

OCTOBER 25, 2011 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida held a Regular Meeting on October 25, 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-Chairman; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen; Commissioner Cecilia Jones; and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Gregory Kisela, County Administrator; and Attorney Clay Adkinson, Special Counsel to the Board; 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.

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

1. Addition: Consent Agenda-Approve to transfer \$25,000 from District 4 Recreation Plat Fee Account to the Douglass Crossroads Park Account
2. Addition: Public Comments-Ms. Bonnie McQuiston

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, 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 the Expenditure Approval List (EAL)

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| General Fund | \$ 1,604,254.82 |
| County Transportation | \$ 820,959.85 |
| Section 8 Housing | \$ 146,012.51 |
| Tourist Dev. Council | \$ 79,979.12 |
| N.W. Mosquito Control | \$ 1,200.42 |
| W. Co. Library | \$ 2,340.02 |
| Recreation Plat Fee | \$ 16,825.00 |
| Tax Deed Surplus Trust | \$ 4,445.45 |
| Solid Waste Enterprise | \$ 16,597.82 |

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| Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund | \$ | 7,690.81 |
| Imperial Lakes MSBU | \$ | 2,517.66 |
| Inmate Canteen Fund | \$ | 16,657.75 |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ | 273,318.78 |
| Totals | | \$ 2,992,800.01 |

2. Approve the minutes from the October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting
3. Approve to surplus two printers from the Walton County TDC
4. Approve a **Resolution (2011-87)** to amend the budget to roll forward revenues and expenditures for encumbrances, projects and grants from FY 2010-2011 into FY 2011-2012
5. Approve a **Resolution (2011-86)** declaring November 2011, as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
6. Approve to declare the county building located at the corner of 5th Street and Toledo Avenue in DeFuniak Springs surplus and grant permission to demolish building
7. Approve quarterly report for the Life Enrichment Senior Center
8. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Jim Coats, as Sheriff of Pinellas County, Florida and the Walton County Department of Corrections to develop and refine Facial Recognition System
9. Approve for the Chairman to sign a letter to Enterprise Florida, Inc. on behalf of "Project Beer" – in reference to Resolution 2011-61 passed on August 23, 2011
10. Approve to transfer \$25,000 from District 4 Recreation Plat Fee Account to the Douglass Crossroads Park Account

Commissioner Brannon gave a statement regarding the Chat Holley issue. He requested that the issue be continued to the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting or schedule a special meeting to give the Commissioners adequate time to review the findings submitted by Special Counsels Carr, Allison; and Williams, Gautier Gwynn, P.A. He felt that everyone directly and indirectly involved in the transaction should be interviewed, including but not limited to county employees and contracted agents working on the behalf of the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to continue the Chat Holley issue to November 8, 2011 to give adequate time for the Commissioners to review the legal findings.

Commissioner Comander agreed that further review was needed. She also suggested that Attorney Lynn Hoshihara, County Attorney, be placed on administrative leave with pay until the

issue has been resolved. Commissioner Brannon stated that the administrative leave was not a part of his request but could be discussed by the Board.

Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator, stated that individuals directly involved with the transaction were made available for interview by special counsel. Discussion continued on the interviewing of specific individuals and the basis of the findings.

Attorney Bill Graham stated that he would be unavailable until November 2, 2011, and that Attorney Gwynn would be available for questions. Discussion continued on the availability of special counsel and setting a date certain to resolve the issue.

Chairman L. Jones called for a vote on the motion to continue the Chat Holley issue to November 8, 2011. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Commissioner Comander discussed the voluntary leave taken by Attorney Hoshihara. She suggested that Attorney Hoshihara remain on administrative leave with pay until the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting to allow for clarification on the Special Counsels' findings. Commissioner C. Jones felt that Attorney Hoshihara should be allowed to return to her position at the end of the agreed 30 day period. Discussion continued as to whether or not Attorney Hoshihara should be placed on administrative leave.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Brannon, to place Attorney Hoshihara on administrative leave with pay until the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting. Ayes 2, Nays 3. L. Jones Nay, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Nay, C. Jones Nay, Comander Aye.

Mr. Bobby Beasley, Supervisor of Elections, presented recommendations for precinct consolidation and renumbering. He stated that consolidating the smaller voting districts would

provide substantial savings. Commissioner Brannon asked which precincts would be affected. Mr. Beasley stated that there are 12 precincts to be consolidated: Pleasant Valley; Alaqua; Red Bay; Sandy Creek; Caney Creek; Pleasant Ridge; Children's Home; Limestone; Clear Springs; Moores; Flowers View; and Douglass Crossroads. He requested approval of a **Resolution (2011-84)** supporting the consolidation and renumbering of the named precincts.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt **Resolution 2011-84** approving the consolidation and renumbering of precincts as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Dennis Beck, Florida Forest Service, presented the annual Forest Service report.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the annual Florida Forest Service report as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Major Stan Sunday, Department of Corrections, requested permission to advertise an RFP for Commissary Services. He discussed the issues and complaints with the current service. Attorney Adkinson stated that two separate motions would be needed to terminate the current contract with Keefe Commissary Services, and approve the advertisement of an RFP.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to terminate the contract with Keefe Commissary Services. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve advertisement of an RFP for commissary services. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Starskey Harrell, Public Works Director, requested to reject all bids for ITB 011-010 Highway 2 Road Improvements and re-advertise the Highway 2 Improvements.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Brannon, to reject all bids for ITB 011-010 Highway 2 Improvements, and rebid for the Highway 2 Improvements portion. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Kisela stated that information on Quiet Water Trail will be brought back at the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Wayne Dyess, Planning and Development Services Director, presented for approval the Fee Schedule for Engineering Reviews. A contract will be presented at the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting for approval.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the Fee Schedule for Engineering Reviews as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Kisela requested that a County Commissioner be appointed to the Tri-County Community Council, Inc. Board of Directors for 2012.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Comander, to appoint Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen to the Tri-County Community Council, Inc. Board of Directors for 2012. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Attorney Adkinson requested approval of an International County Management Association (ICMA) **Resolution (2011-88)** and Adoption Agreement for retirement benefits.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the International County Management Association Adoption Agreement. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to adopt the International County Management Association **Resolution (2011-88)**. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Dawn Moliterno, TDC Executive Director, gave a brief update of the TDC activities.

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

Commissioner Comander recommended that both the County Commissioners and DeFuniak Springs City Council meet to discuss ways of helping each other and share services. She also recommended that all the municipalities meet together as well.

Commissioner Comander discussed the issue regarding the Chat Holley intersection property purchase. Commissioner Pridgen felt that the legal department as a whole should be reviewed and possibly restructured. Chairman L. Jones felt that the issue should be an agenda item.

Commissioner Brannon stated that he had met with Mr. Bill Imfeld, County Finance Director; Mr. Harrell, and Mr. Kisela regarding the Post Construction Services Contract. He reported that information will be presented at the next meeting.

Chairman L. Jones recognized State Rep. Matt Gaetz.

Mr. Walter Spraggins asked that a resolution be adopted that requests the Bureau of Land Management to confirm, authenticate, and re-establish the original Township Range Surveys (TRS) monumented in Walton County. He discussed issues with the boundary and survey discrepancies. Discussion ensued regarding the County's responsibility in monitoring boundaries

and surveys. The Board concurred that Mr. Spraggins should meet with Mr. Kisela and Mr. Patrick Pilcher, Property Appraiser, to discuss his concerns.

Motion by Commissioner Brannon, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to deny the resolution presented by Mr. Spraggins. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Bonnie McQuiston, Walton County Taxpayers' Association President; and Mr. Bob Hudson, Walton County Taxpayers' Association Executive Director; discussed issues involving the North Walton Fire District, reallocation of fire service areas, and loans to the City of Freeport. They requested that the taxation for the North Walton Fire District be removed from the South Walton residents. They also requested that the county not enter into a loan agreement with the City of Freeport for the funding of fire services. Discussion ensued regarding fire service areas and response times. Chairman L. Jones suggested that Ms. McQuiston and Mr. Hudson meet with Mr. Kisela and staff. Mr. Kisela voiced concern in the reallocation of services, and discussed the Freeport issue. He stated that information will be brought back to the next meeting. Commissioner Comander felt that the Finance Director and Fire Chief should be included in the discussions. Commissioner Brannon asked that maps indicating the different fire service areas be provided. Commissioner Comander discussed the loan and ways to facilitate its repayment.

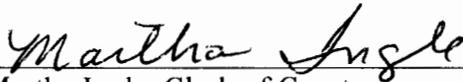
Ms. Mary Neilson discussed the Cowford Landing appraisal approved on June 14, 2011. She asked that more research be done on the purchase to prevent another issue similar to the Chat Holley property purchase. Commissioner Brannon addressed Ms. Neilson's concerns.

Ms. Mary Jo Odom discussed the issue brought by Mr. Walter Spraggins. Commissioner Brannon requested that Ms. Odom and Mr. Spraggins schedule a meeting with him to discuss their issues.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Larry Jones, Chair



Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts