

WORKSHOP

JANUARY 11, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, January 11, 1993, at 8:00 A.M., in the Commission Board Room of the Walton County Courthouse.

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

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussion.

Mrs. Lorraine McFarland, director of the Walton County Humane Society, appeared before the Board and briefly explained the complaint from Ms. Brenda Justice, which is scheduled on tomorrow's agenda.

Mrs. McFarland also presented the newly elected commissioners with a copy of the Humane Society's office fees.

Mr. Earl Avery, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Ryder Public Transportation Services' Managed Logistics Systems, Inc., appeared before the Board and presented a proposal for a fleet management and maintenance service.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, reminded the Board of the Small County Coalition Meeting to be held on January 21, 1993, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Ms. Lel Czeck of the Regional Planning Council requested that a committee be formed to serve on the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. Mr. Bell suggested the following members:

Sue Rushing  
Luther Ates  
David Thomas  
Annette Stewart  
Gerald McCormick  
Jack Huggins

Three at-large members need to be added to the list.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that nine Walton County retirees requested to be placed on the insurance. Out of the nine retirees, two were accepted by Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, and one person joined.

Mr. Mike Barker, Emergency Management Director, presented the Board with a Litter Control Ordinance and requested the Board advertise for a Public Hearing.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting early.

Mr. Barker advised the Board that the Environmental Officers begin their training at Chipola Junior College next week and need firearms for their class.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the Building Inspector, Mr. Darcey Chaney, submitted his two weeks notice of resignation this morning. Mr. Bell stated that he will post the notice for position today to give the County employees an opportunity to respond. The notice will be published in the local newspaper next week.

Mr. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, advised the Board that a baseline characterization test is required on the ten wells at the landfill. This test is required by the Department of Environmental Regulations (DER) every five years. Ms. Tina Peters of Florida Groundwater in Pensacola, stated that she could collect the samples in two days and return the results within two weeks. The Board directed Mr. Bell to obtain quotes from other companies to compare and get the lowest price. Mr. Ammons did not disclose Florida Groundwater's price.

Ms. Glory Brown, Purchasing Agent, advised the Board that the price for a standard stop sign, illegal, made in-house is \$43.95 each. The price for an ordered Department of Transportation legal, standard stop sign is \$85.60 each.

Mr. Mike Barker stated that grant monies may be available for county road signs due to the 911 addressing changes.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised the Board that Mrs. Celeste Clark is scheduled on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. Mrs. Clark is objecting to a commercial venture being located beside her home in Mack Bayou. Mr. Wayne Dugas, owner of Elrod's Fish Camp, obtained a permit from DER to refurbish and repair an existing seawall. Mrs. Clark's concern is that Mr. Dugas is planning to eventually transform his fish camp into a marina. Mrs. Williams stated that that Mr. Dugas has not violated any regulations as of yet.

Ms. Brown advised the Board that the old stop signs can be sent to Vulcan Signs to be recycled.

Mr. Barker advised the Board that Gulf Power has donated a truck and he would like to transfer the truck to the Freeport Fire Department to be utilized for the Jaws of Life.

Ms. Brown asked the Board if her office could be relocated on the

ground floor due to vendors not delivering items up stairs.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine King, Clerk