

Board Workshop – LOST  
April 11, 2016  
Milton, Florida

Present: Chairman Lane Lynchard and members Jayer Williamson, Robert “Bob” Cole, Rob Williamson and Don Salter. Also present were the Public Works Director (Stephen Furman), Clerk of Court (Donald C. Spencer), County Administrator (Tony Gomillion), County Attorney (Roy Andrews), County Engineer (Roger Blaylock), and Budget Director (Jayne Bell). The meeting was opened in prayer and those present joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Lynchard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center.

Lynchard said the county has been one of the fastest growing counties in the state since 2000 and it continues to outpace growth in the state. He said the many different factors that make people want to live in the county are the education system, the economy and a median household income which is ranked fourth highest in the state. Lynchard said although there is always room for improvement, Santa Rosa County is the fourth lowest in the state with regard to the percentage of families in poverty. He said the county’s unemployment rate is among the lowest in the state and the Economic Development Department is continuing to work to bring jobs to the county. Lynchard said local government is trying to be as efficient as possible. He said the county is serving 44,000 more residents since 2000, with 25% fewer employees than 8 years ago. Lynchard said Florida Tax Watch Report ranked Florida counties according to the amount of local taxes that residents pay. He said Santa Rosa County ranked 61<sup>st</sup> out of 67 counties, ranked from highest tax burden to lowest tax burden. Lynchard said Santa Rosa County residents pay about 60% less in local taxes than the state average at \$407 per resident per year.

Lynchard said the county has struggled over recent years with rising needs for roads, law enforcement, stormwater projects and other demands on a growing county. He said the courthouse is a needed capital improvement project that cannot be paid for out of current revenue. Lynchard said the only option of funding is through an additional revenue source. He said a LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) will allow the county to raise the funds for the courthouse without raising property taxes. Lynchard said the benefit of a sales tax, is that the people who utilize our roads but do not actually live in the county share the burden to fund the project. He said the LOST would be used for the courthouse, roads, drainage projects and other capital needs the county has that are not currently being met.

Salter said 53% of the budget comes from property taxes. He said a LOST will give the county another source of revenue and it is his goal to create a model with another revenue source.

Lynchard said a 1 cent LOST would generate \$14 million per year for the county. He said capital improvements and addressing public safety issues are expensive and take a lot of investment from the local government. Lynchard said the Board needs to be able to maintain the current level of service and improve on the quality of life in the county.

**Public Forum**

Jerry Couey said he believes the quality of life in the county is low taxes. He said population growth has resulted in property development and an increase in property tax revenue. Couey said the 2000 – 2001 courthouse plan was the right size and location. He said he will support a single item, 3 year LOST, if the courthouse plan is downsized to \$20 million. Couey said he opposes a 10 year LOST.

Kenneth Witt said most people would like a new courthouse but the 10 year proposal is huge. He discussed the courthouse location and alternate uses of downtown land. Witt said there are better options for the location of the courthouse. Witt said the old Food World property and Kmart building have existing infrastructure that is less per square foot and less controversy than the current proposal. He said other county department budgets and processes should be reviewed for waste. Witt said county employees want

and need a raise. He said he is for a new courthouse, but wants something that is reasonable. Witt said the LOST should have a sunset date.

Cole said he considered the Kmart property and if there was any option or view of where Kmart will be in two or three years from now, he would have pushed it. He said he agrees that it is the perfect piece of property with its existing infrastructure and location but he cannot see buying one side of the property without having some sort of control over the other side of the property. Cole said the citizens will not support the 10 year LOST because they do not know where the funds will be spent. He said he really hoped that tonight, the Board could have provided an organizational chart to show the public the percentage of LOST funds that will be spent on each project, to get their support. Cole said he will support a 1 cent LOST for 10 years, only if he can provide every citizen in the county with an explanation of where the money is going.

Wallis Mahute discussed builder responsibility for infrastructure. She said builders are not always required to put in sidewalks or hook up to sewer and she thinks it is a big part of the problem. Mahute said infrastructure is the builder's cost of doing business so that it does not become the responsibility of the taxpayers. She said the Board should not come to the public to fix problems that should have already been dealt with. Mahute said she does not agree with a 10 year tax but will support a 5 year, 1 cent LOST for the courthouse only. She said bringing back impact fees may help with some of these other problems.

Charles Presson said the courthouse is cramped but there is a lot of unused space in the Administrative Building and asked if it can be better utilized.

Yvonne Harper said she is against the downtown location and thinks it would be efficient to split up judicial functions between the northend and southend of the county. She said there is a consistent lack of long-term planning with the county. Harper said she gets frustrated when the Board comes to residents needing more money when the courthouse has been discussed since 1999 and 2000 but not one penny has been set aside. She said the \$8 million discussed in the earlier Restore Meeting that was requested to go back "unrestricted" should be kept reserved for beach renourishment. Harper said she is not against a LOST but is against it being completely earmarked for the courthouse. She said if the LOST can be earmarked and kept in place specifically for infrastructure and the needs of the community, then she can support it. Harper said she understands a portion will have to go to the courthouse because there are not any funds for it.

Salter said he agrees with Harper about the need for long range planning. He said back in 2002, the Board went around the county and held numerous Town Hall meetings and asked people what they wanted their county to look like currently and in the future. Salter said the county developed a plan called the Better Santa Rosa Plan to identify parks, recreation and roads but a lot of that plan included a LOST which never happened. He said it makes it difficult to do long range planning when there is no source of revenue.

Wayne Smiley said he does not support a 10 year tax. He said he might support the \$20 million courthouse mentioned by Couey.

Lynchard said the approach that has been taken in other local jurisdictions is to follow the state statute that sets forth the possible uses for the LOST. He read aloud a list of projects and the amounts spent in Escambia County with their LOST funds.

Cole said from what he hears, there are two sides to this. Cole said he had hoped to have those items bulleted out, not a whole list of capital improvements but maybe have them in order, something tangible to present to the citizens.

Ed Carson said he is here tonight as a property owner in the county and as the Chair of the Legislative Coalition of the county. He said the coalition began studying an alternate source for funding this past fall because they recognize the fact that the property owners are paying a disproportionate share in comparison to the rest of the state. Carson said they sent out a 2 question survey this past fall to get an idea about what business owners

thought about a LOST. He said the survey results support a LOST. Carson said the Legislative Coalition is forming an advocacy group in support of the LOST.

George Odesma said he supports keeping the LOST less than 10 years, with a specific purpose. He said he is in support of less government, less taxes and builders taking more responsibility.

Debbie Gunnoe said the county can get by with a \$20 - \$30 million essential, basic courthouse that will meet needs. She said the gas tax was just increased by 6 cents and the revenue is supposed to pay for roads. Gunnoe said it was originally said that tourists will shoulder the burden of the 6 cent gas tax increase but the residents pay it 12 months of the year. She said the LOST will be more of a burden to the full time resident rather than the tourist or transient. Gunnoe said she will not support a 10 year LOST so the Board can fund all the "nice to have" things. She said she is not hearing a budget or plan about where the Board is going to spend these \$14 million per year for 10 years.

Matthew Hargraves said he is in favor of the downtown location and would like everyone to think about the history of this county. He said in 2002 to 2003 the question was put to the voters and a tax to fund the courthouse was rejected. Hargraves said he believes the reason the LOST was previously rejected was because the Board wanted to spend the LOST funds on items, other than the courthouse. He said the taxpayers have given the Board a directive that they want and need a courthouse. Hargraves said the voters of the county will not give the Board the funding for the other large projects until they have proven that smaller projects can be accomplished. He said the courthouse needs to be accomplished first and then move on to the next thing. Hargraves said history has proven that grouping projects together for a LOST, is doomed to fail.

Bob Glasgow said twenty years ago when the county needed a new jail/police department the Board first tried to put it on the ballot with a 1 cent sales tax for approximately 5 years. He said the first time it failed and the second time the Board came back and said they wanted a 5 cent sales tax until they got enough money to build the jail. Glasgow said in 3 years when the Board had appropriated enough money to build the jail; they came back and cut the sales tax out. He said it built trust among the voters. He discussed Escambia County's taxes and the waste he witnessed. Glasgow said he would agree to a 5 year, 1 cent sales tax.

Cole said the Board should not have had this meeting tonight without some sort of education for the public on percentages. He said the reason for funding other projects with the LOST is because while the county builds a courthouse, the drainage and road projects will fall behind. Cole said he wants to show some tangibles and until he can see percentages he is not willing to vote on the LOST but he will not accept that these are "feel good" projects. He said he does not want the citizens to have the wrong idea that the Board is helping out the future contractors and future subdivisions and are doing this as "feel good" projects. Cole said he wants to consider how far behind the other projects would fall as trust is built. He said as for what is being funded with the gas tax, it is all laid out with public works. Cole said the Board agreed the gas tax money would be used quickly and he wants to see results quickly. He said he wants to have tax dollar identification signs posted on projects to show the citizens where their tax dollars are being spent.

Gunnoe asked why the citizens are paying a 6 cent gas tax to fund roads and then another 1 cent LOST for 10 years to also fund roads. Cole said because the need for funding roads exceeds the revenue from the 6 cent gas tax. Gunnoe said she wants to see the budget. She referenced HBTS (Holley by the Sea) and said unless it is a must for buses or emergency vehicles, the burden of paving dirt roads and building sidewalks should be the homeowner's.

Yvonne Harper said the county does not pay to pave roads in HBTS unless it is on a priority list. She said there have been many residents that have gone through the MSBU process. Harper said the sidewalks or pedestrian paths lead to schools.

J. Williamson said looking at history, the best way for a LOST to be passed is single a ticket item and a sunset date. He said he is concerned about funding other needs. J. Williamson said he would like a list derived from the citizens about what the citizens feel the county needs. J. Williamson said the Board has until June to get the wording for what a referendum will look like. He said the Board is going to have several meetings between now and then. J. Williamson said he is asking citizens to email and call to let Commissioners know the formula they will support. He said when he spoke at the Tea Party meeting a couple months ago, on the LOST; he heard from a few people that maybe the Board can look at doing a 5 year sales tax where after 5 years the Board could try to renew for 10 years. J. Williamson said it might have to be done 5 years at a time for the county. He said tonight is just an early step in this process. J. Williamson said it matters what the citizens of the county want. He said if the Board submits multiple projects to meet the multiple needs he is concerned the LOST may not pass.

R. Williamson said the decision is the citizens. He asked what is going to be different this time than the other times the LOST has not passed. R. Williamson said he is very encouraged by Carson and the Chamber Coalition. He said he agrees with J. Williamson that the Board needs to take the ideas from the citizens because if it is politicians putting forward a tax, the record is clear, it is not going to pass. R. Williamson said he knows what the people in District 4 want by polling the people to determine where he should spend his time and he has done that. He said the same should apply for a LOST. R. Williamson said he is excited about dialogue and feedback and that there are this many people willing to come forward because they care about their community.

Salter said vision without proper funding is nothing more than just a vision. He said the county has to have a plan on how to get there. Salter said over time he has learned the most expensive thing you can do is nothing. He said it is the Boards responsibility to make sure there is a future for this county. Salter said do not get hung up on the small dirt roads but to think of the bigger roads and the millions it will cost to maintain and keep up with capacity such as widening Woodbine Road, Chumuckla Highway and rebuilding the Pond Creek Bridge. He said the gas tax money is not enough.

Lynchard said this is the first step in the process and it will be worked through over the coming months. He asked the citizens to please send the Board input and help the county get where it needs to be to succeed in this endeavor.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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By: Lane Lynchard, Chairman

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Attest: Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Court

Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2016  
Milton, Florida

The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, met in Regular Session on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Lane Lynchard, Don Salter, Jaye Williamson, Rob Williamson and Robert "Bob" Cole. Also present were the Public Works Director (Steven Furman), Clerk of Court (Donald C. Spencer), Administrative Assistant/Office Manager (Emily Spencer), County Administrator (Tony Gomillion), County Attorney (Roy Andrews), County Engineer (Roger Blaylock) and Budget Director (Jayne Bell). Lynchard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Doug Holmes, Christian Life Church. Those present joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

First on the agenda, Lynchard moved approval without objection of the minutes of the March 24, 2016 Regular and Special Meetings.

Next, Lynchard moved approval without objection of the agenda as amended.

R. Williamson said he has a town hall meeting tonight in Navarre at the Navarre Visitors Information Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Next on the agenda, Lynchard moved approval without objection of a proclamation, proclaiming the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in Santa Rosa County.

Sheriff Wendell Hall and Santa Rosa Kids' House Board members Tamie Peterson, Narissa Greer, Tina Cain, Genia Jones, Jimmie Melvin, Keith Ann Campbell, Liz Simmons, Michelle Tucker, Norm Crowder, Holton Jones and Tony Alexander accepted the proclamation.

Next on the agenda, Lynchard moved approval without objection of a proclamation, proclaiming April 18th, 2016 as Fair Housing Week in Santa Rosa County.

Erin Malbeck accepted the proclamation.

Next on the agenda, Sheila Fitzgerald (Special Projects/Grants Director) gave a power point presentation regarding a Fair Housing Information Workshop (Attachment in file). She said this workshop will help the county's upcoming Community Development Block Grant application to be more competitively scored.

Next on the agenda, was a public hearing of a vacation of two alleyways, both

located in Kimsho Heights subdivision as requested by The Pangaea Group, Inc. Lynchard moved approval without objection of the vacation.

Furman said staff has no objection to the vacation. He said the county has no predicted reasonable use for these two alleyways.

Economic Development Committee - J. Williamson & Lynchard

- 1) Workforce Services Plan 2016-2020 CareerSource Escarosa  
Recommend approval of the 2016-2020 Workforce Services plan as developed by CareerSource Escarosa, and authorize execution of relevant documents. J. Williamson moved approval without objection.

Administrative Committee - Lynchard & J. Williamson

- 1) Town of Jay Request  
Recommend approval of request from Town of Jay to cut Beck Avenue for the purpose of repairing a problem associated with the water system. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 2) Navarre Beach Renourishment Project  
Recommend approval of the revised tentative rate resolution for the Navarre Beach renourishment MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) and approval to un-restrict \$6,046,086 reserve fund balance previously restricted as a condition of the grant funding application. Lynchard moved approval without objection.

Gary Buroker (President of the Navarre Beach Leaseholders) said the leaseholders respectfully request the county leave \$4 million in reserves for beach renourishment and not ask the leaseholders to pay for a MSBU.

Cole said he is in support of this request. He said he would like the Board to consider and for staff to bring back a revision at the next meeting regarding whether the county's portion of the cost can be increased to cover the entire portion of the renourishment. Andrews said the rate resolution will not be final until the final MSBU hearing. Lynchard said the Board has until August for further discussion of this.

- 2b) Discussion of an update on a timeline of the Navarre Beach dredging project and staging of the dredging equipment.

Andrews said the contractor is required to provide an update of a construction schedule that will indicate each of the items of construction and the timeframe in which it will be taking place. He said this can be adjusted during the contract time period. Andrews said the contract provides for substantial completion within 180 days. He said there are provisions in the contract for modifications based upon weather conditions and other conditions outside the contractor's control. Andrews said the contractor is required to notify when the dredge is going to be mobilized and de-mobilized.

R. Williamson said he would like staff to put a link on the website, related to the dredging, where members of the public can access and see project updates, throughout the project. Gomillion said he believes staff can accomplish this.

R. Williamson said his concern regarding staging is that the contractor would be staging their equipment far in advance of the start date of the project. He asked Andrews if the county could request that Week's Marine not begin staging equipment until the dredging equipment for this project is in route. Andrews said the contract provides that the contractor will not unreasonably encumber the site with materials or equipment. He said the contractor has the right of the limited upland area for a little bit more unrestricted time but this is something that he can address with them. Andrews said he is sure that Weeks Marine will work with the county in regard to any issues such as this. R. Williamson said he would like this information be brought back to him via email in the next day or two.

Robert Coley said he is concerned that the county is taking most of the reserve money that was set aside for beach renourishment and moving it back into the general reserves. He said he feels it makes more sense to leave the money in reserves for beach renourishment until the expenditures of the reserve fund are known.

Lynchard said those reserve are still there, they are just not designated reserves at this point, so they would be available for whatever purpose the Board chose to utilize them for.

- 3) Venetian Way / Coronado Drive Drainage Project  
Recommend the following actions related to the Venetian Way/Coronado Drive (HMGP) grant agreement:
  1. Execution of the grant and approval to provide the required match of \$51,875.00 from the electric Franchise Fee drainage fund.
  2. Approval of proposal from Pegasus Engineering in the amount of \$7500.00 for Phase I grant administration and management services as budgeted in the grant.
  3. Direct staff to review and rank the engineering design RFQ's to be received for this project and to provide a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

Lynchard moved approval without objection.

- 4) Settlers Colony Drainage Project - Archeological Monitoring Contract  
Recommend a change order to the contract with Quality Services, Inc. that extends the agreement up to an additional 30 monitoring days with a cost of up to \$18,000. Lynchard moved approval without objection.

- 5) FFY 2015 CDBG Application  
Recommend interlocal agreement with Pace Water System and resolution for the FFY 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application in the amount of \$750,000.00. Lynchard moved approval without objection.

- 6) Surplus Property Items  
Recommend declaration as surplus/trade property items from the Road & Bridge Department as recommended by the Clerk of Courts. Lynchard moved approval without objection.

- 7) Magistrate Services  
Recommend approval for ranking and selection of two candidates for the Magistrate Services be scheduled for the April 25 and 28, 2016 meetings. Lynchard moved approval without objection.

- 8) Scheduling Public Hearing  
Recommend approval to advertise the scheduling of public hearings on May 12, 2016 for the following proposed ordinances:
  1. Street lighting MSBUs for Avalon Estates and Duncan Ridge
  2. Polynesian Isles Canal Maintenance Dredging
  3. Ponderosa Drive Design/Planning and Construction of Paving/Water/Sewer MSBU

Lynchard moved approval without objection.

R. Williamson asked staff about a MSBU for repaving on Camden Drive. Gomillion said this will be discussed at the next meeting. Andrews said one of the areas that would be affected by this vacation is owned by the Holley By The Sea (HBTS) Homeowners Association and is subject to a settlement agreement. He said he received the documentation from the HBTS Homeowners Association's attorney yesterday and would like to review this before making a recommendation to the Board.

- 9) Purse Seine Fishing  
Recommend approval of resolution for continued support of menhaden purse seine fishing in

Santa Rosa and Escambia County waters as recommended by the Marine Advisory Committee. Lynchard moved approval without objection.

- 10) Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy  
Recommend approval of the updated smoking and tobacco use policy in and around county facilities. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 11) Vehicle Title Transfer  
Recommend the title transfer of a Santa Rosa County owned passenger bus involved in an auto accident on February 27, 2016 to National Interstate Insurance. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 12) Sick Leave Pool  
Recommend approval of the Sick Leave Pool Policy which replaces the "Donated Leave Policy". Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 13) Pugh vs. Santa Rosa County Settlement  
Recommend approval of settlement of claim with Jewel Pugh in the amount of \$75,000 for 2010 motor vehicle accident. Lynchard move approval without objection.
- 14) Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site  
Recommend transmittal of letter of support for Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site - DHR grant. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 15) Meeting List
  - April 19 11:30 a.m. Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting  
Sheriff's Dept. Training Room, 5755 E. Milton Rd., Milton
  - April 19 5:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Executive Group Budget Meeting  
Emergency Operations Center, 4499 Pine Forest Rd, Milton
  - April 20 5:00 p.m. Aviation Advisory Committee
  - April 25 9:00 a.m. Commission Committee
  - April 25 5:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Executive Group Budget Meeting  
Emergency Operations Center, 4499 Pine Forest Rd, Milton
  - April 27 8:30 a.m. Bagdad Architectural Advisory Board  
Public Services Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Hwy., Milton
  
  - April 27 5:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation
  - April 28 9:00 a.m. Commission Regular
  - April 28 1:30 p.m. Local Mitigation Strategy Task  
Public Services Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Hwy., Milton

Lynchard moved approval without objection.

