

REGULAR WORKSHOP

JANUARY 7, 1991

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular workshop session Monday, January 7, 1991, at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman W. F. Miles, Commissioner Gordon Porter, Commissioner Wilson Holley, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Bell advised of a letter from DeFuniak Springs City Manager, Mr. Mike Standley, informing the Board that the City will no longer be providing fire protection for the Juniper Lake Subdivision area. Mr. Bell advised the Board that the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department will be providing fire protection for everything west of the Juniper Lake dam.

Mr. Bell stated that Ms. Donna Sargent will be present in the regular Board Meeting of January 8, 1991, to request that a Public Hearing be scheduled to consider the adoption of an ordinance creating a Northwest Florida Trauma Agency Plan. Mr. Bell submitted a summary of the plan for the Board's review.

Mr. Bell further stated that Mr. Rick Marcum, Economic Development Director, will be appearing before the Board advising of a plastic recycling industry just west of the County Shop. One hundred ten jobs will be brought into the County. The owners are requesting short-term storage of raw plastic materials at the building recently constructed at the Landfill. They would pay rent. Mr. Bell stated that the storage would likely be no longer than nine months.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised that the Comprehensive Plan consultant will be here on January 22 at 10:00 A.M. to meet with the Board for direction regarding the County's Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Management element.

Commissioner Fleet suggested that there may need to be more than one land use plan for the County.

Mrs. Williams stated that the Comprehensive Plan South Walton Citizens Advisory Committee has a new Chairperson, Ms. Beth Folta.

Commissioner Fleet directed Mrs. Williams to write letters of appreciation to the members of the Committee and especially to Mr. Jack

Harper, former Chairperson. He suggested that perhaps the new Chairperson might reform the committee to reduce the membership. Mrs. Williams stated that Ms. Folta needs to appoint a subcommittee to discuss the Land Use Plan.

Mrs. Williams stated that there are now two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Williams and Mr. Bell discussed some concerns regarding the County's Nuisance Ordinance and citizens' complaints. One concern is the lack of personnel to investigate the complaints. Additionally, there is a concern that the members of the Code Enforcement Board does not meet requirements as provided by law.

Commissioner Holley stated he believes, to a certain extent, the Sheriff's Department should investigate nuisance complaints and should enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Dec Currie, Purchasing Agent, advised of a bid opening to be conducted at 10:00 A.M. this morning.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised that the engine in a truck used by the paving crew is in need of repair. Mr. Hudson requested the Board's permission to replace the engine in the paving crew vehicle with the engine from the truck previously used by the Environmental Officer. The environmental officer's truck is no longer in use. The Board agreed to the swap.

The Board agreed to allow the secretary for the Public Works Department to change her office hours from 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Commissioner Holley advised that the road shoulders along the prison access road are eroding. Mr. Kermit George, of George, Neilson, and Associates, stated that the firm of C.W. Roberts subcontracted the seeding of the shoulders and the County did the sodding. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Holley stated that he believes the limit on \$2,500.00 on purchases not requiring the bid process should be raised to \$5,000.00. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Holley advised that the invoice for surveying the property at the Health Department for the construction of a parking lot has been submitted. The Board agreed to transfer the monies from Contingencies into the Health Department line item.

Commissioner Porter directed Mr. Bell to prepare a letter of

appreciation to Dr. Evangelista and Dr. Reodica for their continued efforts to support and bring revenue to Walton Regional Hospital.

Vice-Chairman Miles stated that a typographical error in the personnel policies regarding leave-time pay needs to be corrected during the regular session.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, reviewed the letters to the Board and other items on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 8, 1991.

Mr. Bell advised of an individual wanting to pick up debris along sections of the highways "sponsored" by individuals or businesses. Brief discussion followed.

Mrs. Catherine King, Clerk of Courts, stated that the recommendation of the health insurance review committee is to enter into a contract with Medical Center Health Plan (MCHP). Mrs. King introduced Mr. Dick Angevine of MCHP.

Mr. Angevine explained the health care plan to Board Members.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Ralph Whitmore of Blue Cross/Blue Shield appeared before the Board to make a brief presentation.

Lengthy discussion followed Mr. Whitmore's presentation.

Mrs. Ingle advised that Mr. Miller is scheduling a legislative delegation meeting.

Mr. Rick Marcum, Economic Development Director, appeared before the Board to request short-term storage of raw plastics in the newest Landfill building. He also requested that the County provide an access into some acreage in Freeport (owned by Bunge Corporation) on which a new industry desires to locate.

Mr. Mike Barker, Civil Defense Director, introduced Ms. Marcy Norris and Ms. Shirley Norman--two members of the prospective E-911 addressing group.

Ms. Norris and Ms. Norman made a brief presentation regarding the E-911 addressing plan. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mrs. Ingle advised that Attorney Miller would not be present in the regular meeting of January 8, 1991.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk