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1. Call to Order

Chairman Bergosh called the Committee of the Whole (C/W) Workshop to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The C/W was advised by Jessica Whittle, Legal Assistant, Clerk and Comptroller’s Office, that the meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal in the Board's weekly meeting schedule.
3. **OLF8 Master Plan Request for Proposals**

**A. Board Discussion – The C/W:**

(1) Was advised by Horace Jones, Director, Development Services, that at the October 18, 2018, meeting, direction was given to refrain from making changes or edits to the combined Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to provide the Board an opportunity to review and Navy Federal Credit Union (“NFCU”) has since expressed an interest in purchasing additional property at OLF8;

(2) Was advised by Debbie Calder, Executive Vice President for Greater Pensacola Operations, Navy Federal Credit Union, that:

   (a) NFCU has extended an offer to the County to engage a master planner to develop a master plan as a collective effort between the County, NFCU, and the community, which would be brought to the Board for final approval, and to pay up to $2 million for such, as well as purchase the remaining acreage of OLF8 at a fair market value;

   (b) NFCU is very supportive of including job creation as an aspect of the plan and they have jump-started the initiative by offering to create 300 jobs; and

   (c) She does not believe the Triumph funding would be in jeopardy if NFCU were to purchase OLF8;

(3) Was advised by Commissioner Bergosh that:

   (a) He appreciates the discussion with NFCU and he believes the County and NFCU should mutually agree on the master plan regardless of who pays for it;

   (b) He believes that well-paying jobs will be created if small high-tech and clean-tech manufacturing firms are attracted to the area;

   (c) The draft RFP represents a compromise between what was put forward by NFCU, what the staff proposed, and input from District 1; and

   (d) There are currently 2,000 residential units, including condos, apartments, and single-family homes, being developed within walking distance of NCFU;

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(4) Was advised by Commissioner May that:

(a) He is interested in hearing Commissioner Robinson’s opinion before he leaves the Board, but he will not make any decisions today or move forward on any votes in light of Commissioner Barry’s absence;

(b) When Scott Luth of FloridaWest initially proposed the project, there was a commitment of jobs with a starting salary of $60,000; and

(c) The economic development strategy should be aligned with the educational and training opportunities found within the community to avoid importing new talent from outside;

(5) Was advised by Commissioner Underhill that:

(a) He believes it is transformational of the public-private partnership era that the private sector is willing to put up money up front; historically, the County has been expected to front the costs; and he is open to moving forward with a NFCU-assisted but citizen-driven plan;

(b) He is very impressed by the Beulah Coalition group and its diversity of members brought together by a love for their community;

(c) He believes the Triumph money is not at risk if the plan is modified to develop the property in a way that achieves the highest and best use;

(d) He would like to see any statements that commit the current Board to the decisions of the past omitted, especially as they may pertain to development of a commerce park, and he does not want any options eliminated from consideration;

(e) He believes NFCU will create a town of 35-40,000 people in the very near future, and as the Board continues to focus on jobs, there is also an obligation to focus on the infrastructure that is necessary to support the jobs;

(f) The actions taken at OLF8 will have a vast impact on the implementation of the sector plan; and

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(g) He would like to see the draft better articulate what is meant by stating that consideration will be given to the BCC’s pre-application to Triumph;

(6) Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that:

(a) He is agreeable to continuing to partner with NFCU and take advantage of private funding options to benefit the community as long as the public interest and parameters for jobs are considered;

(b) He believes NFCU has shown expertise in understanding planning and how to put forward a good product, as evidenced by the flow of the current campus and the commitment they have made to their employees; and

(c) He believes residential development should be fully evaluated, but single-family detached housing is probably not what is desired, as opportunities exist for mixed infill and high-rise housing that will create some density and reduce the reliance on cars;

(7) Was advised by Theresa Blackwell that:

(a) She supports the offer by NFCU to pay for, select, and manage a master planner due to the shared vision and shared interests between NFCU and the Beulah Coalition;

(b) There are currently 1,500 NFCU employees living in Beulah, and she believes more would live there if additional amenities existed;

(c) While Commissioner Bergosh described the RFP as a compromise, she was not consulted on the changes that were made;

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(d) Commissioner Underhill challenged her to provide suggestions for a better RFP, so she consulted with individuals and suggests the following changes, in addition to others that she will email to the Board:

  • The map is incorrect
  • Residential was removed from the purpose and should be put back in
  • Triumph is an awkward placement at the end of the first paragraph

(e) The key sentence in the Triumph application was that the BCC believes that OLF8 should be used to serve the needs of the growing community of Beulah; and

(f) She is not advocating for a particular type of residential, but she believes mixed-use retail makes sense so that as many people as possible can live where they work; and

B. Board Direction – None.

4. Legislature Requests

A. Board Discussion – The C/W reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, which was also provided in hard copy, entitled Escambia County Legislature Requests – 2019, and the C/W:

(1) Was advised by Colby Brown, Deputy Director, Public Works, that:

(a) He has had an opportunity over the past month to meet with each commissioner and has also been in contact with Richard Gentry, the County’s lobbyist, about moving requests forward;

(b) There is a January 25, 2019, deadline, and the hope is to achieve ratification at the December meeting so staff have time to complete and submit the appropriation request forms;

(c) The Legislature is looking for regional impact and prefers to see requests that are shovel-ready, although some money has been awarded for design in the past;

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(d) The Department of Transportation will likely move the Pine Forest Road 4-Laning project forward due to the Board having designated $250,000 for Project Development and Environment (“PD&E”); and

(e) Historically, the process has been that a Board meeting is held to determine the priority projects, appropriation request forms are prepared and sent to Mr. Gentry, and Mr. Gentry then applies them to the House and Senate appropriations lists;

(2) Was advised by County Attorney Alison Rogers that:

(a) There is a meeting held in December that is intended for public input and typically attended by the County Administrator;

(b) It is important that the Board makes a specific ask of the lobbyist and his resources so that commissioners are not directing him individually;

(c) The proposed change to the Pensacola-Escambia Development Commission (“PEDC”) legislation would be a change to state law that would require action of the state legislation, and the following issues exist with the proposal:

- Once the changes are made by the legislature, it is difficult to undo those changes;
- It is a constitutional issue to memorialize in state law how a future Board would be bound to spend Local Option Sales Tax dollars, and the current practice of entering an annual Interlocal agreement between the County and the City is the most appropriate legal way to address funding;
- The language that reads, “including, without limitation, the power to modify the makeup and qualification of the commissioners who serve on the PEDC,” could lead to action of the PEDC where they implement qualifications that might disenfranchise members designated by the BCC; and

(d) The Board has the ability to enter into a written agreement to fund via sources determined by the BCC on an annual basis;

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(3) Was advised by Richard Sherrill, attorney for Pensacola-Escambia Development Commission, that:

(c) PEDC was created in 1967 and the enabling legislation was most recently amended in 1989, with the last full rewrite being in 1980; and the by-laws may be amended, but the current board make-up is out of sync with the legislation;

(a) There are two major areas of focus in the proposed revisions: the constituency of the board and funding;

(d) Some business leaders in the community do not live in Escambia County, but they have a vested interest in the development of the region by nature of owning a business in Escambia County, so the proposed changes will permit them to serve on the commission;

(e) The PEDC is aware of the enabling legislation, of where the current chairman resides, and of the efforts to modernize the enabling legislation; and

(f) Current funding is allocated by Escambia County, City of Pensacola, and the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”);

(4) Was advised by Commissioner Bergosh that:

(a) The request to four-lane Pine Forest Road is necessary, as some individuals have been stuck in traffic for an hour;

(b) He likes the idea of submitting all of the legislative requests; and

(c) He feels the proposed changes to the PEDC legislation regarding membership are common sense because an individual can easily own property or a business in Escambia County, giving them a vested interest in the development of the area, but live in a neighboring county;

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(5) Was advised by Commissioner May that:

   (a) He would find it beneficial for the citizens to have a joint meeting with the Representatives rather than simply communicating the Board’s requests to the lobbyist;

   (b) He is opposed to sending only three legislative requests;

