

FEBRUARY 26, 2008-STRATEGIC PLANNING SPECIAL WORKSHOP

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a Special Workshop on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 in the Walton County Courthouse located at 571 US Highway 90, DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Larry D. Jones, Commissioner Scott Brannon, Commissioner Sara Comander and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Mike Burke, County Attorney, and Ronnie E. Bell, County Administrator, were also present. Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen was absent.

Chairman Jones called the Workshop to order and introduced Dr. Dan Beeman of Beeman and Associates. Dr. Beeman presented the 2008 Strategic Objectives as approved in 2007.

Chairman Jones read each objective:

1. Develop a comprehensive program for paving, bridges and other infrastructure. The Board agreed with this objective.
2. Protect natural resource areas from negative impacts of growth. The Board agreed with this objective.
3. Promote the development of more diverse and higher paying jobs, infrastructure to support them; i.e., attainable work force housing and military impact coordination. Chairman Jones stated that activity has occurred in the Mossy Head Industrial Park. The Board agreed with the objective.
4. Provide equitable recreation facilities for the different areas of the County. The Board agreed with the objective.
5. Improve public relations and instill confidence in county government. Commissioner Meadows suggested adding the following language: Make government more service oriented. Commissioner Brannon suggested also adding service/solution oriented. The Board agreed with the added language to the objective.
6. Continue to redefine and refine Walton County government services and its role in accomplishing regional objectives. Commissioner Comander suggested rewriting this objective for clarity.

The Board agreed to review the above objectives; move Objective number 5 to the number 1 position, and submit to Dr. Beeman for comments. This item will be brought back to the Board for action at a later date.

APPROVED _____
Larry Jones, Chair

ATTEST _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court