

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 28, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on June 28, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Larry Jones, Chairman; Commissioner Scott Brannon, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen; Commissioner Cecilia Jones; and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator; and Attorney Lynn Hoshihara, County Attorney; were also present.

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

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner C. Jones to approve agenda additions and deletions as follows. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

1. Additions: Administration-Emergency Ordinance Prohibiting Open Burning upon recommendation and request from the Fire Council
2. Additions: Approve a Resolution signifying support for the TDC to relocate its facility
3. Additions: Administration-Re-bidding of RFP 011-009 Portable Fire Car Simulator
4. Addition: Chairman L. Jones-Letter of Resignation submitted by Attorney Bill Wyrough Council for the Code Enforcement Board

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

1. Approve Expenditure Approval List (EAL)

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General Fund	\$	721,107.59
County Transportation	\$	811,987.57
Fine & Forfeiture	\$	1,374,643.00
Mosq. Control State	\$	52.49
Section 8 Housing	\$	135,799.49
Tourist Dev. Council	\$	377,023.49
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$	389.94
W. Co. Library	\$	1,447.87
Tax Deed Surplus Trust	\$	2,173.97
Public Safety- 911	\$	539,633.40
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$	(2,717.20)
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$	1,323.33
Inmate Canteen Fund	\$	9,400.56
Capital Projects Fund	\$	23,237.40
<b>Totals</b>	\$	<b>3,995,502.90</b>

2. Approve Minutes of June 14, 2011 Regular Meeting
3. Approve Certificate of Participation for the 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program
4. Approve for the Sheriff's Office to apply for the FY 2011 Emergency Operations Center Grant
5. Approve for the Sheriff's Office to apply for the FY 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Local Grant
6. Approve 2011 FDEP Long Range Beach Management Program Resolution [\(2011-52\)](#)
7. Approve replacement of District 5 tractor
8. Approve Work Squad Contract WS677 between Department of Corrections and Walton County

Mr. Raymond Lauer, Air Methods, Inc., requested approval of a two year renewal of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to provide Advanced and Basic Life Support Service to citizens and visitors of Walton County.

Chairman L. Jones stated that billing issues had occurred in that past few years and questioned whether those issues had been addressed. Mr. Lauer stated that specialized billing had been established for the Walton County area which includes a 50% maximum reduction of out of pocket requirement, and interest free monthly payments. Special consideration applications are available. Commissioner Pridgen questioned the number of special consideration applicants and what criterion was used to approve these applicants. Mr. Lauer stated that applications are approved based on credit history and current income. He stated that over 30 people have made application for special consideration. Discussion continued regarding the 50% reduction. Chairman L. Jones recommended that County Administration and County Legal review Air Methods proposal to determine if it is in the best interest of the citizens; and produce a document that would bind Air Methods, Inc. to the acceptable terms and conditions. Commissioner Comander asked that a comparison be made with other service areas in Florida. Mr. Kisela stated that the Certificate expires on July 26, and the requested information could be presented at the July 12, 2011 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Comander recommended that all contracts be reviewed at least three months prior to approval.

Chief Rick Talbert, Emergency Response, discussed the dangers in open burning during times of drought and the preventative steps that the county and State have taken.

Mr. Russell Beatty, Walton County Emergency Management, discussed the drought conditions, and recommended the adoption of an Emergency Ordinance prohibiting open burning without a permit.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Comander to adopt an Emergency Ordinance [\(2011-61\)](#) prohibiting open burning without a permit.

Chairman L. Jones suggested that a comprehensive ordinance be constructed that would set standards to restrict open burning during certain conditions. This would give Emergency Response the ability to quickly react to prevent potential wildfires without having to come before the Board.

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

Mr. Gregory Kisela, County Administrator, recommended rejecting the proposals for RFP 011-009 Portable Car Fire Simulator and to authorize rebidding for the simulator as discussed during the June 14, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander to reject the proposals for RFP 011-009 and to authorize rebidding. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Kisela presented a resolution [\(2011-53\)](#) supporting the relocation of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) facilities from the northeast corner of intersection at Highways 331 and 98 to the land immediately south of the same intersection. This resolution would allow negotiations to begin with the Division of Forestry for the proposed site.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander to approve a resolution [\(2011-53\)](#) supporting the relocation of the TDC facilities. Ayes 5, Nays, 0, L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Starskey Harrell, Public Works, introduced Ms. Christie Johnson, West Florida Regional Planning Council, who would be presenting information on the FDOT Rural Work Program. Ms. Johnson briefly discussed the six projects being considered for the FDOT Rural Work Program. She stated that the list of road needs would be submitted to FDOT for review.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander to approve the FDOT Rural Work Program-Map of Rural County Road needs list for submittal to FDOT. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Harrell requested approval of a utility easement to WRP, Inc. to allow a water main to be placed along county owned property.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander to grant a utility easement to WRP, Inc.. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Harrell requested approval for an extension of the existing Guardrail Installation and Removal Contract with Cornerstone Businesses, Inc. for one additional year.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner C. Jones to approve the extension of the existing Guardrail Installation and Removal contract. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Brady Bearden, Support Services Director, briefly discussed the bidding process for RFP 011-023 Actuarial Consulting Services for Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 45. He requested approval to begin negotiations with Gabriel Roeder

Smith as the top ranked firm. He stated that the negotiated proposal would be brought back to the Board for award.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones to approve to begin negotiations with Gabriel Roeder Smith as the top ranked firm. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Ken Little, Citizens Services Director, requested approval and the Chairman's signature on the HUD Section 8 Annual Report documentation (HUD Form 50077-CR Civil Rights Certification). He reported that due to the Walton County HUD Agency not being classified a "trouble agency" only the Certification is to be submitted.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander to approve the Chairman's signature on HUD Form 50077-CR Civil Rights Certification. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Little recommended that the following boards and committees be disbanded: ADA Committee; Beach Education and Safety Committee; Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board; Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee; Cultural Plan Committee; Recreation Board, and Walton County Coalition. He stated that these boards and committees have served their purposes and citizen input can be obtained through different avenues.

Commissioner Comander questioned what staff member would be handling the ADA. Mr. Little stated that Mr. Jonathan Bilby, Planning Department, would be the designated ADA reviewer. He stated that all of the county buildings have been reviewed for ADA compliance.

Ms. Marsha Anderson, Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board (CDLAB) Chairman, stated that the CDLAB voted to object to the disbandment. She briefly discussed the current activities and projects of the CDLAB. Commissioner Comander recommended that the CDLAB meet every other month to save on expenses. Commissioner C. Jones expressed her appreciation for all that the CDLAB has done for the dune lakes and suggested that the CDLAB be placed under the Scenic Corridor Group/Friends of 30A. She felt that this move would enable the CDLAB to increase their fund raising potential. Ms. Anderson spoke in opposition of transferring the CDLAB.

Ms. Anita Page, South Walton Community Council, spoke in opposition to disbanding the CDLAB and transferring it under the Friends of 30A.

Commissioners Comander and Brannon suggested that the consolidation of the CDLAB with the Friends of 30A be reviewed.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Brannon to disband the recommended Boards and Committees with the exception of the Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Dawn Moliterno, TDC Executive Director, presented an update on TDC activities and projects.

Commissioner C. Jones, and Commissioner Pridgen had no items to present.

Commissioner Comander announced the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities that will be held in DeFuniak Springs.

Commissioner Brannon stated that the crowd issues at Morrison Springs are being monitored.

Chairman L. Jones presented a Letter of Resignation from Attorney Bill Wyrough, Code Enforcement Board Attorney, and stated that a new attorney needed to be appointed. The County Attorney cannot serve as Code Board Attorney nor can she appoint a new attorney for the Code Board. Commissioner Pridgen recommended that the structure of the Code Enforcement Board also be reviewed during the selection process. Commissioner Comander questioned if an interim council could be appointed or if the county's special council could be utilized. Chairman L. Jones stated that the use of county special council would cause conflicts of interest. Discussion ensued regarding a temporary appointment.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander to direct the County Administrator to bring to the July 12, 2011 Commission meeting recommendations for interim council appointment. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

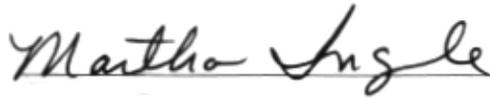
Ms. Bonnie McQuiston recommended that the Board consider giving the lower ranked employees a 6% salary increase.

Mr. Richard Bryan voiced his appreciation for allowing the Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board to continue.

There being no further items to present, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Larry Jones, Chairman



Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts