

## MARCH 27, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Larry Jones; Commissioner Sara Comander; and Commissioner Cecilia Jones. Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator; Ms. Toni Craig, County Attorney; and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Chairman Brannon was not present. Vice-Chair Pridgen assumed position as Chairman.

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

Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator, presented the following changes to the agenda for approval:

### ADDITIONS:

1. Consent agenda Item 9 – Approve for the Sheriff's Office to apply for the E911 Rural County Grant Program

### DELETIONS:

1. Certificate of Appreciation to Randy Gardner for his service on the Planning Commission

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

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

1. Approve Expenditure Approval List (EAL)

General Fund	\$ 314,915.62
County Transportation	\$ 1,371,428.41
SHIP	\$ 4,300.00
Section 8 Housing	\$ 138,597.48
Tourist Dev. Council	\$ 74,756.48
N.W. Mosquito Control	\$ 355.01
Recreation Plat Fee	\$ 389.01
Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 2,399.58
Bldg Dept/Enterp. Fund	\$ 597.83
Inmate Canteen Fund	\$ 18,517.23
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 487,395.98
Totals	\$ 2,413,652.63

2. Approve Minutes of March 13, 2012 Regular Meeting
3. Approve a correction in the Recreation Plat Fee posting between the 014-1070-572.49.05 fund and the 002-400-541.31.00 fund in the amount of \$14,125
4. Approve to surplus one Dell Optiplex GX620 PC from the Tax Collector's Office
5. Approve a Resolution (**2012-15**) to amend the budget to roll forward deferred revenue for the State Aid for Libraries Grant from FY 2010-2011 in the amount of \$23,914
6. Approve to allocate \$40,000 from District 5 Recreation Plat Fees for the Artificial Reef Project
7. Approve to allocate \$10,000 from District 5 Recreation Plat Fees for the Darlington School Roof Project
8. Approve additional funds for the 10% match to the Department of Defense Grant for Small Area Studies in the amount of \$2,636 for the Rock Hill area, bringing the total match to \$10,828
9. Approve for the Sheriff's Office to apply for the E911 Rural County Grant Program

The recognition of Mr. Randy Gardner for his service on the Planning Commission was removed from the agenda due to his absence.

The information by Mr. Rick Helfand for the Seaside School Half Marathon and 5K Run was removed from the agenda due to his absence.

Mr. Kisela requested to approve collection of the Carson Oaks Letter of Credit No. 9661521039-00001, for the amount of \$35,055.90, by the Clerk's Office if another approved surety or a final inspection release has not been obtained by the Public Works Department prior to the April 8, 2012 expiration date.

Commissioner L. Jones reiterated the need to have Letter of Credit policies and procedures in place with the obligations and liability of the County. Commissioner Comander agreed.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve collection of the Carson Oaks Letter of Credit as requested with a caveat that staff review other ways to achieve the objective and completion of projects. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Mr. Kisela presented a request from Mr. Brian Ammons for an emergency one time road repair on Catahoula Road, and a request from Ms. Alisha Tucker and Ms. Sera Denson for a culvert and fill dirt for drainage on the property of Muscogee Nation of Florida.

Mr. Kisela recommended approval and allow staff to develop policies and procedures for future requests.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the requested repairs on Catahoula Road and the property of Muscogee Nation of Florida and allow staff to develop policies and procedures for future requests. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Mr. Kisela requested to approve the presented procedures for obtaining a Beach Driving Permit through the lottery as it relates to Ordinance 2011-57. Approximately 195 permits were entered into the lottery process last year where 150 were selected. Of those selected there were approximately 135 permits issued. The procedures will change to allow those individuals selected a time frame of 30 calendar days to obtain the permit and if they do not then the next applicant will be notified until all 150 permits are issued.

Brief discussion ensued regarding those individuals that enter the lottery process and eligibility requirements.

Commissioner L. Jones suggested adding language to state: “Those who win the lottery but fail to purchase their permit within 30 calendar days will forfeit their chance to obtain the beach driving permit for that particular year.”

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve the procedures as presented with the recommended language change. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Mr. Kisela presented a request to advertise for a Public Hearing to amend Ordinance 2003-07 pertaining to Beach Vending to create consistency with other fees. There are a number of beach vending issues that need to be addressed and he asked for authorization to hold workshops to discuss those water related venue issues.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner C. Jones to approve the request to advertise a public hearing to amend Ordinance 2003-07 as requested.

Commissioner L. Jones questioned the immediate concern, multiple locations and the fees involved. He suggested allowing staff to make adjustments to the fee schedule and move forward reviewing the ordinance to observe and modify those issues.

Motion amended by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the request to advertise a public hearing to amend Ordinance 2003-07 and allow staff to adjust the fee schedule as suggested. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Attorney Toni Craig, County Attorney, stated the following issues will be brought back on April 10, 2012: County Attorney Office employment position reclassification, policies and

procedures for public payment of improvements on private property, policies and procedures for private improvements on public property, and a Letter of Credit collection policy. She announced an Executive Session will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in DeFuniak Springs to discuss a joint settlement proposal by Suzanne Harris to the Walton County Board of County Commissioners, Case No. 2011-CA-1027, and Suzanne Harris vs. Walton County, Case No. 2009-CA-0800.

Ms. Dawn Moliterno, Tourist Development Counsel Executive Director, requested approval of an Interdepartmental Budget Amendment to move funds from Equipment to Professional Services for a spring photo shoot for the FY 2012-13 Visitor Guide in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to approve the request as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Ms. Moliterno requested approval of the Coastal Management Consulting Services Contract with Seahaven Consulting, Inc. for an additional year term in the amount of \$96,000. This is the last term of this contract and a RFP will be needed for the next year.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Comander, to approve the request as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Ms. Moliterno presented an update on the counsel Strategic Planning Meeting, a Special Meeting will be held on April 17, 2012, and the upcoming cheerleading competition.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing to consider a Resolution **(2012-14)** approving the refunding by Florida Community Services Corporation of Walton County, Florida of certain prior indebtedness.

Ms. Melissa Pilcher, Regional Utilities, announced the best offer was with Hancock Bank at 1.97%, and will not exceed the six year term that the Series 2002 currently has. There will be a total savings of \$633,180.62. She requested approval of Resolution **(2012-14)** supporting the change.

Chairman Pridgen asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt Resolution **(2012-14)** as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the public hearing to consider an Ordinance **(2012-03)** repealing Ordinance 2012-01 that levied the Regional Transportation System Surtax at a maximum rate of 0.05% (1/2 cent).

Mr. Kisela explained that the referendum will be shifted from the April ballot to May 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be two public meetings to discuss the Hwy 331 bridge and four-laning, of which Turnpike Committee Representatives will be present.

Chairman Pridgen asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt Ordinance **(2012-03)** as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Commissioner C. Jones had no items to present.

Commissioner Comander discussed the relocation of her office from Freeport to DeFuniak and the current lease on the building and land for the previous office.

Commissioner L. Jones had no items to present.

Chairman Pridgen had no items to present.

Chairman Pridgen asked for public comment.

There were no additional public comments.

Commissioner Comander introduced Mr. Lewis Svehla as the new Public Information Manager. Mr. Svehla expressed his appreciation to work with the County.

The Public Meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and an Executive Session was called to order to discuss oil spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" Local Government Entities (2:10-cv-09999-CJB-SS). This meeting was not open to the public pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8).

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

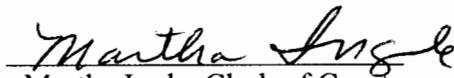
Chairman Pridgen called the meeting to order.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

APPROVED

  
Scott Brannon, Chairman

ATTEST

  
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court