b>2,032,852.16</b>

2. Approve Minutes of May 10, 2011 Regular Meeting

3. Approve a **Resolution (2011-43)** to amend the budget for unanticipated grant funds for the E911 Rural County Grant for recorder maintenance in the amount of \$2,702

4. Approve a **Resolution (2011-44)** to amend the budget for the Sheriff's Fund by \$39,855
5. Approve to surplus on computer from the District 5 Administration Office
6. Approve to surplus one computer from the office of County Attorney (BCC 6549)
7. Approve a Records Disposition Request from the Clerk's Office
8. Approve for the Sheriff's Office apply for a 911 State Grant
9. ~~Approve a grant application for Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge Improvements~~
10. Approve a **Resolution (2011-45)** declaring June 14, 2011 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Walton County
11. Approve a support **Resolution (2011-46)** for Andrews Institute Rehabilitation to locate in Walton County
12. Approve a Change Order from Preble-Rish and designate Recreational Plat Fee Funds as the funding source for the Chat Holley sidewalk project
13. Approve a **Resolution (2011-47)** requesting Governor Rick Scott sign into law Senate Bill 2000 with funding for the West End Bridge Crossing (Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge)
14. Approve a **Resolution (2011-48)** requesting Governor Rick Scott sign into law Senate Bill 2000 with funding for Economic Aid to the Panhandle

Mr. Lyle Seigler, Public Works Director, presented a Right-of-Way Agreement with KLP Destin II, LLC to landscape in the right of way of CR 395 and Naturewalk. He recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the Right-of-Way Agreement with KLP Destin II, LLC. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Seigler presented a Right-of-Way Agreement with Seashells by the Sea Master Association, Inc. to attach a dune walkover to the right of way of Scenic Gulf Drive. He stated that Public Works has reviewed the plan and recommends approval.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the Right-of-Way Agreement with Seashells by the Sea Master Association, Inc. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Seigler presented a corrective utility easement for Regional Utilities at Cessna Park. He stated that the legal description referenced Section 22 and that it should be Section 27. He recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the corrective utility easement for Regional Utilities at Cessna Park. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Seigler presented RFQ 011-017: Walton County Dixie RV Superstore CDBG Engineering Services. He recommended awarding RFQ 011-017 to Preble-Rish Inc. for Construction and Engineering Services in the amount of \$86,530.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to award RFQ 011-017 to Preble-Rish, Inc. for Construction and Engineering Services in the amount of \$86,530. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Seigler presented RFP 011-018: Administrative Service for the Walton County CDBG Economic Development for FY 2009 CDBG Application Cycle. He recommended awarding RFP 011-018 to Fred Fox Enterprises in the amount of \$56,000.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to award RFP 011-018 Administrative Services in the amount of \$56,000 to Fred Fox Enterprises. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Captain Joe Preston, Walton County Sheriff's Office, discussed the Florida Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) and requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Management Services (Harris Corporation) relating to the SLERS. He stated that the Department of Management Services has agreed to build a tower at

the Mossy Head location and contribute \$500,000 toward the build out of the Gaskin tower. Attorney Lynn Hoshihara, County Attorney, recommended that the motion include the changes agreed upon by Attorney Mary Kramer of Matthews and Hawkins.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the changes as discussed. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Captain Preston discussed the Tower Lease Agreement, and a Land Option and Lease Agreement for the leasing of the ground and construction for the tower compound with Intellicom Wireless Management, Inc. He recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the Tower Lease Agreement and the Land Option and Lease Agreement with Intellicom Wireless Management, Inc. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Major Bill Chapman, Walton County Sheriff's Office, suggested that a project manager representing the County on the SLERS program be appointed. He recommended Captain Preston. Chairman L. Jones stated that the Sheriff's Office would take the lead but felt that the county should appoint someone to work with Captain Preston. Commissioner Comander suggested that recommendations be presented at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Major Chapman felt that an appointment should be made as soon as possible. The Board concurred to appoint Mr. Gerry Demers, Assistant County Administrator, or his designee, to work with the Sheriff's office on this issue until a person can be appointed.

Mr. Demers discussed the Solicitation/Panhandling "Special Events on Walton County Roadways Policy." He stated that the document required only a few changes and briefly

discussed those changes. He recommended approval. Commissioner Comander voiced concern with the use of “event” in the language and recommended that the verbiage be changed. Commissioner Brannon asked if the same form would be used for events requiring road closures. Mr. Demers stated that it would.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the “Special Events on Walton County Roadways Policy” with changes as discussed. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Demers requested to advertise for a Public Workshop to be held June 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss Solid Waste.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the advertisement of a Public Workshop to be held on June 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss Solid Waste. Ayes 4, Nays 0. L. Jones Abstained, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye. **(Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict: Chairman L. Jones)**

Mr. Demers requested to approve a grant application for Western Lake Pedestrian Bridge Improvements and designate Recreation Plat Fee Funds as a funding source for the grant match if no other funding source is identified.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Demers presented an Interlocal agreement with the City of Freeport for a shared Recreational Director. He reported that the agreement includes 60/40 compensation with the county paying 40% of the annual salary and 40% of the retirement benefits. He recommended approval. Mr. Pridgen questioned to whom the director would report. Mr. Demers stated that the director would be a city employee and report to city officials. Commissioner C. Jones questioned

the availability of a job description. Mr. Bearden presented a description for review. Commissioner Comander felt that the director should also report to the county. Mr. Bearden stated that the recreational director would report to him as well. Discussion continued on county recreational programs.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the Interlocal agreement with the City of Freeport for a shared Recreational Director. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Attorney Hoshihara stated that the Recreational Director would begin June 1.

Attorney Hoshihara presented a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract for land purchased from Mr. Joe Johnson and Mr. Burt Cosson. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cosson have reserved all timber rights until January 30, 2012. The USDA Farm Service Agency has contacted the County Attorney's office requesting that the CRP be revised to show county ownership of the property. She stated that there were three options 1. Assume all rights and responsibilities under the CRP contract; 2. Enter into the contract jointly with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cosson and allow them to continue to be the operators; or 3. Terminate the CRP contract at which time the sellers would be responsible for paying Farm Services approximately \$30,000. Attorney Hoshihara stated that should the Board decide to enter into the contract jointly, she would recommend a "hold harmless" or indemnification agreement be secured.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to enter into the contract jointly and secure a "hold harmless" or indemnification agreement from the sellers. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Dawn Moliterno, TDC Executive Director, presented and discussed the 2011-2012 Co-op Advertising Plan. She recommended approval. Commissioner Brannon stated that this is a

monumental but much needed change. He thanked Ms. Moliterno and all those involved for all of their hard work.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the 2011-2012 Co-op Advertising Plan. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Moliterno discussed the TDC 2011-2012 Budget and reported that it was unanimously approved by the Council. She stated that a strategic plan will be presented in June.

Ms. Moliterno presented and briefly discussed the Sponsorship for Group Guidelines. She recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the Sponsorship for Group Guidelines. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Moliterno presented and discussed the 2011-2012 Event Sponsorship Allocations and the changes made to the original document. She recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the 2011-2012 Event Sponsorship Allocations. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Moliterno presented and briefly discussed the 2011-2012 Visitor Guide. She recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to approve the 2011-2012 Visitor Guide. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Moliterno presented and discussed the modification of the brand logo and tagline. The modified logo and tagline will be Visit South Walton: Find Your Perfect Beach. She recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the modification of the brand logo and tagline.

Commissioner Comander commented on the numerous emails regarding the implementation of a new logo and tagline. She expressed her appreciation for the efforts made by Ms. Moliterno and the TDC.

Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Moliterno acknowledged Ms. Tracey Melvin, BP Community Relations Manager, and commended her efforts and support in filing for funding.

Commissioners C. Jones, Comander and Pridgen had no items to present.

Commissioner Brannon requested to allow Mr. Cliff Knauer, Preble-Rish; and Mr. Bill Cleckly, Northwest Florida Water Management District give an update on the Choctawhatchee River Paddle Trail. The Board concurred to allow the presentation after Public Comment and short recess.

Chairman L. Jones requested that a replacement be appointed to the Canvassing Board for the Post Election Voting System Audit to be held Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioner Pridgen to the Canvassing Board for the post Election Voting System Audit. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Chairman L. Jones discussed the up coming budget process. He stated that based on preliminary numbers there is a \$4 million shortfall. He said that policy decisions must be made

based on priorities. Commissioner Comander stated that she had met with Mr. Mike Flint, Senior Professionals Director, and that a draft of their recommendations will be received soon.

Attorney Hoshihara announced that a second NRDA workshop will be held on May 24, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

Ms. Karen Bennett discussed the Short Term Rental/Wedding Ordinance and asked about its status. Attorney Hoshihara stated that the Board voted not to adopt a Short Term Rental Ordinance but rather to amend the Land Development Code. Discussion continued on clarifying what activities are allowed on short term rental properties.

Ms. Margie Jordan discussed short term rentals and felt there were inconsistencies.

Ms. Brenda Rees discussed elevating 30A, and addressed the new branding and logo.

Ms. Suzanne Harris commented on the new TDC logo and advertising.

Mr. John Austin voiced concern on the Roadway Events policy.

Mr. David Kramer discussed a House Bill which would dissolve the DCA. He requested that the County Lobbyist address the issue.

Mr. Jim McDaniel discussed the boardwalk on Scenic Gulf Drive.

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

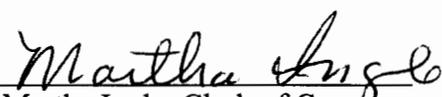
Mr. Cliff Knauer, Preble-Rish, Inc.; and Mr. Bill Cleckly, Northwest Florida Water Management District; presented information on the Choctawhatchee River Paddle Trail.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

APPROVED

  
Larry Jones, Chair

ATTEST

  
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts