# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
# REGULAR MEETING
# April 10, 2007

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session on April 10, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman DePuy presiding.

Present were Commissioners Sauls; Dailey; Rackleff; Proctor; Desloge; and Thaell.
Also present were County Attorney Herb Thiele; County Administrator Parwez Alam; Director of Finance David Reid; and Board Secretary Diane Norvell.

## Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Jane Sauls provided the Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## Awards and Presentations

Commissioner Proctor presented a Resolution to the Rickard's Symphonic Band recognizing their outstanding performance in receiving a "Superior" Rating at the District Festival.

Ms. Maggie Lewis, School Board Chairman; Dr. Hightower, Rickards High School Principal; Mr. Quincy Griffin, Band Director; and, Ms. Alyssa Rose, Band Captain accepted the Resolution with great pride.

Commissioner Proctor presented a Resolution recognizing the Florida A & M University Men's Basketball Team for winning the 2007 Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) Championship to Mr. Mike Gillespie, FAMU Men's Basketball Coach. Coach Gillespie was especially grateful to have this venue where the team was honored since the game was 'away from home' and the team didn't really have a chance like this to be honored in front of Leon County. He was extremely grateful the Board made the time to honor the team, and the school in this fashion. It meant a lot to everyone.

Commissioner Desloge articulated a long impressive list of achievements by Mr. James McGlynn, and presented a Resolution to Mr. McGlynn congratulating him on his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy. Mr. McGlynn not only participates in high academic standard organizations, but contributes numerous hours to the community in many

ways. He sets a high standard Commissioner Desloge wanted to acknowledge.

Commissioner Thaell presented a Resolution designating May 20 - 26, 2007 as Public Works Week to Tony Park, Public Works Director, and Ms. Jacki Rehwinkel, Chairman of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Big Bend Branch. Ms. Rehwinkel announced that the Big Bend APWA Road-e-o would be held on May 24, 2007 and invited the Board to attend.

Commissioner Thaell presented a Resolution designating April 22, 2007 as Earth Day to Mr. Adam Schlacter, Leon County Recycling Coordinator. Mr. Schlacter announced that Leon County's Earth Day would be celebrated on April 14, 2007 with various activities being held at the Tallahassee Mall. He expounded on the importance of 'awareness' regarding ways we can all participate in to help save our planet including recycling, use of fuels, etc. He encouraged everyone to make time to learn more about ways we can help the environment.

Chairman DePuy presented a Resolution designating April 15 – 21, 2007 as National Volunteer Week. He reminded everyone how important our volunteer efforts are and how much they mean to the welfare of the community. He praised the work our volunteers do.

Ms. Jeri Bush, Volunteer Center Director, accepted the Resolution on behalf of Volunteer Services staff, Ms. Amanda Phillips and Ms. Jean McCarter.

Chairman DePuy presented a Resolution to Ms. Nora Lee Barrington, Supervising Library Services Specialist, proclaiming April 10, 2007 as "Nora Lee Barrington Day" in honor of her retirement after 34 ½ Years of dedicated service to Leon County. Ms. Barrington thanked the Board for this great honor.

**Consent**

ACTION TAKEN: Items #5 and #11 were pulled for discussion.

Commissioner Sauls moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve staff recommendations on the remainder of the Consent items. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Approval of Minutes: February 27, 2007 Workshop on Economic Development Issues; March 13, 2007 Joint City/County Evaluation

Appraisal Report Hearing; and March 13, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 Workshop on Economic Development, March 13, 2007 Joint City/County Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Transmittal Hearing, and March 13, 2007 regular Board meeting.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for April 10, 2007 and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the period of April 11 through April 23, 2007

The Board approved Option #1: Approve payment of bills and vouchers submitted for approval April 10, 2007, and pre-approve payment of bills and vouchers for the period of April 11 through April 23, 2007.

3. Approval of Addendum to Investment Advisory Agreement with Voyageur Asset Management, Inc. for County Investment Advisor Services

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Addendum to the Investment Advisory Agreement with Voyageur Asset Management, Inc. for an additional three years.

4. Approval to Establish Budget Authority of the 2005 Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the establishment of $750,000 in budget authority for the 2005 Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Category Grant, and approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

5. Acceptance of Status Report on Disposition of the Hewett Code Enforcement Board Case

*Item # 5 was pulled for discussion by Commissioner Desloge*

Commissioner Desloge requested a time be set for the settlement agreement. He spoke with Atty. Saford earlier on this matter.

Speaker:

Kent Saford, Attorney for Wendell Hewett reported the problem has been resolved – with the exception of some fine tuning. Within 60

days, he, the County, and Mr. McDevitt, Director of Growth and Environmental Management will finalize the issue. David McDevitt, reported 60 days would be plenty of time.

*Commissioner Dailey, for the record, recused himself from voting on this matter due to a possible conflict of interest since his wife works for the same law firm as the attorney before them on this matter.*

Commissioner Desloge stated he would move an amended motion that would be Option 1 but include the 60 day timeframe within which the Settlement Agreement would be finalized. Commissioner Sauls reported she would second the motion. County Administrator Alam requested Commissioner Desloge add the phrase –to authorize the Chairman to execute to the motion also. Commissioner Desloge agreed.

Commissioner Desloge moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option #1, as amended: Accept the status report on the disposition of the Hewett Code Enforcement Board case; finalize the Settlement Agreement within 60 days; and, authorize the Chairman to execute the Settlement Agreement. Motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Dailey abstaining.

6. Acceptance of Five Conservation Easements from Marianna Oaks

The Board approved Option #1: Approve and accept for recording the five conservation easements from Mariana Oaks, LLC for the Mariana Oaks Type C Site Plan project.

7. Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from John Terry Bell

The Board approved Option #1: Approve and accept for recording the conservation easement from John Terry Bell for the mobile home sales center project.

8. Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from Price H. Vincent, Jr.

The Board approved Option #1: Approve and accept for recording the conservation easement from Price H. Vincent Jr. for the Rivendell - Phase II Limited Partition project.

9. Approval to Award Bid for Continuing Supply Septic Service Agreements to Apalachee Backhoe and Septic Tank, Inc., Ben Withers, Inc., and Talquin Septic Services

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The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Continuing Supply Agreements with Apalachee Backhoe and Septic Tank, Inc., Ben Withers, Inc., and Talquin Septic Services for septic system services, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

10. Approval of a Full-Service Maintenance Agreement for Chiller Equipment at the Leon County Courthouse, Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library, Public Works Administration Building, Northeast Branch Library, and Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library to Engineered Cooling Services

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the award of the full-service maintenance Agreement for chiller equipment at the Leon County Courthouse, Leroy Collins-Leon County Public Library, Public Works Administration building and Northeast and Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Libraries to Engineered Cooling Services, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

11. Acceptance of Status Report on Lake Munson Restoration Activities

Commissioner Sauls moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor to continue this item to April 24, 2007. Motion carried 7-0.

12. Acceptance of a Highway Beautification Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for Route 27 (Apalachee Parkway)

The Board approved Options #1, #2, and #3: 1)Accept the $150,000 Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation, and authorize the Chairman to submit an acceptance letter to Florida Department of Transportation; 2) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request; and 3) Authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Agreement and the Maintenance Memorandum Agreement, upon review by the County Attorney.

**Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items (3-minute limit; non-discussion by Commission)**

Speakers:

Major John Haynes, U.S. Marine Corps, retired Hiawatha Farms Road, Monticello Fl. Stated he was present to report the results of the Selection Committee for the County Veterans Service Office for Leon County. He named the members of the Selection Committee all of whom were Veterans who have served our country and suffered many known and unknown

injuries. He spoke to the professionalism of the process and gave detailed information. He was honored to recommend a person who will be a credit to the County, State and veterans everywhere.

County Administrator Alam announced Mr. Keen has accepted the position as Veterans Services Director and will begin employment on April 23, 2007. He thanked the members of the Committee for all their hard work.

Earl Lee, Jr., 1182 P.O. Box, Director of the Tallahassee Boys Choir informed the Board of an approach he and others hope will help combat gang violence in Tallahassee. He proposed a 'fire side chat' approach he had spoken with Commissioner Thaell about. They want to take the Boys Choir into the community and bring children off the streets. Children do not have enough positive activities to engage in and lack a sense of 'belonging' that gangs are making appear desirable since the youths are not finding it elsewhere. We need this program and ones like it – Tallahassee needs to wake up and realize gangs can become a real problem here quickly.

Commissioner DePuy gave Ken Morris, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator direction to work with Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee will provide written requests to Mr. Morris.

13. Acceptance of 2007 Legislative Mid-Session Report and Presentation

Ken Morris, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator provided a legislative update. He started with policy issues that could affect the County the most in the near future.

Anti-Murder Act – concerned because it would require felony offenders and felony vops to remain in custody without bail – overpopulation already an issue. Hoping to ease the zero tolerance policy.
$2 fee- County funding court-related technology for facility and security needs. The Chief Judge could have control over this fee. Currently the Board controls how it is utilized. This generates $700,000 annually.
Article V –regarding Public Defenders having conflicts of interest. This would create a subset of public defenders and the County would be required to fund their Article V needs. Would have an impact of $320,000 next year with 22 additional employees. Could be an unfunded mandate.
County Administrator Alam indicated this issue is very important for Leon County. It only affects 5 counties in the state. The other

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counties have a much bigger budget and the effect would not be as great.

SB360 and Growth Management – like last year they are just now starting to see these bills. One suggestion has been to give local governments 10 – 15 years to meet the requirements instead of 5.

EMS Direct Payment Services – an important insurance bill – Thanked Chief Quillan and Deputy Chief Abrams for their help. This bill would require insurance companies to directly pay EMS. Lost nearly $200,000 in 2006.

Environmental Permitting – Preempts the Board's authority.

Charter Preemption – They have not had any charter preemption bills heard in committee. Bills were filed in both chambers. They have new language. Does not appear it will be in front of Committee or entire Chamber this year. They may have avoided it.

Property Tax Reform – House leaderships has 2 proposals – Statutory Rollback – could be $20 million loss in revenue a rollback in 2001 effective upcoming budget cycle. Prescribed cap – would require a supermajority vote of the Board to pass the budget. There are exempted taxing authorities specifically EMS would be exempted because it has been in place 5 yrs or less which is a good thing.

Constitutional Roll back and Sales Tax Swap – This would require state wide voter approval there are 5 parts to it. Rollback to 2004 effective in fiscal year 2009 a $25,000 exemption on TPP. This would automatically impose a 1% sales tax. This would replace the School Board's required local effort. Then it would provide for 2 local option sales taxes 1 being a ½ cent to substitute for the School Board's homestead properties. Another being a whole penny to substitute for City, County and other taxing authorities' homestead taxes.

Commissioner Proctor asked about figures for the impact of these last two items.

The Constitutional Amendment - The Rollback effective 10/1/08 – FY09 fiscal year would be a $12 - $15 million dollar impact just for the rollback to 2004 that does not include the sales tax swap. This would require a unanimous vote of the Board to exceed the cap.

The Sales Tax Impacts – this would be a local option sales tax. Locals only apply up to $5,000. If the voters approve the local option to swap homestead and replace it with sales tax County Boards would have discretion over how the one penny is

distributed. The one penny would generate $37 - $41 million dollars a year. He explained further in relation to the City.

Commissioner Proctor emphasized he still had not heard anything from FAC even though Commissioner Thaell had assured him they were working on these major issues. He asked if they couldn't file a lawsuit challenging irreparable harm if Leon County suffered a $23 million dollar loss making the argument this would be injurious to the economic health and survival as a class action. He also reported recent figures he has seen showing a poll where 56% of people favor this tax. What legal action could they take.

County Attorney Thiele reported the FAC staff is working on this along with his staff. However, he agrees with the issue Commissioner Proctor raised that there are counties and Leon County is one of them that will be affected more gravely by this than any other taxing unit. Some lawyers have discussed a federal equal protection challenge. Essentially by exempting the School boards, 30 of the 67 counties and knowing that most of the municipalities have other sources of revenue Leon County does not have we will be significantly hit harder than anybody else. That he agrees is a constitutional problem. They have discussed it – there is just nothing definitive yet.