#### Engineer's Report

- 1) Mosquito Control Chemical Purchase  
Recommend purchase of 4 totes of Kontrol 4-4 (Adulticide) from Univar Environmental Services in the amount of \$17,545.00 based on comparison shopping and approval to purchase additional quantities at the same price up to \$88,000.00 for this budget year. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 2) Waiver of Central Landfill Disposal Fees  
Recommend waiver of disposal fees for waste generated from the "Great American Clean-up" on April 23, 2016. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 3) Waiver of Central Landfill Disposal Fees  
Recommend denial of request to waiver disposal fees for waste generated from the "Bagdad Riverfront Festival" to be held at the Bagdad Mill Site Park on May 21 & 22, 2016. Lynchard moved approval without objection.

Cole said he suggests to any group that may be planning an event like this, reach out to one of the county franchisees. He said he feels this sets precedent.

Gomillion asked if the Board wants to establish a policy on public right away cleanups that would be a standard practice so that staff does not have to bring these to the Board for a waiver. Lynchard said he would be in support of that.

**Lynchard moved approval without objection to adopt a policy that any of the general cleanup efforts on the public rights of way would be granted a waiver, by the appropriate department, of disposal fees.**

Furman said Public Works Department has a request from the Blackwater Pirates to pick up debris that will be collected at their Blackwater River cleanup on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He said the request is for the county to pick up the material that the Blackwater Pirates will deposit at the Oyster Pile Boat Ramp in Bagdad on April 30<sup>th</sup> and then haul it to the landfill. Furman said this is another request for a waiver of the tipping fees with the additional request that the Public Works Department pick up the debris. He said he would like the Boards direction on this request. Cole said he supports this request. R. Williamson said he agrees with Cole.

**Lynchard moved approval without objection for public works to assist with the pickup of the debris that is located at the Oyster Pile Boat Ramp.**

- 4) Pace Mill Creek Phase Three-B Final Plat  
Recommend approval of Final Plat for Pace Mill Creek Phase Three-B, a 67 lot subdivision, located in District 1. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 5) Ashley Plantation Phase Four-A Final Plat  
Recommend approval of Final Plat for Ashley Plantation Phase Four-A, a 64 lot subdivision, located in District 1. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 6) Ashley Plantation Phase Four-A Paved Road and Drainage Maintenance  
Recommend approval of Paved Road and Drainage Maintenance for Ashley Plantation Phase Four-A, a 64 lot subdivision, located in District 1.  
Gemstone Circle - 2748 LF  
Elkhorn Drive - 1217 LF

Lynchard moved approval without objection.

- 7) Martinique Place Low Pressure Sewer Variance Request  
Recommend variance request to allow the installation of low pressure sewer in Martinique Place. Lynchard moved approval without objection.
- 8) Martinique Place Turn Lane Variance Request  
Discussion of request to waive the right turn requirement for Martinique Place.

Blaylock said Paul McLeod with Southern Site and Utility Design provided the Engineering Department with a traffic study indicating that a right turn lane is not warranted.

Cole discussed the need for a mechanism to where the county and the developers pay an equal share of the cost.

R. Williamson said he is in support of this request but thinks this is an obvious example of a need for improvement. He said he feels there is a good template in place and that is impact fees, albeit they need to be tweaked. R. Williamson said he recommends the Board move forward with updating the study.

