



ESCAMBIA  
COUNTY

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

BY: Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator  
DATE: February 12, 2024  
RE: Investigation Regarding Public Works Department Debris  
Hauling at 1624 West Yonge Street

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "WJ Moreno", is written over the "DATE" and "RE" lines of the memorandum header.

On Jan. 31, 2024, I was at the Escambia County Public Works Department, located at 601 Highway 297A. While there, I asked Ms. Julie Meacham to contact Field Supervisor Mr. Justin Walker and request that he come to the office to show me a video on his personal phone, which was purportedly taken by Mr. Walker and depicted a pile of limbs and vegetative debris in front of a lot at 1624 West Yonge Street. Mr. Walker asked if I was allowed to see the video, and I assured him that I was. I watched the video, which showed a pile of vegetative debris as Mr. Walker walked around the pile and provided commentary as to the size of the pile, the placement of the pile on private property, and that the work is being initiated by a commissioner.

After watching the video, I asked Mr. Walker who directed him to pick up and remove the debris, and Mr. Walker responded that Jamey (Higdon) did. I clarified further, asking if Jamey directed him to pick up and remove the debris, and Mr. Walker responded yes.

I then dismissed Mr. Walker from the room. After being gone for approximately 5-10 minutes, Mr. Walker called the administration building and asked to speak with me. Ms. Meacham transferred the call to Jamey Higdon's office, at which time the call was put on speaker phone. I asked Mr. Walker what he needed, and Mr. Walker stated that he needed to correct his previous response to me. He then stated that Jamey Higdon did not direct him to pick up and remove the debris, but instead Mr. Higdon had told him to utilize his best judgement. I confirmed Mr. Walker's corrected statement and asked, Mr. Higdon didn't direct you to remove and pick up the debris? Mr. Walker said no, he directed me to utilize my best judgement.

I noted the time as 4:15 p.m. In the office were myself, Jamey Higdon, and Tyler Davidson.