Commissioner Proctor thinks it would be wise to include preparation of a federal case within the approval of Option 1.

Commissioner DePuy asked if everything Mr. Morris basically had reported on was based on actions by the House not the Senate. The Senate has greatly slowed this train down. In his opinion, it is premature to talk about filing a lawsuit. The Senate's ruling will come this week or next week.

There was board discussion.

Mr. Morris completed his update.

There was board discussion.

Contract lobbyists – Mr. Brantley, spoke briefly and asked Ms. Cox and Mr. Holly to provide updates which they did.

Commissioner DePuy reported the Board's #1 priority has been Mahan Drive. He discussed some possibilities.

There was Board discussion.

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Commissioner Sauls moved, seconded by Commissioner Thaell to approve Option 1: Accept the 2007 Legislative Mid-Session report and presentation.

There was Board discussion.

Motion carried 7-0.

14. Approval of a Resolution Supporting Defiance, Inc. as a "Qualified Target Industry" Applicant and Approval of the Required Local Match of up to $44,700 from the County's QTI Escrow Account at the Tallahassee- Leon County Economic Development Council

Commissioner Rackleff reported he is curious as to who Defiance, Inc. is and wants more information.

Ms. Beth Kirkland, Economic Development Council, stated that Defiance, Inc. is the parent company of GT Technologies located in Tallahassee. They are a Tier 1 automotive supplier to the original equipment managers for both Chrysler and Ford.

Commissioner Rackleff asked other questions about the companies involved.

Commissioner Dailey stated that he sat down with the executives of this company on a recent tour.

- *Commissioner Desloge moved, seconded by Commissioner Dailey,to approve Option 1: Approve the Resolution supporting the Defiance, Inc., as a QTI applicant, approval of the required local match of $44,700 and direction for the match to be paid from the QTI account at the EDC based upon the company's job creation performance. The motion carried 7-0.*

15. Approval of Amendments to the Downtown Community Redevelopment Authority Agreement with the City of Tallahassee

County Administrator Alam summarized the main components of the revised Agreement:

Eliminates the Project Review Committee
Changes membership of the CRA Board to nine, consisting of five City Commissioners and four County Commissioners
Provides or a shuttle service to transport jurors to the Courthouse.

County Administrator Alam reported the changes that needed to be made in the language of this agenda item:

Attachment 1, section 6 page 13 of 33 needs to be addressed. Recommendations include – taking out the section on the Performing Arts Center and that Section 6a, Financial Provisions, Tourist Development Tax, needs to be revised to reflect the deletion of the following sentence: ~~"The Performing Arts Center project(s) shall be specifically subject to the review and approval or rejection of the Project Review Committee."~~

In addition, the following revision needs to be made in the same subsection:

> "Any portion of the Tourist Development Tax not needed for the payment of debt service, construction and/or operational costs for the Performing Arts Center(s) shall ~~at the option of the Agency and upon approval of the Project Review Committee~~ be returned to the Board of County Commissioners Leon County Tourist Development Trust Fund, for use for the purposes thereof.

Commissioner Proctor questioned the funding source. Mr. Alam reported there are two different funding sources.

County Administrator Alam explained the change in the request.

Commissioner Dailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Option #1, as amended, with the additional language previously referred to by the County Administrator on page 13 of 33 of attachment number one referring to section 6A., *Authorize the Chairman to execute an amendment to the* Downtown Community Redevelopment District Interlocal Agreement that includes the following: Remove the current TIF cap. Provide that the TIF payments will be made by the County at 4.29 mils and the City 3.7 mils (this is consistent with the original $15/$13 *million ratio*); *As necessary, the County and City will* make supplemental payments to the Downtown CRA over the next three years to ensure the funding levels will not be below the FY2005/2006 amount.;The Downtown CRA boundaries will be expanded to include the Bloxham Building site on east Gaines Street, *the Johns Building Block, and Chevron Block located on* Gaines Street, and the properties along College Avenue from Macomb Street to Copeland Street.;Provide a downtown shuttle service that helps transport jurors to the Courthouse.;Commit the

CRA to work with County to develop a long term parking solution that addresses the lack of juror parking in proximity to the Courthouse;Allow the CRA to provide resources to assist in the development and operation of the proposed Performing Arts Center; Change the membership of the CRA Board to nine, consisting of five City Commissioners and four County Commissioners; Eliminate the Project Review Committee.; Allow TIF resources to be used to support the development of retail including the use of rental subsidies.

Commissioner Proctor asked the County Administrator about the voting in regard to the CRA, and the financial impact of removing the current TIF.

County Administrator Alam reviewed the issue.

Motion carried 7-0.

16. Consideration of Petition by Fallschase Community Development District to Amend the Boundary of the Fallschase Community Development District

Speakers:

Brian Crumbaker, present on behalf of the Petitioner of the Fallschase Community Development District spoke on the issue before the Board and stated he was present for any questions.

Commissioner Dailey recused himself from voting on this issue since his wife is an attorney with the firm representing Fallschase.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option #1: Direct the County Attorney's Office to schedule a public hearing to be held on April 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the ordinance amendment.

Commissioner Rackleff had a number of questions regarding the redrawing of the boundaries.

Speaker:

Alma Gonzalez resident of Piney Z Plantation, requested the Board take a different direction and delay decision until after the legislature makes decision on property tax reform.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to call the question. Motion failed 3-3, with Commissioners Rackleff, Sauls, and Thaell opposed and Commissioner Dailey abstaining.

Commissioner Proctor asked Mr. Crumbaker about the CDD.

There was Board discussion.

Commissioner Rackleff posed several questions about the CDD and a possible legal challenge from Sally Bailey. He spoke at length on the matter.

Motion carried 5-1, with Commissioner Rackleff opposed, and Commissioner Dailey abstaining.

17. Consideration of Petitions by the Capital Region Community Development District and the St. Joe Company to Amend the Boundary of Capital Region Community Development District and to Establish the Southeastern Community Development District

County Attorney Thiele discussed the Board's options in regard to both petitions.

Speaker:

Brian Crumbaker, representing the Capital Region Community Development District and the St. Joe Company elaborated the entire process before the Board and spoke to each step involved.

Commissioner Dailey recused himself from voting for the record on this item since his wife works for the firm representing the applicant.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option #1: Adopt Resolutions in support of both of the Petitions to Amend the Boundary of the Capital Region Community Development District and to Establish the Southeastern Community Development District.

Commissioner Rackleff asked questions about land use issues and asked the names of the Trustees of the Community Development District. Commissioner Rackleff noted that 4 out of the 5 members are

St. Joe employees. He expressed concern over the location of the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Crumbaker reported the meetings were held locally as are the public records per statute.

The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Dailey abstaining.

**Scheduled Public Hearings, 6 p.m.**

18. First and Only Public Hearing on the Starpointe Type "C" Site and Development Plan

County Administrator Alam reported DRC has recommended approval with conditions.

Speaker:

Mr. Elliot Varnum, 3559 Timberlane representing the developer went over some details of the property and requested the Board approve a deviation regarding interconnection because there is no way to safely connect the two subdivisions. He reported they have met all the conditions.

Commissioner Sauls moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Options #1 and #2: 1) Conduct the first and only Public Hearing and approve the proposed Type "C" Site and Development Plan for the Starpointe Subdivision, subject to those conditions recommended by the Development Review Committee, based on the findings of fact, conclusion of law, and conditions of approval, as set forth in the recommendations of the Development Review Committee; and 2) Approve the requested deviation to the development standard for interconnection per Section 10-1527, Leon County Land Development Code, to modify interconnection for pedestrian access only, as recommended by the Development Review Committee.

Commissioner Rackleff reported he was disappointed they could not have an interconnection that was envisioned by the adjoining development to the west where the land is already dedicated for the right of way. He is not pleased the Board continues to build subdivisions with only one way in or out. The morning traffic will be extremely difficult to put up with.

Commissioner Rackleff offered a friendly amendment to the motion, accepted by the motion maker to incorporate pedestrian access and an extension of the pavement at the end of Sagittarius Place.

Commissioner Thaell addressed the issue of the location of the power plant and would like staff to start considering structures and their potential impacts on surrounding residences.

There was Board discussion.

Motion carried 7-0.

**Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items (3-minute limit)**

Speakers:

James Boyett requested the County consider building a Veterans Memorial. He stated that funding could be raised from the private sector. He expressed knowing the pain of having a son sent to war.

County Administrator Alam provided a brief status report on the progress of the Memorial. He reported a staff committee is currently looking into sites available.

Commissioner Rackleff asked if this memorial is for all veterans or limited to Gulf and Iraq Wars. Mr. Boyett stated that he is thinking about veterans who have lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Commissioner DePuy stated that he believes the memorial should be limited to local casualties. This could include veterans who have given their lives for every war, but thinks it would be appropriate to honor our local heroes.

Mr. Boyett suggested sacrifices should also be recognized. One does not have to 'die' to sacrifice.

Justin Hunter reported he came before the Board in December requesting assistance regarding a temporary permit for his mobile home that is still deteriorating because he is unable to obtain the permit to live in the mobile home – only to 'set it up'. Since he has not been able to get electricity the unit is getting full of mold and mildew and also faces a number of other problems. Soon it

will be completely deteriorated. His investment is quickly disappearing.

Commissioner Sauls reported this problem is a result of original property being illegally subdivided. She strongly urged the Board to assist this citizen so he will not lose his mobile home due to a permitting problem.

Commissioner Proctor stated this is ludicrous since this man owns 8 acres and has to buy 2 additional acres to meet zoning requirements. This is yet another example of the 10 acre rule and how many citizens are 'stuck'. Commissioner Proctor asked Mr. Hunter how long his family had owned the land and discovered they have owned it over 100 years.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls to approve a variance or waiver to allow Mr. Hunter to establish his mobile home.

Commissioner Sauls spoke on the matter.

County Attorney Thiele reported Commissioner Proctor's motion is not legally permissible because it would vary the comp plan. Since this property was illegally subdivided years ago none of the property owners are able to obtain building permits. He reported the County could issue a temporary permit so a power pole could be erected to supply electricity. He was only recently informed about this property being illegally subdivided. There may be other options.

There was board discussion.

The Board directed staff work on this problem to provide relief to Mr. Hunter. Direction was made without objection.

John Gibby stated he was invited to return to review a report staff was supposed to prepare. However, he has been told this report is still not ready – but suggests it was written and ready two weeks ago. He spoke at length on fee waiver provisions, economic development in the Gum Road Target Planning area, flood plain revision issues and building fee permit waivers. He asked the Board to take up this item after 4:30 at the April 24th Regular Board Meeting.

County Administrator Alam reported the issues would be addressed at that time. He explained it takes at least two weeks

to get an agenda item ready and there are strict deadlines to follow so the report was not ready at this meeting. He explained they will address all the issues related to the Transfer Station.

**County Administrator**

Announced the re-opening for J. Lewis Hall Park. The park is equipped for disabled children. In addition, he requested the Board approve scheduling the grand re-opening on a Saturday.

Commissioner Proctor requested staff improve the signage to the park.

**Discussion Items by Commissioners**

**Commissioner Dailey**

Requested staff research how to put the Old Lincoln High School on the official register of the National Historic Registry. Request was made without objection.

Requested the County Attorney continue to work with him on the 'appearance of a conflict of interest'.

Wished Brian and Beth Desloge a happy anniversary on Friday.

**Commissioner Proctor**

Requested a Proclamation for Ms. Bernice Reeves, a75-year member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to be presented at an upcoming event. Request was made without objection.

Requested a Proclamation for Congresswoman Maxine Waters who will speak at a youth conference regarding gang violence. Commissioner Proctor announced the date of the event is April 21, 2007, 4:00 p.m., at the Bethel A.M.E. Church. The Proclamation will be presented at the

event. He invites everyone especially our youth to help deter them from participating in gangs and gang violence.

Commissioner DePuy requested the Public Information Officer, Jennifer Meale to publicly notice this event since more than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Also requested Proclamations for Patti Labelle and Lee Jones. They will be in our community June 9, 2007 to launch *Inspire Magazine.*

Reappointed Ms. Mary Allen to the Fort Braden Community Center Board of Directors and reappointed Mr. Richard Noakes to the Apalachee Parkway Regional Park Planning Committee.

Spoke in support of Mr. Earl Lee's proposal regarding the Boys Choir.

**Commissioner Desloge**

Requested clarification regarding the amount of time allotted to one speaker on behalf of many citizens. He does not think people should be able to 'bank time' – one speaker three minutes was the original intent.

County Attorney Thiele stated that if the Board wishes, he will rule that the combination of time from several citizens to one speaker be determined to be out of order.

Commissioner Thaell agreed with Commissioner Desloge.

Commissioner Sauls requested considering allowing only three persons to donate time to one speaker.

There was Board discussion. Commissioner DePuy reported he wanted to follow the will of the majority of the Board.

Without objection, requested approval of to use his travel account for travel expenses to New York for National Association of Counties' County Leadership meeting.

Requested Public Works continue to be involved in the Pisgah Church Road paving project.

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Commissioner Desloge moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to agenda an item regarding employee performance appraisals. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Desloge moved, seconded by Commissioner Rackleff, for staff to draft a "no net increase in billboards" Ordinance to be considered at the April 24, 2007 Board meeting. In addition, the Commission to set April 10, 2007 as the effective date for a moratorium.

Commissioner Proctor reported he was opposed to a countywide sign moratorium.
There was considerable Board discussion regarding the need for a moratorium, the effective date of said moratorium and the definition of billboards.

Motion carried 4-3, with Commissioners DePuy, Proctor, and Sauls opposed.

**Commissioner Thaell**

Requested a Resolution for Brantley Goodson, a profoundly disabled child at Roberts Elementary, request was made without objection.

Requested a Resolution for Steve Beasley in honor of his 65th birthday, request was made without objection.

Invited everyone to a Canopy Roads System Tour on May 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Without objection, requested the County's lobbying force support the Governor's budget, appropriating $36 million in Medicaid/Home Healthcare funding.

Requested staff schedule the appointment of members to the Woodville Community Center Board of Directors.

**Commissioner Sauls**

Requested a copy of the Tallahassee Boys Choir proposal.

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**Commissioner Proctor**

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy, to approve travel expenses be taken from the $50,000 set aside for the Prince George Sister County Initiative to travel to the University of Maryland.

*Commissioner DePuy passed the gavel to Commissioner Sauls to second the motion.*

Commissioner Thaell moved that staff provide report on whether to continue sister county relationship with Prince George County. The motion failed for lack of a second.

There was lengthy Board discussion including the new Commissioners' understanding of the budget in place of this issue prior to their election and the previous vote on how the funds could be used irregardless to new policies set, also the freeze on travel funds for certain travel.

*Commissioner Proctor withdrew his motion.*

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to waive the rules to take up travel expenses coming out of Commissioner Proctor's travel account. Motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Thaell opposed.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Rackleff, to approve expenditure of travel from Commissioner Proctor's travel account. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to agenda a status report on the Prince George Sister County Initiative. Motion carried 7-0.

**Commissioner DePuy**

Congratulated Commissioners Thaell, Proctor and Sauls on their ten year pins.

Reported in readjusting the CRA four County Commissioners will be appointed to it. Also the 4th cent was addressed. CRA Money and Bed Tax money are two different pots of money.

Reported on the mayor/Chair meeting regarding the purchase of the Johns Building property. The mayor is not inclined to sell the building to the County.
Detailed options discussed regarding the purchase of the property

There was discussion regarding the use of the $1.6 million in the Tourist Development Trust Fund to demolish the Johns Building with the stipulation that the County be reimbursed if and when the property is sold for a use other than the Performing Arts Center.

This is all subject to the City approving the agreement with the 501(c) 3 as a funding source.

Commissioner Thaell moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to agenda this issue for April 24, 2007. Motion carried 7-0.

**There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

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C.E. DePuy, Jr.
Chairman

ATTEST:

Bob Inzer,
Clerk of the Court

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