

January 30, 1995

Workshop

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, January 30, 1995, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission 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. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Jerry Schnitzius, Environmental Waste, appeared before the Board to present a check in the amount of \$8,620.02 for the sale of recyclables.

Mr. William Webber, owner/developer of Coconut Creek Mini Golf/Gran Maze, appeared before the Board to request directions in locating a Mini Golf Course and Gran Maze in Walton County. The Board instructed Latilda Hughes, County Planner, to draft a letter to the Department of Community Affairs for an opinion on the compatibility of this project in the surrounding area of the proposed location.

Mrs. Barbara Jones, Director of the DeFuniak Springs Branch of Okaloosa Walton Community College, appeared before the Board to request the adoption of a resolution opposing the proposed funding cuts to the colleges by the State. The Board placed the resolution on the consent agenda. The resolution will be mailed to the Legislative Delegation.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor, presented to the Board the revised Workfare Agreement for review. After discussion, the Board placed the agreement on the consent agenda.

Mr. Ronnie Bell presented a resolution to the Board opposing the proposed budget cuts to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Rusty Floyd, Landfill Supervisor, appeared before the Board to request that Walton County conduct a Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day. Mr. Floyd stated that grant funds can be used for the disposal of hazardous waste. The Board placed this item on the consent agenda authorizing Mr. Floyd to proceed with the program.

Mr. Julian Webb, Julian Webb Associates, appeared before the Board to request a copy of the third party agreement between Walton County, Department

of Community Affairs and D/H Oil Company. Mr. Webb advised that a penalty clause was added to the agreement. This clause would force D/H Oil Company to repay Walton County for the positions not filled according to the agreement.

Mr. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, appeared before the Board and presented a letter from Mr. Jeff Brown. Mr. Brown requested an increase in the price of his services from \$35.00 a month to \$45.00 a month. Mr. Brown provides water monitoring services at the Landfill. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Herman Walker, resident of District 2, advised by letter of a right-of-way encroachment on White Road. Vice-Chairman Pridgen advised that this matter is a dispute between two private citizens. Mr. Pridgen will refer the matter to Attorney George R. Miller.

Mr. Bell presented a resolution to the Board that would authorize Tri-County Community Council to apply for a Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) to be used for the Walton County Canning Center in the amount of \$5,744.00. The Board placed the resolution on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mickey Marse, Mayor of Freeport, Florida, requesting an extension on the Freeport franchise.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Pauline Wambles, Director of Section 8 Housing, advising that Walton County has received 55 additional housing units. Mrs. Wambles requested salary adjustments for Lula Burnham in the amount of \$1.21 per hour, Dale Edwards in the amount of \$.96 per hour, and Mary Shipman in the amount of \$.48 per hour. Mrs. Wambles also requested an increase of \$1.25 per hour for Mr. Ronnie Bell due to the housing inspections that will be conducted by Mrs. Wambles and Mr. Bell. The Board placed these items on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell requested a \$1.25 per hour increase for Mrs. Wambles for the added work load. The Board will place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that it would take approximately 3 years to obtain permits to have the Corps of Engineers to dredge the 8 outlets of the Choctawhatchee River leading into the bay. Mr. Bell stated that the fastest method would be to make this request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mr. Bell will contact FEMA.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that he received a letter from Beth Yates, Student Council Sponsor from Walton Senior High School, requesting directional signs for the High School. Mr. Bell will forward a copy of Mrs.

Yates' letter to the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Bell presented a resolution in reference to the ex-parte communication. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised that he was contacted by a vendor requesting to lease a small part of Ed Walline Park for the purpose of providing a vending service. Commissioner Cuchens will contact this party and advise them that a lease cannot be granted at this time.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Bruce Ward, Extension Director, requesting that revenues received from the drink machines in the courthouse be earmarked for the 4-H Club. These revenues average \$10.00 to \$12.00 per month. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that he received a permit for an artificial fishing reef. Mr. Bell requested permission to apply for a grant up to \$25,000.00 to erect the fishing reef. The Board placed this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Mr. Charles McMillan, Jr., Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, has received bids to replace the 3 front doors of the second floor and the door on the East side of the courthouse on the second floor. The lowest bid was in the amount of \$7,000.00. Mr. Bell will contact Mr. McMillan to see if these funds are budgeted.

Mr. Bell informed the Board that he has executed agreements from the three municipalities regarding the one-cent sale tax for solid waste.

Mr. Bell advised that Attorney Miller will present the agreements between Walton County, Environmental Wastes and Dayco at the Regular Board Meeting on January 31, 1995.

Chairman Porter advised the Board of a bus turn around on Woodyard Road that needs repair.

Chairman Porter advised that he received a request from Bobby McMillian, resident of District 4, to install a used culvert on the Willie B. Parker Road. Mr. Porter will consult Attorney Miller on this matter.

The Board placed the request from Clyde M. Sadler for sick leave to be drawn from the Sick Leave Pool on the consent agenda.

The Board requested Mr. Bell, Mrs. Shirl Williams and Brenda Hunt to prepare a short list of applicants for the North Walton Mosquito Control Director position. The Board will conduct interviews on February 13, 1995 at 10:30 A.M., in the Boardroom.

Commissioner Moore requested permission to purchase two large culverts that will exceed the \$5,000.00 purchase limit.

The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Attorney Clayton Adkinson, representing the City of Freeport, discussed the request to extend the City of Freeport water franchise. This item is on the agenda for the Regular Board meeting.

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

Approved: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

Attest: _____

Catherine King, Clerk