

WORKSHOP

JANUARY 8, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida held a regular workshop on Monday, January 8, 1996, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commissioner's Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Gordon Porter, Vice-Chairman Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore, and Commissioner Rosier E. Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Marilyn Coe, Director of the Walton-DeFuniak Library, appeared before the Board to discuss the Habitat for Humanity Project. The Board agreed to adopt a resolution supporting the construction and operation of a Coastal Branch Library in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Rusty Floyd, Landfill Supervisor, advised the Board of a used Rex Compactor for sale from McMillian-Bloudel Paper Company in Alabama for \$18,000. The Board agreed to purchase the compactor and place this item on the consent agenda.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, appeared before the Board to suggest to contract with the Regional Planning Council to prepare Walton County's Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Mr. Barker stated that it is less expensive to allow the Regional Planning Council to prepare the plan rather than to prepare it in-house. This item will be placed on the consent agenda contingent upon the County Attorney's approval.

Mr. Barker stated that he received a letter from the Northwest Florida Water Management District regarding dredging the river. Mr. Barker stated that he feels that the Northwest Florida Management District has misinterpreted Walton County's intention to only dredge about a mile of the river, not the entire river. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with the Northwest Florida Water Management District to show them the locations needing to be dredged.

Mr. Barker stated that the scoring of the FEMA 404 Land Acquisitions is almost completed.

Mr. Barker stated that eight out of ten counties say they don't need recycling funds. Walton County is in great need of the grant funds and the

Board agreed to prepare a letter of support to continue to receive the recycling grant funds.

Mr. Barker stated that the legislature has cut the twenty-five percent pickup on disasters. The Board agreed that more lobbying is needed regarding this issue.

Mr. Barker stated that the five year disaster plan is being modified and a meeting will be scheduled on January 16, 1996, at 1:30 P.M. at the EOC Building.

Dewey Wilson, Director of Regional Utilities, advised the Board of two property sites to be surplus and advertised for bids. One location is the Camp Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and the other is the Camp Creek well site. The Board agreed to declare these properties surplus and advertise for bids. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ronnie Bell opened sealed bids for Bid 96-102: Shop pick-up truck as follows:

Orville Beckford Ford	\$13,975.00
Prestige Ford	\$14,397.00
Cook - Whitehead Ford	\$13,828.00
Hub City Ford	\$14,997.63
Hill - Kelly Dodge	\$13,670.00

Bid 96-101: Parks Department pick-up truck:

Hill - Kelly Dodge	\$13,670.00
Hub City Ford	\$14,997.63
Cook - Whitehead Ford	\$13,828.00
King Truck Center	NO BID
Orville Beckford Ford	\$13,975.00
Prestige Ford	\$14,323.00

Bid 96-100: Building Department (2) pick-up trucks:

Orville Beckford Ford	\$13,975.00 each
Prestige Ford	\$28,808.00
Cook - Whitehead Ford	\$27,656.00
Hub City Ford	\$29,995.26

Hill - Kelly Dodge

\$27,340.00

Ken Moneghan, with Florida Association of Counties Trust, appeared before the Board to introduce Cary Barr, representing Bliss McKnight. Mr. Barr discussed the procedure in reporting claims.

Jackie Baker, representing William R. Hough Bonding Company, appeared before the Board to inform that a new office has been opened in Pensacola and would appreciate helping the county in its road bonding endeavors.

Tom Powell, Director of the Economic Development Council, appeared before the Board to discuss marketing efforts for Walton County.

Attorney Miller arrived.

Chairman Porter called to order the advertised Public Hearing regarding amending Ordinance 85-6; excluding those portions of the beach accesses for boat launching lying south of Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, of Ray's Multi Mountain Estates and extending to the Gulf of Mexico.

Several members of the audience were present to voice their objection to the amendment. Mr. W.A. Covell, Mrs. E.M. Pearson, and Mr. Sam Schloss appeared before the Board to speak in favor of the amendment. Chairman Porter stated that he would like to work with the State to acquire more public accesses and work on adjusting the beach permitting fees. Dewey Wilson and Van Ness Butler stated that they are presently working on amending the ordinance and would like to table this matter for thirty days until the recommendations are complete.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Harris, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Cuchens Aye, Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Harris, to deny the request to amend Ordinance 85-6 as proposed. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Cuchens Aye, Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye. The Board agreed to revisit this matter in thirty days to review the recommendations from Dewey Wilson, Van Ness Butler and Malcolm Patterson.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center requesting that Walton County reimburse medical expenses for indigent patients of Walton County at a rate of 100% of charges. Attorney Miller stated that he would review the matter.

Mr. Bell presented an analysis of the revenue and expenditures of the solid waste operations of the county.

Mr. Bell requested that the Board complete the appointment of the ADA/504 committee for Walton County. The Board has already appointed Don Crimm and Joel Langley. Three more members are needed.

Mr. Bell stated that he has been requested by a member of the South Walton Fire District to write a letter authorizing Helen Bolin to review the books of the South Walton Fire District. The Board agreed that the records are opened to the public and a letter is not necessary.

