

WORKSHOP

JANUARY 13, 1992

The Walton County Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a Regular Workshop Session on Monday, January 13, 1992 at 8:00 A.M. in the Walton County School Board meeting room of the Courthouse Annex.

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

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussion.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, discussed the fact that the County appointed committee for Emergency 911, prepared a recommendation and presented it to the Board on Friday, January 10, 1992. The committee looked at the system Bay County is using and met with Motorola and Quadratics concerning console radio equipment. They also met with Centel in regards to the data of the computers. Mr. Bell advised the Board when they act on this recommendation they may have to resend a previous action. The committee discussed the Board obligating \$50,000.00 for the cost of leasing equipment. This could free up approximately \$45,000.00 per year for salaries. Commissioner Holley questioned the need for additional funds. Mr. Bell stated there are only 14,000 phone lines in the County. The estimated lease on the equipment even after the down-payment, will be \$2,100.00 per month. There will be approximately \$8,000.00 brought in per month. The down-payment will be a one-time expense that can be budgeted. It will not be due until October of 1992, at which time the system will be online. Commissioner Holley continued to question the need for additional funds from the County. Commissioner Miles questioned the need for additional equipment. Mr. William Chapman, representing the Walton County Sheriff's Department, advised the Board that this cost difference is due to leasing three identical consoles, which will provide better communication. Sheriff McMillian has approved this

and agrees to pay the additional amount needed from the Drug Trust Fund. To prevent a 30 to 40 percent increase in this cost the contract will need to be signed this month.

Mr. Ronnie Bell presented the Board with a proposed ordinance asking to advertise a public hearing concerning inspection codes. George Ralph Miller, County Attorney, is reviewing this matter. The Board is adopting the 1988 edition of the standard building code, which will alleviate the county from having to adopt a new edition that will incorporate the new inspection into the code.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, and Ronnie Bell, presented to the Board information concerning the County Landfill. A tipping fee analysis for each month from June to December 1991 was performed. Wastec has been hauling solid waste to the Bay County incinerator during the month of December. Wastec's fee for this month was \$24,452.89 while the Landfill brought in \$26,622.00. The Board discussed the estimated loss at the Landfill and possible solutions. Mr. Hudson advised the Board that in 1993 all waste sites will be required by the Department of Environmental Regulations (DER) to have gas monitors and the equipment to burn the gas that escapes. Mr. Bell advised the Board to raise tipping fees and put money into an escrow account. Mr. Hudson stated that he has received a letter from DER approving the use of the class 3 cell for white goods, even though the permit for the class one cell has expired.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that he had met with Buddy Thompson and George Ralph Miller and has approval from the Department of Corrections' accounting department to pay a correctional officer to supervise the recycling center which will insure fifteen prisoners at all times. This will cost a yearly salary of a correctional officer which is \$25,012.94. The operation of the Landfill was discussed further.

Ronnie Bell presented a copy of the proposed lease agreement with Healthmark Inc., and Walton Regional Hospital, which will be discussed with George Ralph Miller, County Attorney, at tomorrow's regular meeting. The continuation of employment and financial

results if this agreement is made were discussed.

Ronnie Bell stated the lease agreement for the property located behind the Walton County Health Department was turned down at the last City Council meeting.

Ronnie Bell notified the Board members that cellular phones are to be installed in their vehicles while tomorrow's regular meeting is in session. The cost of each phone is \$300.00 for each installation, and \$24.00 per month maintenance fee per telephone and .11 per minute.

Ronnie Bell advised the Board that Scott Mann, a recently terminated employee, has requested permission to appear before the grievance committee. The meeting must be scheduled within thirty days. The Board discussed appointing new members to this committee.

Glory Brown, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Board and stated that she has received a letter in reference to the tractor to be purchased for District 2. Mr. Pridgen will be receiving a 7740 since a 7610 is no longer in production. There will be no increase in price.

Shirl Williams, Assistant County Administrator, appeared before the Board and stated Mr. L.G. Wilkinson, County Engineer, will attend tomorrow's regular meeting to answer any questions concerning drainage problems in the Beachside Villas development. The Board discussed the public's opposition to the development.

Commissioner Porter stated he was contacted by a property owner concerning a legal description in an easement stating the County would maintain this property. Commissioner Porter suggested that Mr. George Ralph Miller, County Attorney, review the easement.

Commissioner Porter advised the Board that the horse ordinance in Oakwood Hills needs to be discussed again. There is a risk of a vehicle accident due to the roaming horses.

The Board discussed borrowing money to construct a building on County owned property located on Sloss Avenue. The building would be rented to Section 8 Housing and rent monies would be used to repay the loan.

Ms. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board of a Public Hearing for the special legislation on abolishing the Port Authority.

Ms. Ingle stated Flora Brown, Veteran's Service Office Employee, is requesting an advance of 25 hours of annual leave due to the illness of her family.

Commissioner Fleet stated he would like to pave a certain section of road that leads into a number of condominiums located near Lake Tresca.

Ms. Ingle advised the Board of a resolution from Calhoun County opposing the proposed reorganization of the state's environmental health programs.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: _____

Sam

Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk