

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Desloge presiding. Present were Commissioners Akinyemi, Thael, Proctor, Rackleff, Dailey, and Sauls. Also present were County Administrator Parwez Alam, County Attorney Herb Thiele, Finance Director David Reid and Board Secretary Rebecca Vause.

Invocation was provided by Commissioner Proctor, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chairman Desloge introduced Steve Farmer, Sr. Vice President, Brown and Brown of Florida, Inc., who along with Mike Kennedy, Fireman's Fund Insurance, presented a grant administered through the Heritage Program in the amount of \$22,924 to the Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to help fund mobile radios.
- Chief Quillin accepted the grant on behalf of the six volunteer fire departments in the County and shared that the funds would be used to purchase two mobile radios for each of the volunteer fire departments in the County.

1. Presentation of 2009 Hispanic Heritage Fest

Jon Brown, Public Information Officer (PIO), spoke on the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Fest. He stated that September 15 - October 15 marks the independence anniversary of Latin American Nations and provides a month long celebration of events to celebrate contributions of Hispanic heritage and culture to the U.S. Mr. Brown noted that the Festival would: 1) encourage the County's Hispanic residents to fill out the 2010 census form; 2) provide an economic growth opportunity for area businesses and be a potential tourism attraction for future years, and 3) grow cultural awareness and recognition of the contributions of Hispanic residence.

- Mary Leslie, Public Information Office, provided highlights of festival activities which include activities such as arts, literature, mini film festival, food, music and dance. She noted that the County's Hispanic population has increased almost 57% since 2000 and the Fest would provide a great opportunity to bring the Hispanic population together and to stress the importance of filling out the census data.
- Marion McGee and Evelyn Ramirez, US Census Bureau representatives, encouraged the Board's support and approval for the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Fest. They commented that a direct outreach campaign such as the Fest was an important component in ensuring that all residents were accounted for and shared that it was important for the residents feel grounded and part of the community. Ms. Ramirez pointed out that an accurate count of County residents was reflective in the amount of funding received by the County.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: Approve the Budget Amendment Request in the amount of \$5,000 for funding of the 2009 Leon County Hispanic Heritage Fest. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

CONSENT

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to approve the following Consent Agenda with the exception of items 7, 8, 19, 23, 26, and 29, which were pulled for discussion. The motion carried 7-0.

- 2. Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2009 Tourism Workshop/Retreat; June 9, 2009 FY 2010 Budget Workshop; June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting; and, July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting**

The Board approved Option 1: Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2009 Tourism Workshop/Retreat; June 9, 2009 FY 2010 Budget Workshop; June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting; and, July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting

- 3. Approval of Budget Resolution and Associated Budget Amendment Request to Establish the FY 2009/10 Department of Children and Families Reimbursement Grant for /Drug Court Urinalysis Testing**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and Associated Budget Amendment Request to Establish the FY 2009/10 Department of Children and Families Reimbursement Grant for Drug Court Urinalysis.

- 4. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for August 25, 2009, and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of August 26 through September 7, 2009: \$3,324,228**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for August 25, 2009, and Pre-Approve Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of August 26 through September 7, 2009: \$3,324,228

- 5. Approval to Certify the Tax Collector's Recapitulation of the Property Tax Roll for 2008**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve certification of the recapitulation of the Property Tax Roll for 2008, which entitles the Tax Collector's to credit the tax assessment roll accordingly.

- 6. Approval of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Reimbursement to the Tallahassee Housing Authority**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes reimbursement to the Tallahassee Housing Authority in the amount of \$20,401, and approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

- 7. Request to schedule an Educational Facilities Authority (EFA) Workshop for Tuesday, September 22, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Chairman Desloge requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Chairman Desloge suggested that a list of questions that Commissioners' would like to have addressed be prepared and presented to the EFA Executive Director prior to the meeting. He offered that this would allow for a better prepared, more structured Workshop.

Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff, to approve Option 1: Schedule an Educational Facilities Authority Workshop for Tuesday, September 22, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

8. Request to Reschedule an MIS Technology Update Workshop for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Akinyemi requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Commissioner Akinyemi thanked staff for their effort to improve technology. He requested that the Workshop include a discussion on the pros, cons, benefits, cost and justifications on the use of GroupWise vs Outlook software.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff, to approve Option 1: Schedule an MIS Technology Update Workshop for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Desloge expressed his support for the use of GroupWise.

9. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Tangible Personal Property Annual Report

The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Accept the FY 08/09 Tangible Personal Property Annual Report, and 2) Authorize the deletion of 322 tangible personal property items from the Property Control records.

10. Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from Robert R. Parrish, Jr.

The Board approved Option 1: Approve and accept for recording a conservation easement from Robert R. Parrish, Jr.

11. Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Vehicular Idle Reduction

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Vehicular Idle Reduction.

12. Approval of Proposed Schedule for a Condensed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle 2010-1

The Board approved Options 1: Approve the proposed schedule for a condensed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle 2010-1, to include two additional amendments in the condensed cycle.

13. Authorization to Submit an Application to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for FY 2008 Supplemental Community Development Block Grant Appropriations for Disaster Recovery in the Amount of \$2,727,376

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the submission of an application to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for FY2008 Supplemental Community Development Block Grant appropriations for Disaster Recovery to fund affordable rental housing activities and flood mitigation associated with the Timber Lake subdivision.

14. Approval of Agreement Between Leon County and the City of Tallahassee Regulating the Use of the Justice Assistance Grant

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Agreement between Leon County and the City of Tallahassee regulating the use of the Justice Assistance Grant, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

15. Adoption of Revised Policy No. 03-01, "Approval Authority for the Acquisition, Disposition and Leasing of Real Property"

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the revised Policy No. 03-01, "Approval Authority for the Acquisition, Disposition and Leasing of Real Property."

16. Acceptance of Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device for Jordans Pass Subdivision

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device for Jordans Pass Subdivision.

17. Approval of a Cooperative Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, to Assist with the Suppression and Management of Cogongrass

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Cooperative Agreement between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, to assist with the suppression and management of cogongrass.

18. Approval of an Agreement Awarding Bid to Peavy and Son Construction Company, Inc. for Open Graded Hot Mix Pavement Unit Pricing Contract

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Agreement Awarding Bid to Peavy & Son Construction Company, Inc. for the Open Graded Hot Mix Bituminous Pavement Unit Pricing Contract, and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

19. Approval to Name Facilities at Daniel B. Chaires Park for Mr. Murray Thompson and Mr. David Brown Wagner, Sr.

Chairman Desloge requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Chairman Desloge thanked Ms. Dot Spence for her relentless pursuit of this issue and stated that this was a great way to recognize those individuals who have contributed so much to the Chaires area.

Chairman Desloge stated that he pulled the item because the policy relative to naming facilities for individuals is vague and asked staff to review the policy for consistency. He asked that an agenda item be brought back relative to the naming of county facilities.

Commissioner Sauls, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to approve Option 1: Approve the naming of the one softball field after Mr. Murray Thompson and the baseball field after Mr. David Brown Wagner, Sr. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

Commissioner Rackleff moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey to direct staff to bring back an agenda item addressing the naming of County facilities. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

20. Approval of Two Settlement Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Reimbursement of Expenditures Associated with Innovative Recycling Grants

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the two Settlement Agreements for reimbursement of expenditures associated with Innovative Recycling Grants IG7-07 and IG8-08, and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

21. Request to Schedule a First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 11, Article IV of the Leon County Code of Laws Entitled "Local Business Tax Receipt"

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule the first and only public hearing to adopt an Ordinance repealing Chapter 11, Article IV of the Leon County Code of Laws entitled "Local Business Tax Receipt" for September 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

22. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement Between Leon County and the City of Tallahassee for the Joint City/County Planning Department

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement between Leon County, Florida and City of Tallahassee for the Joint City/County Planning Department, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

23. Approval of America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend's Food Collection Campaign and Allocation of Storage Space

Chairman Desloge and Commissioner Thaell both requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Commissioner Thaell stated that he understood staff's concerns about not placing the containers in the community center's, however he wanted to provide an easy opportunity for citizens to contribute goods to the organization. He added that the containers had been made by a local Eagle Scout.

Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to approve Options 1, 2 & 3: 1) Authorize staff to work with Second Harvest to identify initiatives that will effectuate its food collection campaign, including placement of drop-off bins and public service announcements for National Hunger Action Month, 2) Authorize the allocation of storage space for Second Harvest at the County's Tharpe Street facility in accordance with County practice, and 3) Authorize the allocation of storage space for Second Harvest at the County's Tharpe Street facility and waive a pro rata share.

Chairman Desloge indicated that that there were 13 agencies within the County that collected food and he was concerned about setting a precedent in offering to collect food for one organization and not another.

Commissioner Thaell commented that almost all of the organizations coordinate with Second Harvest and are in no way in competition with, but work in compliment with Second Harvest.

The motion carried 7-0.

24. Update and Budget Modifications for the Branch Library Expansion Projects

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the preliminary planning associated with the branch library expansion projects and the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

25. Acceptance of the FY 2008/09 Third Quarter and Combined Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the FY 2008/09 third quarter and combined status report on Commissioner Discussion Items.

26. Acceptance of Staff's Report on a Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Chairman Desloge requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Chairman Desloge acknowledged that this issue could be problematic for law enforcement and the school district; however he is concerned about teenagers being out after midnight during the week (especially on a school night). He asked if the Public Service Coordinating Board (PSCB) could assess the issue and bring back recommendations to the Board.

Commissioner Akinyemi stated that the City had discussed a similar ordinance and asked staff to contact the City and get a status report on their findings and where they are on this issue.

Commissioner Thaele commented that this has not been an issue for the Sheriff or Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) and opined that unless there is a very strong trend toward criminal behavior or underage drinking, he was opposed to the Board imposing its authority beyond what is necessary. He voiced that he was not in favor of the Board "taking this any further" unless more information was brought to his attention.

Commissioner Rackleff stated that he was reluctant to criminalize staying out late and asked if this would apply within the City, what ages it would apply to, etc.

Chairman Desloge explained that his intent was to have dialogue on the issue and ask the PSCB to evaluate the appropriateness of a curfew.

Commissioner Thaele moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: Accept staff report on a juvenile curfew ordinance. The motion carried 5-2 (Commissioner Desloge and Commissioner Akinyemi in opposition).

27. Acceptance of Status Report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Accept the status report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and 2) Direct staff to continue to work with the Leon County/City of Tallahassee Economic Development Council to determine potential recovery zone areas for Board consideration at a future date.

28. Acceptance of the FY 2008-2009 Third Quarter County Grant Program Quarterly Leveraging Status Report

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the FY 2008-2009 Third Quarter County Grant Program Quarterly Leveraging Status Report.

29. Acceptance of a Status Report Regarding the Schedule for Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Remote Collection Events for Fiscal Year 09-10.

Commissioner Thaelle requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Commissioner Thaelle wanted to ensure that sites for collection of hazardous waste are convenient for all citizens of the County and encouraged collection sites throughout the entire county.

Commissioner Thaelle moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report regarding the schedule for household hazardous waste and electronics remote collection events for FY09/10. The motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Sandra Frazier, 1230 Hemlock Drive, thanked the Board and County staff on behalf of the Twin Lakes Community for its assistance in finding resolution to the neighborhood's culvert situation and an invitation was extended to Commissioners and staff to attend a "culvert cookout" to be held in the neighborhood.

County Administrator Alam advised that in order to complete the project a licensed agreement is needed with St. Joe for the access and he asked that the Board authorize him to act on their behalf to complete the agreement.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to authorize the County Administrator to act on their behalf to complete the proposed agreement.

Commissioner Thaelle clarified with County Attorney Thiele that a waiving of the rules was not needed to take this action.

Commissioner Rackleff thanked staff for their efforts to find a solution to the conflict and represented a "real team effort" by all staff.

The motion carried 7-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

30. Acceptance of 2009 Florida Legislative Session Final Report

County Administrator Alam asked Ken Morris, Director of Legislative Affairs & Economic Development, to provide a brief report to the Board.

Mr. Morris noted that a detailed report on legislative activities was provided in the Board's agenda packet. Following is a brief summary of substantive issues pertaining to Leon County during the 2009 session:

- State's Financial Picture
 - No community budget issue requests
 - \$6 billion shortfall
 - Declining state revenue

- Federal stimulus funds
- Key Issues
 - State workforce
 - gift ban
 - "crash tax"
 - SB 360 – Growth management
 - Charter county transportation surtax
- Four Amendments currently on the 2010 general election ballot:
 - Repeal of public financing for election of cabinet members
 - Additional homestead exemption for active military personnel
 - Additional homestead exemption to first time homebuyers and lowering of non-homestead cap
 - Hometown Democracy
- Upcoming Dates
 - October 27 – 2010 State & Federal Legislative Priorities Workshop
 - December 7 – Board Retreat
 - March 2, 2010 – Start of 2010 Legislative Session

Mr. Morris recognized Capital Alliance Group represented by Mr. Jeff Sharkey. Mr. Sharkey thanked the Commission for the opportunity to represent the County and stated that this was a very intense and difficult budget year and commented that a \$4 - \$5 billion shortfall is projected for next year. He commended County staff and voiced appreciation to Commissioners for their willingness to meet with legislative staff and Governor.

Commissioner Proctor expressed his disappointment in the lack of legislative support received for Leon County and questioned Florida's delay in disbursement of stimulus dollars to municipalities. He pointed out that President Obama singled out Florida's slow distribution of the stimulus funds.

Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Morris responded to Commissioner Proctor's concerns. Mr. Sharkey offered to check on the County's status and report back to the Board and Mr. Morris assured him that staff is regularly checking in with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the State to determine what funds are available. Mr. Morris added that a report on the County's stimulus efforts was included on the Board's Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Proctor recalled that Chairman Desloge initiated a regional effort (which included surrounding counties, universities, school board, and other local stakeholders) and identified and prioritized projects in the area that qualified for stimulus funding. He asserted that this area has a list and that a "full court press" was needed to ensure that the County received its share of stimulus funds.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to approve Options 1 & 2, as amended: 1) Accept the 2009 Legislative Session Final Report, 2) Schedule the Board Workshop on the 2010 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for October 27, 2009, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. and 3) Direct staff and lobbyist to strongly pursue stimulus funding, both federal and state, in whatever means necessary on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Akinyemi commented that he would be more involved in next year's legislative session and expressed his disappointment in the lack of comprehensive energy reform legislation. Mr. Morris noted that the Legislature was hesitant, given the revenue shortfalls, to take or initiate new mandates.

Commissioner Rackleff confirmed that the motion on the floor did not include the extension of lobbying contracts.

The motion to approve Options 1 & 2 as amended, carried 7-0.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to approve Options 3 & 4: 3) Authorize the County Administrator to extend the existing Agreement with the Capitol Alliance Group for one year in the amount of \$40,000, and 4) Authorize the County Administrator to extend the existing Agreement with Patton Boggs for one year in the amount of \$100,000. The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Desloge and the Board recognized John Henry Baldino, a local scout who is working to obtain his merit badge in communications.

31. Consideration of Scheduling District Commission Meetings

County Administrator Alam explained that the Board, at its Annual Retreat, requested information on the scheduling of County Commission Meeting in each district. He noted that information on attendance, public accessibility, cost and security from past efforts of district Commissioner meetings had been provided. Mr. Alam pointed out that residents are familiar with Commission meetings being held on Tuesdays in the Commission Chambers at the Courthouse and recalled that past efforts to move them have resulted in a drop in public attendance. He offered that it was more appropriate for "district specific" issues to be held and generally these are well attended by the public. He recommended that the Board not hold regular meetings at different locations.

Commissioner Proctor asked that staff make an effort to hold his district meeting within the university community, given that both universities are located in his district.

Commissioner Thaelle indicated that he favored the continued implementation of the Strategic Communications Plan in regard to public meetings and agreed that the Courthouse was the most central and accessible location for residents. He voiced support for district meeting of topical importance and noted that these are generally well attended by residents; however, was not in favor of conducting regular Board meetings at a site other than the Courthouse.

Commissioner Thaelle moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff, to approve Option 1: Direct staff to continue implementing the Strategic Communications Plan in regards to public meetings.

Commissioner Rackleff stated his support for the motion and mentioned that the broadcast of Board meetings by Comcast was perhaps the most important outreach effort made and this option is not available at other venues. He also noted the huge logistical challenge to implement the change.

Commissioner Akinyemi acknowledged the challenge, cost and complexity of conducting meetings off-site; however, he hoped that the idea would not be abandoned. He agreed that regular Commission meetings should be held at the Courthouse and that issue driven meetings be held in the community. He stated that it was important to get controversial issues before the public for input as soon as possible and suggested that four district meetings be scheduled in anticipation of heated topics. Commissioner Akinyemi offered that the meetings be publicized and held in venues with broadcasting capabilities, i.e., FSU, FAMU and School Board.

Commissioner Akinyemi offered a friendly amendment to ask staff to prepare a cost analysis and bring back options to conduct four meetings a year outside the Commission Chambers. Commissioner Thael accepted the amendment.

Chairman Desloge suggested that potential meetings be driven by the District Commissioner.

Commissioner Sauls stated that she could support the motion; but favored that the meetings should be issue driven.

The motion as amended carried 7-0.

32. Consideration of the Purchase of the Circuit City Property

County Administrator Alam explained that the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office wanted to consolidate their administrative and warehouse operations and have identified the Circuit City property as a suitable site. Mr. Alam stated that a purchase price of \$2.43 million had been negotiated; however an additional \$1.9 million would be needed for renovations, for a total amount of \$4.2 million. He pointed out that these are conservative estimates and did not include the replacement of the HVAC in the near future at approximately \$370,000. Mr. Alam shared that the money would have to be borrowed and cautioned that the County would be in an even more difficult budgetary situation next year. He offered to provide more detailed information if the Board desired.

Speaker:

- Rick Bateman, 401 E. Virginia, representing Jefferson Management, the seller of the building, indicated that he was available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Thael indicated that he had reviewed the project very carefully and has spoken with Elections Supervisor Ion Sancho, staff, and others in the community and believes that the best option is to purchase the property. He noted the immediate savings through the discontinuance of numerous existing leases and shared that consolidation of functions would 1) increase election day efficiency, 2) help elections continue to run very smoothly, and 3) provide better public access (especially for disabled citizens/voters). He opined that this was a "win-win for everyone".

Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to approve Options 1, 2, & 3, and direct staff to secure up to \$3.75 million in financing, however appropriate: 1) Approve the Letter of Intent; 2) Authorize staff to proceed with programming the Circuit City Property to meet the Supervisor of Elections' operational needs, which will provide a better basis upon which to estimate renovation costs, and 3) Authorize staff to proceed with the due diligence review process and authorize staff to execute a budget amendment to realign \$25,000 from the General Fund contingency for this purpose.

Commissioner Rackleff offered that he was not in favor of moving the SOE administrative functions from the Bank of America (BOA) building, as the downtown location is more accessible. He also inquired if bids from other property owners had been entertained.

Mr. Alam responded that no other bids had been considered, as the SOE had deemed the property the most appropriate for his needs. Mr. Alam stressed the need for the Board to clarify its intent - consolidate the SOE functions or provide additional storage/training facility. He proclaimed that there were other County sites available for

equipment storage at a much lower cost, such as Tharpe Street and Huntington Oaks and he would not recommend purchase of the building for this purpose. He noted there would be little savings to taxpayers as this is money we do not have. Mr. Alam advised that staff do not believe that the project could be done for \$3.75 million.

Commissioner Rackleff continued stating that he supported the need for additional storage and training space, but was concerned that the building was not a good investment, there was substandard transit service provided and there was no safe way to cross the street. He voiced concern that other property owners have not been provided an opportunity to approach the County with an offer and was not confident that proper procurement procedures had been followed.

County Administrator Alam confirmed for Commissioner Rackleff that the County had not done an exhaustive search for alternate sites. Mr. Alam reiterated the need to clarify the objective, i.e., consolidation of functions or storage/training.

Commissioner Rackleff made a substitute motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to direct staff to bring back an agenda item for the September 22 meeting that incorporates properly evaluated proposals for warehouse and training space that meet the needs of the SOE from other property owners, and keep SOE administrative offices in the BOA Building.

Commissioner Akinyemi shared that he supported the SOE's request for consolidation. He was also concerned about the lack of pedestrian mobility to the site and noted the need to continue as a community to remove these barriers. Commissioner Akinyemi stated that time was of the essence as the SOE needed to have sufficient time to prepare for the 2010 elections.

Commissioner Sauls requested that Elections Supervisor Ion Sancho address the Board and share his intent and objectives.

Supervisor Sancho stated that the intent at the June 9 budget meeting was to consolidate elections functions for a totally integrated process. He advised that the current space in the BOA did not meet their administrative need, and that his staff have been looking for alternate space for years. He noted that consolidation would require 30,000 square feet and thus limited the number of facilities available for consideration.

Commissioner Thael established with the Supervisor that \$3.75 million would be sufficient for the consolidation project and that no additional funds would be requested by the SOE from the Board.

Commissioner Rackleff expressed concern about the lack of accessibility for the disabled and senior citizens to the Circuit City building and emphasized the need to ensure that all public facilities are in the most accessible locations possible.

The Board agreed recessed for dinner break at 5:10 p.m. and will continue its discussions on the purchase of Circuit City upon conclusion of the Public Hearings.

The Board recessed for dinner break at 5:10 p.m.

The Board re-entered discussion at 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Desloge recapped the two motions; Commissioner Thael's original motion and the substitute motion from Commissioner Rackleff.

Chairman Desloge commended the Supervisor on the manner in which he represents the County and acknowledged that he operates one of the best election processes in the Country. He noted however, that the County has a process which includes the planning and budgeting for all capital projects and added that the project was out of the budget cycle and funds would have to be borrowed. He pointed out that the County's practice is to plan and budget for all capital projects. He opined that the County has available storage space (Amtrak, BOA, Tharpe Street, Huntington Oaks). He concluded that the purchase was 1) not appropriate at this time, 2) out of cycle, 3) would remove commercial property from the tax roll, and 3) sends the wrong message to other Constitutional Officers.

Commissioner Dailey asked what flexibility may be available regarding a long term lease with the option to purchase. He agreed that now was not the time to borrow money for capital projects, but proposed a long term lease with the option to buy, possibly within a 1-5 year period as this would allow sufficient time to budget appropriately for the purchase. The issue of the cost of renovations remains. He offered that if these terms cannot be worked out, the long term needs of the SOE be addressed in the next budget cycle. At this point, however, he could not support either option on the table.

Commissioner Thael in response to concerns expressed regarding the lack of assessment of other possibility sites distributed a list of properties that had been reviewed and assessed for consolidated functions. He opined it was the appropriate time to move forward and offered that the County could get financing for the building under four percent.

Commissioner Proctor disclosed that he had in the past filed a federal complaint with the Justice Department against the Supervisor as he did not believe that the Courthouse was the "most humane site" to be designated for early voting (ruling in favor of the SOE). He stated that nonetheless, he would support the request to consolidate and he would respect the professional judgment of the SOE. He expressed that the Southeast portion of the County has become the "energy of government" as noted by the number of government offices relocating to the area and the proposed site is in-line with this trend. He differed that the site had not been properly vetted and stated that 45 commercial properties had been reviewed by the Supervisor's office. He proclaimed that he was undecided on whether to purchase or lease the building at this time.

Commissioner Rackleff stated that there were two components to the issue: financial and location. Financial: He asserted that due diligence has not been done to find the best property for the best price and that the community should be made aware that the County was looking for warehouse and training space. He ascertained that the list of properties had been shared with County staff. Commissioner Rackleff clarified that the substitute motion requests staff to come back with more information on alternatives so that the Board can make a more informed decision. He expressed concern over borrowing money during a time the County was cutting its budget. Location: Commissioner Rackleff shared that the proposed location has only one bus route that goes in one direction only and only frequents the area once an hour. He advised that the current SOE location has better accessibility for the disabled (blind, frail, wheelchair-bound). He urged support of his substitute motion.

Commissioner Dailey offered that the site was not the issue and restated his endorsement for a long term lease with an option to buy. He favored proper planning, saving, budgeting in "out years", and not borrowing money.

Commissioner Thaele pointed out that his original motion authorized staff to secure financing, up to \$3.75 million, however appropriate, either through a lease purchase or borrowing the money. He favored the purchase of the building, but stated that the original motion allows the kind of flexibility to make the best decision. It was his opinion that the lease purchase arrangement would be a more expensive option. He suggested that Commissioner Akinyemi be the Board's representative to insure and provide interim reports on whether the building is on budget.

Commissioner Sauls affirmed her support for consolidation of the SOE functions, but questioned how the building could be funded. She inquired if the money saved by freeing up of current rental space and the leasing the BOA space currently being used by the SOE would make a payment if money was borrowed. Mr. Alam noted that the recovered funds would likely pay for a lease, but that over the next five years the County would spend about \$2.5 million in renovation and HVAC replacement costs.

Commissioner Sauls asked that the vote be taken on support of consolidation of the SOE functions and then direct staff to bring at the September meeting funding options and better estimates on renovation costs.

Commissioner Akinyemi pointed out that this issue was discussed at the June 9 Budget Workshop, although a decision was not finalized. He commented that it would be more prudent to have a consolidated cost that was about the same or less than the current net rental costs. He concurred with Commissioner Sauls that the consolidation issue needed to be resolved and then consideration given to an appropriate alternate location for SOE function.

Commissioner Proctor Called the Question.

There continued to be considerable discussion among Commissioners.

In response to Commissioner Thaele's original motion, Commissioner's Dailey and Sauls expressed concern over where the \$3.75 million would come from. Commissioner Sauls noted that she would not "blindly" vote to expend \$3.75 million without information provided for her review and consideration and Commissioner Dailey explained that good planning and good budgeting was needed and was not comfortable with a "just make it happen" decision.

Chairman Desloge noted the need to delay action and get more information and opined that there are county-owned facilities that could accommodate the need of consolidated storage. He clarified that consolidation of operations was a discussion that was held during the Budget Workshop and a commitment was not made at that time. He added that the original SOE request was for consolidation of storage. He added that should the Board approve total consolidation then appropriate planning and budgeting was needed. Chairman Desloge remarked that it was not a Commissioners responsibility to administer projects and did not support the suggestion to appoint Commissioner Akinyemi to oversee the renovations of Circuit City.

Commissioner Rackleff restated his substitute motion: Direct staff to bring back an agenda item for the September 22 meeting that incorporates properly evaluated proposals for warehouse and training space that meet the needs of the SOE from other property owners, and keep SOE administrative offices in the BOA Building.

The Board continued discussion on this issue.

The substitute motion failed 1-6 (Commissioners Akinyemi, Dailey, Desloge, Proctor, Sauls and Thaelel opposed)

Commissioner Sauls requested that there be two motions: 1) show support for the consolidation, and 2) direct staff to bring back more information.

Commissioner Thaelel amended his motion to 1) support the Supervisor's concept of consolidation of warehouse/administration/training, and 2) direct staff to bring back on September 22, financial alternatives (borrow, bond, lease, etc) relative to the purchase of the Circuit City building, with a total cost not to exceed \$3.75 million.

Commissioner Akinyemi commented that staff's report should include a comparison of current costs and a true financial impact.

Commissioner Rackleff confirmed that the motion limits the Board's consideration to the lease, lease/purchase or purchase of Circuit City location only. He indicated that he could not support the motion.

In response to comments regarding the consideration of alternate sites, Commissioner Thaelel agreed that the Board could consider other location options, so long as they meet the needs of the SOE and did not slow down the process.

There continued to be considerable Board discussion.

The motion on the floor: 1) support the Supervisor's concept of consolidation of warehouse/administration/training, and 2) direct staff to bring back on September 22, financial alternatives (borrow, bond, lease, etc) relative to the purchase of the Circuit City building, with a total cost not to exceed \$3.75 million, and a report of rent comparisons and a true financial report of expenses.

The motion carries 4-3 (Commissioners Dailey, Rackleff and Desloge in opposition).

Commissioner Rackleff commented on a photo of Circuit City location on Apalachee Parkway, citing no sidewalks, the only way in or out is the driveway, a signal intersection with a cross walk leading to a ditch, and no bus stop. He stated that this location was a "nightmare" of accessibility for the disabled and implored the SOE not to move the administrative office to this location.

33. Approval of the Proposed Revisions to the Minority/Women's Aspirational Targets

County Administrator Alam noted that the Board had a contract with MGT of America, Inc. to prepare an update to the County's aspirational targets related to minority and women-owned businesses. He introduced representatives from MTG of America, Inc. to update the Board on its findings.

Mr. Fred Seamons, MGT of America Sr. Partner, stated that a "snap shot" of major findings and recommendations from the County's Disparity Update Study would be shared and offered that a more in depth review of their findings would be presented at a workshop to be held in September. Mr. Seamons introduced Mr. Reggie Smith, Project Director and Hope Smith, Data Management Team Leader who made a presentation to the Board. The report included data collection taken from the county purchase orders, contracts for goods and services and direct payments, review of vendor's records and other sources; an updated list of aspirational targets in the categories of construction, architectural and engineering, professional services, other services, and material and

supplies that was more reflective of current disparities within the County's procurement activities.

Commissioner Akinyemi established that the study timeline was October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2008. He expressed concern over the absence of Hispanic firms in the Prime Availability Category as he was aware of at least two local companies that meet the “ready, willing and able” criteria and confirmed with the County Attorney that if that criteria is met, those businesses should be included in the count and offered that this was an area that this was an issue that should be looked into.

Commissioner Proctor engaged in discussion with Mr. Smith over the process in which aspirational goals are established. He expressed that the County has not done a sufficient job and has created a standard that is insufficient and does not expand the “pool” of businesses. Mr. Smith pointed out that the court system has structured the manner in which “availability” is established and it has “everything to do with capacity”. Commissioner Proctor encouraged the Board to establish a stronger policy and mentioned the use of joint ventures or a mentoring program to expand the number of eligible businesses.

Commissioner Akinyemi offered that the proposed increased aspirational targets were encouraging; however, expressed concern that the study was limited in scope and inquired why this type of review was authorized. Mr. Thiele explained that a Disparity Study was in place, thus the basic framework existed. He added that the update included such areas as, a review of the new data, a look at the ready, willing and able contractors, and the County's usage since last study. Commissioner Akinyemi concurred with Commissioner Proctor that the usefulness of the data was very limited.

Chairman Desloge, in response to concerns and issues being presented, submitted that more discussion was needed and suggested that the workshop be conducted prior to the Board's approval of the targets.

Commissioner Thaeil supported the Chairman's recommendation and offered that an outstanding job was done by MGT in its review. He assessed that the lack of minority or women owned firms was the issue and emphasized the need for the Board to encourage, support and mentor the development of additional firms. He also noted that the County was powerless to ensure or enforce that a business is truly a minority owned firm.

Commissioner Rackleff voiced his dismay at the lack of utilization of minority businesses by private construction contractors and mentioned that the private construction industry should be encouraged to open up their ranks to minorities and women. He added that these numbers reinforce the importance of a serious cost effective MWBE program within the County.

Commissioner Rackleff moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to defer action on all options and that a Workshop be scheduled as soon as possible, to address WMBE utilization. He added that the Workshop should include representatives from the Builders Association, EDC, and Tallahassee Chamber.

Commissioner Akinyemi noted that he had requested a workshop to review the County's procurement practices and inquired if the two issues would be combined. Mr. Alam recommended that due to the anticipated length of each separate workshops be held. He suggested that the MWBE Workshop be scheduled on October 13, 2009 and a date to be determined for the Procurement Workshop.

There was further Commissioners' discussion on the issue.

The motion as restated by Chairman Desloge: Defer action on the issue until the Workshop is held and include in the Workshop representatives from the Tallahassee Chamber, EDC and builders association.

Commissioner Thaeil suggested that the Board adopt the proposed numbers as a "placeholder" and then make changes as appropriate at the October 13 Workshop. County Attorney Thiele advised against adoption of the numbers due to the concerns and comments expressed by the Commission.

Mr. Smith indicated that he understood the Board's decision to defer action on the adoption of the targets until further discussion and review; however, MGT has done its analysis and due diligence and the numbers will not change. He reiterated that the aspirational targets can be larger or higher based on a particular job, contract or work to be performed and on the number of firms that can handle the type of work needed.

Mr. Seamons stressed that accuracy, reliability, validity and legal defensibility of data was critical when conducting a disparity study and noted that the numbers presented were reliable and valid. He stated that their analysis is constrained by legal parameters and assured the Board that a rigorous methodology within certain legal bounds was used to determine the targets and that a disservice would be done if they did not conduct the study within those legal parameters.

Commissioner Proctor proclaimed his dissatisfaction over the decision in 2005 to reduce the target from 18% to 3% and further discussion was held with Mr. Alam and Mr. Smith on the rationale for the change.

Commissioner Thaeil opined that that MGT pursued a professional approach and followed legal requirements in the development of their recommendation. He shared that the law is applied by the Courts and that it would be appropriate for the Board to engage and assist in affecting change at the State and Federal levels.

The motion carried 7-0.

34. Acceptance of the FY09 Third Quarter Status Report on the County Sustainability Program

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) The Board approved Options 1 & 2, as amended: 1) Accept the FY09 third quarter status report on the County Sustainability Program, and 2) Direct staff to cooperate with the City of Tallahassee to establish a joint Sustainability Task Force.

Commissioner Akinyemi stated that staff's report contained good information and recommendations; however, a workshop should be scheduled to thoroughly vet the topic. He added that staff should look at mitigation and implementation of the Climate Action Plan, reuse of grey water and the composition of a taskforce. He also mentioned that staff should contact the City to see where they are in the process.

Commissioner Thaeil thanked staff for their hard work to implement the Climate Action Plan. He acknowledged that although the County, through improvements in heating, ventilating and HVAC assessments and upgrades, had reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 66 tons more was needed. He suggested that efforts being undertaken by other cities and counties be looked at and the County had an obligation to make changes. Commissioner Thaeil noted that there were leaders in the climate change

field within our community and efforts should be made to make use of their expertise, such as a review of the Climate Action Plan.

Commissioner Rackleff echoed the concerns expressed by Commissioner's Akinyemi and Thael and stated that staff's report was a good start. He remarked that he did not want the Board to make "just another empty symbolic gesture toward this problem" and asserted that serious efforts were needed to affect change. He noted his frustration in the lack of solar panels on any county facility or land, the recommendation by staff not to pursue the reuse of grey water and wants more confidence in the weatherization assistance program. He voiced support for the scheduling of a Workshop and stated that he wanted the Commission to individually and collectively get involved in this effort.

Commissioner Akinyemi encouraged Commissioners to participate in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Webinar: Energy Block Grant Implementation & Reporting, to be held October 8 from 2:00 – 3:15. He shared information on NACo's offer to publicize and showcase the County's green efforts using "Green Video Spotlights" which would be uploaded to NACo's YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/NACoVideo, together with ideas and incentives for the promotion of solar energy on County facilities. He asked that staff review the information.

Commissioner Akinyemi offered an amendment to the motion to direct staff to schedule a workshop and engage the City to determine their position on this issue. The amendment was accepted by Commissioner Dailey.

The motion as amended carried 7-0.

35. Expirations, Vacancies, and Appointments to the Bradfordville Historic Schoolhouse Focus Group, Code Enforcement Board, Educational Facilities Authority, Enterprise Development Zone Agency, Housing Finance Authority, Leon County Human Relations Advisory Committee, Water Resources Committee, and Workforce Plus

Bradfordville Historic Schoolhouse Focus Group

- Commissioner Akinyemi reappointed Don Whitehead
- Commissioner Thael reappointed George Henry

Code Enforcement Board

- Commissioner Proctor appointed Rikkia Rellford

Educational Facilities Authority

- Commissioner Proctor reappointed Bob Kellam
- Commissioner Thael reappointed William Hilaman

Enterprise Development Zone Agency

- *Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, the reappointment of James Lockley and Kimberly Moore. The motion carried 7-0.*

Housing Finance Authority

- Commissioner Desloge appointed Michael Hervey
- Commissioner Proctor appointed Gail Milon
- Commissioner Thael reappointed Robert Brannon

Leon County Human Relations Advisory Committee

- Commissioner Akinyemi appointed Jessica Tice

- Commissioner Dailey continued his appointment
- Commissioner Desloge appointed Robert Renzi
- Commissioner Proctor continued his appointment
- Commissioner Rackleff appointed James VanRiper
- Commissioner Sauls appointed Craig Fletcher
- Commissioner Thael appointed Jeff Peters

Water Resources Committee

- Commissioner Akinyemi reappointed Robert Scanlon
- Commissioner Dailey reappointed James Cavanagh
- Commissioner Proctor reappointed Larry Robinson
- Commissioner Sauls reappointed John Labie
- Commissioner Thael reappointed Nancy Miller

Workforce Plus

Ms. Coble advised that Workforce Plus has requested that appointments to this committee be continued.

Chairman Desloge reconvened the Board at 6:00.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

36. Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Code to Review Regulations for Temporary Off-Site Construction Staging

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thael, to approve Option 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Land Development Code to revise regulations for temporary off-site construction staging areas. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Akinyemi and Proctor out of Chambers)

37. Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Code to Modify Standards for Accessory Structures and Uses

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Land Development Code to modify standards for accessory structures and uses in all zoning districts. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

38. Conduct the Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider Amending Section 10-6.109, Relating to Governmental Right-of-Way Takings, to Expand the Scope to Include Off-Site Signs

County Administrator announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: Conduct the second and final public hearing and adopt the proposed ordinance amending Section 10-6.109 relating to governmental right-of-way takings. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

39. First and Only Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 11-47 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, Providing for Amendments to the Leon County Tourist Development Plan, Exhibit A

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending Section 11-47 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, providing for amendments to the Leon County Tourist Development Plan, Exhibit A. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

40. First and Only Tax Equity and Financial Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Hearing to Adopt the Authorizing Resolution for the Issuance of \$3.3 Million in Conduit Financing for Goodwill Industries-Big Bend, Inc.

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only Tax Equity and Financial Responsibility Act (TEFRA) hearing and adopt the authorizing resolution for the purpose of issuing \$3.3 million in tax exempt bonds for Goodwill Industries-Big Bend, Inc. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

41. First and Only Public Hearing Regarding the Submission of the Application for the Department of Community Affairs Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Program FY 2008 Emergency Set-Aside Grant

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaell, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and authorize the submission of the Department of Community Affairs Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2008 Emergency Set-Aside Grant. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Dailey and Proctor out of Chambers).

42. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider the Abandonment of Gem Terrace Road and Adopt an Abandonment Resolution

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaell, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt an Abandonment Resolution for Gem Terrace Road. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

43. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Abandonment of Nicholwood Road and Adopt an Abandonment Resolution

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the Abandonment Resolution for Nicholwood Road. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

44. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Old St. Augustine Road Between W.W. Kelley and U.S. Highway 27 South and Adopt an Abandonment Resolution

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the Abandonment Resolution for a portion of Old St. Augustine Road between W.W. Kelley and U.S. Highway 27 South. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

45. Conduct First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt a Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 10-2.341 of the Land Development Code of Leon County by Adding an Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals

County Administrator Alam announced the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to approve Option 1: Conduct first and only public hearing and adopt ordinance amending Section 10-2.341 of the Land Development Code of Leon County by adding an Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Commissioner Thael engaged in discussion with County Attorney Thiele on the importance of ensuring that the alternate was a good functioning member of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Mr. Thiele explained that the alternate would receive all agenda packets and would be notified well enough in advance to be well prepared for the meeting.

The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

46. Conduct First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-23, Leon County Code of Laws, Relating to Surcharge in Non-Criminal Traffic Cases

County Attorney Thiele announced the Public Hearing. He stated that the proposed Ordinance would change the surcharge on non-criminal traffic infractions to the new statutorily allowed amount of \$30.00. He stated that OMB staff has estimated that the increase would create a potential revenue increase of approximately \$750,000.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing to adopt a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-23, Leon County Code of Laws, to change the surcharge on non-criminal traffic infractions from \$15 to \$30. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

Chairman Desloge closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. The Board continued its discussion of Item 32.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS: none

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Thael

- *Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to direct staff to bring back an agenda item to consider County sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000*

for the Florida Green Building Coalition's Green Living Expo on October 17. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff, to direct staff to schedule a workshop on the status of Leon County's Research and Development Authority, to include its vision and direction. The motion carried 7-0.
 - Chairman Desloge stated that he was the sitting representative to that Board and he would bring the message forward to the Authority.
- Requested a Resolution in support of returning Amtrak passenger service to the area.

Commissioner Sauls

- Requested that hand sanitizers be placed in County facilities.

Commissioner Dailey

- Commissioner Dailey mentioned that a local church on Highway 27 North, which is in the Lake Jackson Protection Zone, is adding approximately 1,000 sq foot to its facility. County policy would require the installation of a sidewalk, even though no sidewalk currently exists on Hwy 27 North.
 - Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to direct staff to bring back an agenda item on sidewalk requirements at Kingsway Christian Church.
 - Commissioner Rackleff indicated that he would review the situation, however, was unsure that he would support relieving the church of its obligation as there is a lot of potential for pedestrian activity on Hwy 27 N.
 - The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Rackleff

- Noted that the Aloft Hotel will open on Thursday and stated that Commissioners are invited to a Grand Opening Celebration on September 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Desloge

- Requested a Resolution acknowledging World Rabies Day to be presented at the September 22 meeting.
- Requested a Resolution for the seven inductees into the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame to be presented on September 24 at the Induction Ceremony.
- Requested a Resolution on behalf of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey for sharing their art collection. The exhibit will be on display at the Mary Brogan Museum and will be premiered on September 10.
 - Commissioner Rackleff suggested that the Kinsey's be invited to the September 8 Board Meeting to make a brief presentation on their exhibit. There was agreement that an invitation would be extended to them.
- On behalf of the Riley House, he will provide a letter of support to the National Trust for Historic Preservation encouraging them to host their Statewide and Local Partners Spring Retreat to Tallahassee/Leon County.
- On behalf of the Riley House, a letter of support will be provided to the Association of African American Museums to encourage them to hold their annual conference in Leon County.
- Asked that the Board consider an agenda item to discuss the future of the Downtown Babies Program, including its viability and options on ways to continue the program.
 - Commissioner Rackleff noted that the Downtown Babies Program was an innovative and important program and provides a needed service for working families downtown.

- *Commissioner Rackleff moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to direct staff to bring back an agenda item to discuss the future of the Downtown Babies Program, including its viability and options on ways to continue the program. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Expressed concern over the lack of oversight of Account 108, which is a "catch all" account for all commission activities. He opined that it may be appropriate for the Chair or Vice Chair to have management responsibility of the account.
 - *Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to ask staff to bring back recommendations on the administration of Commission Account 108. The motion carried 7-0.*

Receipt and File:

- Northwest Florida Water Management District's Tentative Budgets

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Bryan Desloge, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

BY: _____
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court
Leon County, Florida