   (c) He does not want to lock in a dollar amount in any piece of legislation; and

   (d) He feels a bad precedent will be set if multi-year funding deals are entered into by the Board, and he believes it should be sufficient to state that economic development is a priority that will continue to receive funding;

(6) Was advised by Commissioner Underhill that:

   (a) The Pensacola Inlet Management Program has been postponed to next year’s legislative requests due to a state grant having been received but not yet expended to develop the plan;

   (b) In his opinion, the use of the term modernization for the requested changes to the PEDC legislation is odd; he believes there are plenty of Escambia County citizens who are qualified to sit on the PEDC board that are not able to do so because the positions are occupied by individuals who do not meet the qualifications; he does not believe the proposed changes are to better serve Escambia County, but instead to continue to do what has always been done; and he disagrees with the Chairman’s position that the PEDC has done a great job;

   (c) To grant the PEDC a minimum appropriation would be a complete reversal of the Board’s position that the State should not tell them how to do their jobs; such a measure would be detrimental to the people of Escambia County; and he will not support the request under any circumstances;

   (d) He requests to keep Mr. Jones involved in the Teen Court legislation initiatives; and

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(e) He is supportive of traveling to Tallahassee to speak with committees and sub-committees if it will be helpful;

(7) Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that:

(a) He would request that Commissioner-Elect Robert Bender be permitted to come forward and make comments;

(b) Upon being advised by Director Brown that funding has been identified for the Bob Sikes Fishing Pier Rehabilitation & Pensacola Beach Boulevard Access Road Project, he requested that it be removed from the list;

(c) He believes that the City, County, and other jurisdictions within the TPO (Transportation Planning Organization) should ask the Legislature to put more BiPed money into the Department of Transportation and allow it to be applicable to metropolitan statistical areas that are larger than 400,000 people because those areas will have more BiPed issues;

(d) If asked to prioritize the requests, his top three would include Pine Forest Road, West Cervantes Street, and the Beulah / I-10 Interchange, with Muscogee Road as the fourth;

(e) He believes minimum funding amounts should be set for the PEDC to assure funding, but he does not believe the mayor should be referenced in the legislation beyond appointing committee members because it creates potential for Sunshine issues; and

(f) He is agreeable with the membership of the current chairman on the PEDC board due to the fact that the business pays a significant amount of property taxes;

(8) Was advised by Commissioner-Elect Robert Bender that the Bob Sikes project was added at his request because it met the shovel-ready criteria and due to the potential to put some of the money back towards a sinking bridge fund; the focus should remain on the trouble areas that are known; and anything that can be done to partner with neighboring counties and legislative bodies to make a stronger request can only help;

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(9) Was advised by Acting County Administrator Amy Lovoy that the Teen Court fine is assessed when an individual is adjudged guilty, and the statute directs that it must be used for Teen Court; the County has built a substantial reserve of approximately $800,000 that exceeds the needs of Teen Court, so it is suggested that the language be broadened to include juvenile programs and crime prevention programs as determined by the Board;

(10) Was advised by Representative-Elect Alex Andrade that:

(a) He believes in local control and will fight for what the Board of County Commissioners wants;

(b) He is happy to meet with Mr. Gentry and start working through the process of determining what is achievable during the first year;

(c) He agrees one way to get things done is by teaming up with other local municipalities, and he is happy to help make sure everyone is on the same page; and

(d) His priorities will be criminal justice and transportation; and

(11) Was advised by Colby Brown that the Pine Forest Road, West Cervantes Street / Mobile Highway Corridor, Muscogee Road, Beulah / I-10 Interchange, Estuary Program, Klondike Road / Wilde Lake Boulevard projects, and additional BiPed funding projects will be put forward; and

B. Board Direction – None.
5. Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission (HRC)

   A. Board Discussion – The C/W:

      (1) Was advised by County Attorney Alison Rogers that the Interlocal Agreement expired at the end of the fiscal year and the HRC won’t be able to make payroll without an extension;

      (2) Was advised by Commissioner Bergosh that Commissioner Barry has requested the Item be moved to the next Committee of the Whole meeting due to his absence; and

      (3) Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that he would like to go on the record as saying that he believes an independent HRC is the right thing, but he believes there should be additional parameters as well as checks and balances in place; and

   B. Board Direction – Approve an extension of the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission Interlocal Agreement through December 31, 2018, for the purposes of making payroll.

   Recommended 4-0, with Commissioner Barry absent

6. Haas Center Study on Homelessness

   A. Board Discussion – The C/W viewed two PowerPoint presentations, entitled *Assessment of Homelessness in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties*, and *Escambia County Committee of the Whole I-CARE Report*, which were also provided in hard copy, and the C/W:

      (1) Was advised by Allison Romer, Economic Development Coordinator, Haas Center, that:

         (a) The study was commissioned by John Johnson of Opening Doors Northwest Florida (“Opening Doors”), and it was partially funded by the Board;

         (b) The primary purpose of the study was to quantify the cost of services that homeless individuals in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties are receiving through public and non-profit resources, as well as assess the current state of the homelessness delivery system to make recommendations for better continuity throughout the community moving forward;

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(c) Data collection spanned January to March of 2018 and included partners of Opening Doors and supplemental data such as the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, IRS Form 990s, and the Jail View database; the study was limited by the availability of data and the chronic population of homeless;

(d) The 2018 point-in-time count indicated 632 homeless individuals, but research suggests the point-in-time count should be multiplied by a factor ranging from 2.5 to 10.2 for an accurate number, so a midpoint between 632 and the higher end of 6,446 was decided on, for a total of 3,539 homeless individuals cycling in and out of homelessness throughout the year;

(e) The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, direct information from Lakeview Center and Community Health Northwest Florida, and an estimate of not-for-profit health clinics was used to calculate the estimated annual healthcare costs attributable to homeless individuals at $11,808,254;

(f) Law enforcement agencies across the region have indicated they do not track homelessness, so information was derived from the Jail View database to estimate the number of homeless or transient individuals arrested and the number of nights they spent in jail; an estimate of law enforcement costs was included; and an estimated cost for pro bono legal services was also calculated for a total estimated annual public safety and legal services cost of $1,600,491;

(g) When the shelter and outreach costs from Form 990 are added, total estimated annual costs attributable to the homeless in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties is $26,456,727 per year, which equates to roughly $7,476 per person;

(h) Multiple town hall meetings were held in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties to conduct an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the delivery system and how individuals are being served, and rather than recommending best practices on how the individuals should be treated, the recommendations include ways organizations could better collaborate across the community;

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(i) Recommendations include:

- Establish an executive task force similar to Achieve Escambia to alleviate the pressure from a single point and ensure buy-in from local stakeholders;
- Hire a project champion to work through some of the barriers the organizations are facing in collaboration issues;
- Identify a common mission that all stakeholders can work toward – homelessness is currently a separate population served by law enforcement and hospitals rather than a mission;
- Agree to a common definition of homeless for targeted efforts;
- Identify and implement mechanisms for coordinated and reliable data collection;
- Develop and implement a communication plan targeted to the different audiences in the community;
- Because Santa Rosa County faces different challenges than Escambia County, there is a need for an assessment and resource gap analysis concerning the scope of homelessness in Santa Rosa County;
- Continuously evaluate, refine, and be willing to make changes based on current conditions

(2) Was advised by John Johnson, Executive Director, Opening Doors Northwest Florida, that:

(a) Opening Doors Northwest Florida was formerly EscaRosa Coalition on Homelessness;

(b) A chronically homeless person is defined as an individual that has a disabling condition, such as HIV, physical disability, or severe mental illness, and has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years;

(c) In 2017 there were 758 homeless people versus 632 reported in 2018;

(d) The University of West Florida was engaged to look at all of the systems of care and it was discovered that the agencies do not talk to one another and the real cost of homelessness is not tracked;

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(e) Opening Doors entered into a six-month agreement with the City of Pensacola to launch a program called I-Care, which targeted the chronically homeless living on streets within the city beginning March 1, 2018, with a goal of housing 30 chronically homeless individuals by placing individuals directly into housing and then circling back to provide wrap-around services, as well as engaging realtors and property managers to advocate for the homeless who really want to end their homelessness;

(f) A robust assessment was performed to look at wellness, risk factors, socialization, housing, and other general information;

(g) There were 11 people who were assessed, housed, and provided with rent, utilities, and case management, resulting in an immediate return to the community of about $275,000 based on Haas study estimates;

(h) Another seven people were housed who fell into a different range, and a return on investment of $245,000 is estimated;

(i) Once individuals are housed, they need to maintain their housing for at least six months;

(j) Fair market rents are pretty high in the community, so roommate compatibility analysis is used to pair clients who are believed to be able to succeed as roommates and share the costs;

(k) Opening Doors worked with Community Health Northwest Florida to establish a primary care facility so participating individuals can receive healthcare, resulting in an 84% reduction in the number of ER visits to local hospitals;

(l) There has been a reduction in the number of homeless veterans as a result of resources from the VA and partnerships with local agencies;

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(m) Outreach was performed to help businesses in the area understand the homeless problem; a platform to address panhandling would be beneficial because giving to panhandlers is counter-productive to what the assistance programs are attempting to do, and it is reported that 60-70% of the homeless who panhandle use those resources to buy drugs; and studies show that criminalizing homelessness is counter-productive, while communicating resources to law enforcement, hospitals, and others working with the legal system is far more effective;

(n) The number of homeless individuals who passed away each year was reduced from 18 to 10;

(o) There are not enough shelters for women, who account for 33% of the homeless population; and

(p) Many agencies have begun to charge a daily rate, which results in the homeless panhandling to pay those rates;

(3) Was advised by Commissioner May that:

(a) His office has performed follow-up to determine that the staff of Opening Doors is cordial, respectful, and understanding of those in crisis;

(b) He is open to working with the City, especially on the subject of homelessness, as there is an area of Brownsville that has a large constituency of homeless people after 25 years; and

(c) Shelters that don’t allow families, or only allow for a 3-5 day stay, are not addressing the underlying issues that contribute to homelessness, such as mental illness, drug addiction, or the ability to pay a rental deposit; and

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(4) Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that many individuals who give to panhandlers believe they are giving to homelessness, and both the City and the County need to continue to champion better ways to give; the public needs to hear the progress that is being made and understand that progress is possible without giving to panhandlers; and this area needs a true come-as-you-are shelter to assist the homeless and alleviate some of the legitimate reasons for panhandling; and

B. Board Direction – None.

7. Progress Update on the New Correctional Facility

A. Board Discussion – The C/W viewed a PowerPoint presentation, which was also provided in hard copy, entitled New Escambia County Correctional Facility, and the C/W:

(1) Was advised by Steve Jernigan, Managing Partner, Bay Design, that all auger cast piles have been installed and most of the grade beams and pile caps have been poured so vertical work can begin; a crane is on site to install some of the pre-cast wall panels on the northeast side of the building; the Juvenile Justice Center parking lot expansion is under way and should be completed by Thanksgiving; and upcoming activities include completion of the foundation, continuing pre-cast wall installation, and stormwater retention pond construction;

(2) Was advised by Colby Brown, Deputy Director, Public Works, that he attended the Access Management Review Board meeting, and all seven requested access locations were granted; the existing permit had a requirement for a Shared Access/Joint Use (SA/JU) agreement to be recorded by November 14, and an extension has been requested so it can reflect what has been approved by the Department of Transportation (“DOT”); and the approved plan comes close to meeting DOT requirements with some exceptions that were permitted; and

(3) Was advised by Bob Dye, Risk Manager, that the Interlocal Agreement between the County and Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) is pending ECUA board approval; and

B. Board Direction – None.
8. **Forest Creek Apartments**

A. Board Discussion – The C/W viewed a PowerPoint presentation, which was also provided in hard copy, entitled *Forest Creek Apartments FEMA Grant*, and the C/W:

(1) Was advised by Chips Kirschenfeld, Director, Natural Resources Management, that:

(a) The FEMA grant, which was approved last year and expires in nine months, requires a ten percent match, so the $17.5 million would require a $1.9 million local dollar contribution; the grant would be used to acquire and demolish the existing buildings at Forest Creek Apartments, which were built in the flood plain of Jones Creek and have a long history of flooding issues; and the land would be converted to open space with deed restrictions;

(b) Initial appraisals average $10 million, with the income approach having looked at the financial statements of the corporation;

(c) Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is supposed to monitor the condition of the apartments; the repetitive flooding issues have created the potential for mold in the walls and other respiratory issues associated with those conditions; and two of the buildings that flooded in April of 2014 were demolished and rebuilt;

(d) He inquired of FEMA regarding the possibility of reallocating the money to other projects in the area that would reduce the potential for flooding, and FEMA responded in writing that the money can only be used for the purpose of acquiring the land and demolishing the buildings;

(e) Staff could present at a later meeting an engineering assessment and a draft offer to the owners that would include the condition that the housing vouchers be converted to choice vouchers and assigned to the City of Pensacola; and

(f) Demolition of the buildings in the flood plain of Jones Creek would return the area to the natural wetland flood plain that it was;

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(2) Was advised by Commissioner May that:

(a) The flooding of Forest Creek Apartments is a concern to him because many of the people who live there are close friends that he grew up with and their children;

(b) He would like for an engineer to tell him that the complex is not going to flood again before he’s willing to walk away from the grant opportunity;

(c) He has concerns regarding the availability of affordable housing and the housing vouchers that are attached to this apartment complex, so a long-term plan is needed because individuals have nowhere else to go;

(d) Other local housing complexes are infected with mold and inhabitants are contracting illnesses from the air they are breathing;

(e) He believes the County must do its own due diligence and not rely on HUD to make an effective environmental assessment that includes crime, blight, living conditions, and everything that contributes to quality of life;

(f) There are some residents who would not want to move out of their apartment complex because they have been there for generations, so he would like to have a town hall meeting to determine what the residents want;

(g) Without a plan in place to provide 200 housing units, having a counselor will not help, so it will be difficult for him to vote to displace the residents without a place for them to go; and

(h) The County issued a building permit for a flood plain, so there is some liability there;

(3) Was advised by Meredith Reeves, Division Manager, Neighborhood and Human Services, that there have not been community meetings, but she remains in communication with several of the residents to keep them up to date; she echoes Commissioner May’s concerns about the living conditions; and if these housing units come offline, there will have to be an absorption rate because there are 200 households, other locations have waiting lists, and the occupants are receiving differing levels of subsidies;

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(4) Was advised by Commissioner Underhill that:

(a) He was shocked by the value the owner has assigned to the property;

(b) He doesn't believe it is necessary to purchase and tear down the apartments because the completion of the Old Corry Field Road bridge will double the outflow capacity of the entire Warrington Basin, the huge lakes on North Street increase the capacity of Jones Swamp to be able to hold storm water, and the massive wetlands restoration project at the south end of the former Corry Field runway will recreate the ability of the swamp to retain storm water; and

(c) He believes the $2 million that would be spent on this project could be better spent fixing the problem instead of removing the apartments, and his recommendation is that the County walk away from the project, advise FEMA that a better solution has been found, and request that the earmarked money be applied to comprehensive stormwater management in that basin;

(5) Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that while he does not have much time remaining on the Board of County Commissioners, he would like to help determine a way to help the residents; and

(6) Was advised by Joy Jones, Director, Public Works, that a lot of work has been done to improve the flooding, but she cannot say the area will not flood and the probability of flooding hasn’t been studied; and

B. Board Direction – None.
9. Escambia County’s 200th Anniversary Committee

A. Board Discussion – The C/W:

(1) Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that Escambia County is older than the State of Florida and he would like to form a committee that can plan a celebration of the 200th birthday that will occur in July of 2021, as well as consider a historical marker; and

(2) Was advised by Commissioner May that he would be supportive of a week-long celebration to be funded from tourist development dollars and that any committee should consider all segments and sectors of inclusion; and

B. Board Direction – Request that Visit Pensacola and the Tourist Development Council form a committee to plan a 200th anniversary celebration for Escambia County.

Recommended 4-0, with Commissioner Barry absent

10. Adjourn

Chairman Bergosh declared the C/W Workshop adjourned at 11:37 a.m.