

WORKSHOP

January 27, 1992

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop on January 27, 1992 at 8:00 A.M.

The following Board Members were present: Commissioner Sam Pridgen, Chairman, Commissioner Robert Fleet, Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Wilson Holley, Commissioner Gordon Porter. Commissioner W. F. Miles was absent from the meeting. Ronnie Bell, Administrative Assistant, was also present at the meeting.

Mr. Ronnie Bell presented to the Board a set of drawings to construct an office building for the Section 8 Housing. Mr. Bell advised that Section 8 has \$5,000 that can be paid toward the construction and will pay \$600 per month rent. The Board discussed constructing the building on the two vacant lots owned by the County on Sloss Avenue.

Gloria Brown, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Board and advised that the Building Department needs to purchase a pick-up truck. Ms. Brown advised that she contacted all the local dealerships to locate a truck to meet the specifications. Ms. Brown stated that Triangle Chevrolet has a new 1992 Chevrolet Pickup for \$8,653.20. That is \$100 over the state contract bid.

Ms. Brown advised that the Building Department has a computer that was damaged during the lightning storm approximately two weeks ago. Ms. Brown stated that she will get the necessary estimates to file to the insurance company.

Commissioner Holley stated that he needs to order a batwing mower for District 3.

Mr. Rick Marcum, Economic Development Director, appeared before the Board and advised that the Freeport Area Technology Company has moved into the Freeport Industrial Park. Discussion followed concerning the driveway from the Industrial Park to Highway 331. Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised that the temporary permit is only good for 6 months. The permit will expire in May and if the county has not fixed the driveway the state will do the paving and bill the county. Commissioner Holley stated that the Board should write to the Legislative Delegation expressing dissatisfaction

for that Department of Transportation Rule.

Mr. Scott Wheeler, Walton County Animal Control Officer, appeared before the Board to request permission to charge for picking up animals. The charge would be \$4.00 for each dog or a maximum of \$10.00 per trip. Trips not charged for would be as follows:

1. Senior citizens 62 years or older
2. Disabled persons who cannot drive
3. Emergencies where stray dog or dogs have bitten

someone

The Board will take the request under advisement.

Commissioner Fleet advised the Board that it is his understanding that the Department of Natural Resources is going to require the county to issue beach permits to everyone, not just residents and property owners as presently being done by county ordinance. Commissioner Fleet also advised that variances were granted to two tractors that pull boats to the water to launch. He stated these tractors are tearing up the beaches.

Commissioner Holley stated that he has been criticized by county employees for taking such a hard stand on sick leave. Mr. Holley asked what the personnel policies state about funeral leave. Mr. Bell advised that employees are allowed up to three days if it is a member of the immediate family. It is left up to the supervisor to determine how immediate the family member is to the employee.

Commissioner Porter advised the Board that he needs assistance on the road behind the West DeFuniak School. He stated that there is a very bad drainage problem.

Commissioner Holley stated that he would like to see the Public Works Department make a study of all county roads.

Commissioner Holley suggested that the county close a portion of the landfill road due to the drainage problem.

Commissioner Porter asked Mr. Bell to check on the status of the permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District on the Teelinville Dam.

Ms. Delois Carroll and Dr. Edgar Myers, Walton County Health Department, appeared before the Board to suggest that a letter be written to the Legislative Delegation requesting a change in the new Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services new regulations.

The local health unit received direction from the district office to begin immediately to serve only the following targeted groups in the Primary Care Program.

1. Pregnant women with income up to 150% of poverty.
2. Infants and children age zero through age seven with incomes at or below 133% of poverty or otherwise eligible for Medicaid.
3. Children age eight through age twenty-one at or below 100% poverty.

These new regulations concern the health department staff because of the impact it will have on the present patients.

There being no further business Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST _____

Catherine King, Clerk