Paul McCloud said he would like to see this happen and would like to be involved in the discussion. He said there is also a requirement with this project that Saroco Road be paved to bring it up to county standards. McCloud said future developments will also use Saroco Road. He said he does not like blanket rules and feels projects should be looked at on a per project per area basis. McCloud said another issue to consider is that in some cases the Department of Transportation (DOT) would require a turn lane for this development. He said all of the developments behind this project are also going to utilize that turn lane and are not going to be required to build the turn lane so how does this developer get everyone else's

shares reimbursed to them at some point in time. McCloud said by paving Saroco Road he feels this development is putting forth a lot of money to go towards the improvements that will be necessary for the future development as well as theirs.

J. Williamson said he supports this request. He said he feels the county needs to do what it can so people will develop in the community but the Board also knows there is a cost to doing business.

Salter said the Board has wrestled with this same problem over the years with water lines. He said this is a bigger problem than just what the Board is discussing today. Salter said he feels if this is going to be addressed; the Board needs to consider it all.

Cole said he would like to see an impact fee which the county has the ability to adjust based on the developers input into the plan.

McLeod discussed a Supreme Court ruling in the mid 1990's dealing with water line extensions that allowed for the person that installed the water line to collect money from the others that were using it.

**Lynchard moved approval without objection of the request to waive the right turn requirement for Martinique Place.**

Lynchard said he would caution the Board against taking up the impact fee matter at this time given the importance of the LOST that is being considered on the August ballot.

There was further discussion regarding the need for an impact fee study. Andrews said the study has to be proximate in time to any action that the Board would take in regard to the fees. He said if the Board is not going to take action now then there is no need for a study now.

9) Settlers Colony Drainage Expansion.

Recommend Consultant ranking for the Settlers Colony Drainage Expansion and direct staff to negotiate scope of work and fee with top two ranked firms.

1. Baskerville-Donovan, Inc.
2. Atkins
3. Volkert Inc.
4. Southern Site & Utility Design
5. Fabre Engineering & Survey
6. Gulf Civil Engineering, LLC

Lynchard moved approval without objection.

Lynchard said last time the Board split the contract, the top firm chose the project that they wanted to work on. He asked Blaylock if this is the way staff is contemplating awarding this. Blaylock said yes.

J. Williamson said he would like staff to look into a "checks and balances" done on the companies that are doing these projects so that the county has a proven track record of meeting requirements on file. Blaylock said he will look into this.

9b) Discussion of pursuing enhanced water quality features in the design and engineering of the Settlers Colony drainage expansion.

Lynchard said Fitzgerald revised some of the estimates with regard to pursuing these additional enhanced water quality design features. He said the total project cost would increase by approximately \$800,000.00 but this would also be subject to the provisions of the grant so the county would be reimbursed on a 3-1 basis for pursuing this. Lynchard said the additional project value would be about \$800,000.00 and anticipated county share would be about \$200,000.00. He said once this is presented as an option then the county needs to move forward with it. Lynchard said he supports this.

R. Williamson said he feels this is a very good improvement to the overall project. He said

now that this is part of the grant process and can have the benefit of the leveraging, he is 100% in support.

Cole said he feels this sets precedent for future grants in the eyes of DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) and the granting agencies of how Santa Rosa County feels about water quality.

Fitzgerald said she will be asking the Board to sign a revised grant application that incorporates the specific language to allow the water quality and increase the budget. She said this is a request and not guaranteed to be approved. She said based on some policies that FEMA has released within the last year about their desire to see this type of sustainability and green features, she feels that it will be approved.

**Lynchard moved approval without objection of a revision and resubmission of the grant application reflecting these enhanced water quality features.**

Public Service's Committee - Cole & R. Williamson

- 1) Dept. of the Navy/ SRC Emergency Communications MOU  
Recommend approval of the updated Interlocal agreement between the Department of Navy and Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications. Cole moved approval without objection.
- 2) Subordination Request for 7613 Johnson Road, Milton  
Recommend approval of the SHIP mortgage subordination request for the property located at 7613 Johnson Road, Milton. Agreement is consistent with Board policy. Cole moved approval without objection.
- 3) Subordination Request for 6344 Foxglove Road, Milton  
Recommend approval of the SHIP mortgage subordination request for the property located at 6344 Foxglove Road, Milton. The request is consistent with Board policy. Cole moved approval without objection.
- 4) Grant Application for Pace Area Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan  
Recommend approval to submit a grant application for the Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Bureau of Community Planning for the creation of the ~~Pace Area Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan~~ Pace/Pea Ridge Area Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents. Cole moved approval without objection.

J. Williamson said this needs to be Pace/Pea Ridge Bicycle Pedestrian Plan.

- 5) Grant Application for Pace/Pea Ridge Area Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan  
Recommend approval to submit a grant application to the Aetna Foundations for the Pace/Pea Ridge Area Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents. Cole moved approval without objection.

Public Works Committee - Salter & Cole

- 1) FDOT Traffic Signal Reimbursement Agreement  
Recommend execution of Exhibit A of the 2017 FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement. Salter moved approval without objection of this agreement, once the changes are made as described below by Furman.

Furman said it came to the Public Works Departments attention yesterday that the Department of Transportation (DOT) assigned a school zone light to the City of Gulf Breeze without consulting with them. He said the county has always maintained the school zone light in the past. Furman said the City of Gulf Breeze requested that DOT move the school zone light back to the Santa Rosa County exhibit A. He said the county's traffic signal count will go from 63 to 64. Furman said he is asking the Board to wait until the county receives a revised exhibit A that will increase the county's reimbursement amount by \$626.00.

- 2) District 4 Resurfacing  
 Recommend the resurfacing of the following roadways in District 4 at an estimated cost of \$42,796.00:
  - Summit Drive (from PGA Blvd. to Cypress Point Cir.) \$19,825.00
  - Cypress Point Circle \$22,971.00

Salter moved approval without objection.

- 3) Holley By The Sea Traffic Calming request  
 Recommend approval of request from the Holley By The Sea Board of Directors for a multi-way stop at the intersection of Camden Drive and Codell Street. Salter moved approval without objection.

Patricia Hoog thanked the Board for the stop sign. She asked Furman if Public Works can refrain from grading the streets so that the Sheriff's Department can witness reckless driving patterns. R. Williamson said he suggests Hoog take photos of the roadway for evidence of reckless driving to give the Sheriff's Department.

Budget & Financial Management Committee - R. Williamson & Salter

- 1) Bid Action  
 Recommend rejection of bids for Housing Rehabilitation Project located at 5624 Michael Drive due to bid being over the program maximum. R. Williamson moved approval without objection.
- 2) Budget Amendment 2016-125  
 Recommend Budget Amendment 2016-125 in the amount of \$12,000 to recognize donations from Friends of the Library and allocate for expenditure to purchase AWE Literacy Stations (computers) for the children's areas in the libraries. R. Williamson moved approval without objection.
- 3) Budget Amendment 2016-126  
 Recommend Budget Amendment 2016 - 126 in the amount of \$430 to transfer funds from District IV reserves to the Parks Department for supplies to construct a kayak launch at the West Navarre Park located at the end of Blue Tip Road. R. Williamson moved approval without objection.
- 4) Check Register  
 Recommend approval of the County Check Register. R. Williamson moved approval without objection.

County Administrator - Tony Gomillion

No items

County Attorney - Roy Andrews

No items

Public Forum

Patricia Hoog said when the MSBU first started for Camden Drive, the conservation areas were not included in the MSBU which was 43 parcels amounting to \$139,000.00 of the citizens. She said all of the conservation areas in the middle were included and were said to be assessed for the MSBU. There was further discussion regarding one parcel in particular that does not have a benefit and that should not be included in the assessment. Hoog said this land has value which is a benefit because it can be sold. Andrews said the purpose of a MSBU is to provide for the benefit. He said the property is not benefited by the paving, as a conservation property, and it is not subject to being charged for that benefit. Hoog said she feels it is unfair that the residents on Camden Drive had to pay \$39,000.00 for this MSBU for these parcels to be paved in front of them.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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By: Lane Lynchard, Chairman

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Attest: Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Court