Mr. Bell stated that the Walton County Dental Committee is requesting that the Board let the committee send out a survey to all County employees and see if they are interested in participating in a dental plan offered by The Guardian Company. If the Board agrees, this survey of all employees will need to be accomplished quickly. The reason for this survey is to see if at least 75% of the employees would participate in the program. If 75% do not participate the premium would be too high to consider.

Mr. Bell stated that the specifications and drawings are ready to advertise for bids on the roadway entering the truck stop near Mossy Head. Ployengineering has asked to proceed with the advertising of the bid notices. The Board agreed.

The Board agreed to reappoint Charles C. Harris to serve on the Tri-County Community Council. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised of a letter from Bruce John Regan regarding firearms being fired and persons trespassing on County property. Mr. Regan is referring to the clay pit on Caswell Road. Commissioner Moore stated that a fence can not be erected to alleviate the problem. Commissioner Moore stated that he will place NO TRESPASSING signs at the pit.

Mr. Bell advised of a request from Walton Regional Hospital to be allowed to relocate the fire alarm panel and auxiliary fire alarm panel in the Hospital. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of the figures requested from Charles McMillian and Millie Ward to replace their personal vehicles which was destroyed by Hurricane Opal. Mr. McMillian is requesting \$3500, the trade-in value, and Mrs. Ward is requesting \$4565. Attorney Miller stated that he would like the opportunity to argue with the County's insurance company with regard to them refusing payment on the claim due to "an act of God".

The Board agreed to approve an agreement between the Board, the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser regarding the special assessment programs of the Mossy Head Fire District and Driftwood Estates, that they

bill and collect for the County. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board of the planning sessions the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring next week.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board of the public workshop on the South Walton Conservation and Development Trust plan is scheduled for January 16, 1996, at 6:00 P.M., at the Bay Elementary School.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Doodle Harris wishes to cancel the Public Hearing scheduled for January 8, 1996 regarding the abandonment of a portion of 30A, near Inlet Beach.

Mr. Bell advised of a request from the Mossy Head Volunteer Fire District that the County adopt a resolution supporting their efforts to obtain an emergency entrance onto I-10 in the Oakwood Hills area. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to authorize the West Florida Regional Planning Council to prepare and submit a HOME Investment Partnerships Program/Disaster Relief Grant Application to the Florida Housing Finance Agency, and authorize the Chairman to execute all documents required to submit and receive the HOME Grant and authorize administration of the Disaster Relief Assistance Program to the West Florida Regional Planning Council.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the \$250,000 Ecosystem Management Project contract with the Department of Community Affairs and to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary documents. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board of a complaint voiced by the neighbors of Grove by the Sea Development with regard to the sea gazebo and fence at the end of Andalusia Street. Mrs. Williams stated that the project is being constructed according to plan.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board of a letter from Armbruster Realty regarding a zoning change from general agriculture to be able to subdivide approximately 240 acres of raw land into ten acre mini-farms.

Mrs. Williams stated that Dr. William Permenter was removed from the Zoning Board of Adjustments during the last Commission Meeting and did not wish to be removed. Billy Wilson and Toby Rushing were also removed from serving on the Board. The Board agreed to speak with Latilda Verhine regarding the matter.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised of a road problem at the North end of the County in District 3. Mr. Hudson stated that Fred Hamilton farms a field off Campground Road. The field is elevated higher than the road; therefore, the runoff problem is caused by Mr. Hamilton's field. Commissioner Moore stated that his crew constructed a ditch for drainage and Mr. Hamilton filled in the ditch. Attorney Miller stated that he wrote Mr. Hamilton a letter informing him that he was interfering with maintenance of a county road. Mr. Hudson stated that Mr. Hamilton is scheduled on the agenda for tomorrow to discuss this matter.

There being no further business, Chairman Porter adjourned the Workshop.

Chairman Porter called to order the scheduled workshop to meet with the County Supervisors to discuss personnel matters.

The following supervisors were present:

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator
 Malcolm Patterson, Tourist Development Council
 Roy A. Brown, Jr., Walton County District 5
 Freddy Bishop, Walton County District 5
 Randy Lingerfelt, Walton County District 4
 Billy Bearden, Building Department
 Bobby Ammons, Public Works Department
 Ernie Montgomery, County Shop
 Rusty Floyd, County Landfill
 Matt Douglass, Walton County EMS
 Archie Anderson, Walton County EMS
 Eugene Hurley, Walton County District 3
 Kent Bass, Department of Public Safety
 Becky Young, County Extension Office
 Jim Keeler, Walton County District 1
 Royce Griffith, Parks Department
 Robert Daniel, Department of Public Safety
 Thomas Stephens, Mosquito Control
 Pauline Wamble, Section 8 Housing
 Charles McMillian, Courthouse Maintenance
 Robert Bowers, County Probation
 Mike Barker, Public Safety Department
 Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Department
 Shirl Williams, Assistant County Administrator

The Board emphasized the importance of documentation of all records, words of warning, reprimands, etc. Several suggestions were heard regarding revising the Personnel Policies. Discussion continued.

Chairman Porter adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk