

MARCH 13, 2007 - WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a special meeting to discuss the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Local Housing Assistance Plan on March 13, 2007, at the South Walton Courthouse Annex at 3:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present: Kenneth Pridgen, Chair, Commissioner Meadows, Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, Mr. W. C. Henry, Interim County Attorney, and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court, were also present.

Commissioner Pridgen called the meeting to order.

Ms. Kathy Ahlen, SHIP, stated that the Local Housing Assistance Plan expires June 30, 2007. She presented and discussed the proposed plan for 2007-2009. Ms. Ahlen gave a Power Point presentation to review the results obtained by the LHAP and the purposes and strategies used to achieve those results. She reviewed the changes recommended by the SHIP Committee, including eliminating the moderate rehabilitation strategy; adding a rental program; increasing the maximum award for all strategies except replacement housing; and implementing an educational program for first-time homeowners. Ms. Ahlen gave special mention to the definition of essential services personnel in relationship to affordable housing. A copy of the Power Point presentation, Housing Delivery Goals Chart #2, and draft of the LHAP were submitted.

Ms. Sue Rushing, SHIP Committee, felt that the definition of essential personnel should include any Walton County resident willing to maintain employment in Walton County.

There being no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth Pridgen, Chair