

WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 7, 1994

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, February 7, 1994, 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. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter opened the Workshop for discussion.

Major Bill Chapman addressed the Board regarding the delivery of twenty patrol cars. Major Chapman stated that the first payment of \$82,615.22 is due today upon delivery. The next payment of \$82,615.22 is due October 1, 1994 and the remaining payment of \$82,615.22 is due October 1, 1995.

Tom Powell, Economic Development Council Director, appeared before the Board to advise that he has been appointed to serve on the Chamber of Commerce Community Development Committee. Mr. Powell stated that the purpose of the Committee is to discuss education, health care, and recreation in Walton County. Mr. Powell stated that he would appreciate the Commissioner's input on the subjects.

Mr. Jim McCauley, representing Vermeer Company, appeared before the Board to discuss a bid which they submitted on a chipper.

Miss Tonya Thrasher, a student from Freeport High School, appeared before the Board to request assistance in funding her return trip to Washington D.C. Miss Thrasher stated that she received a nomination to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. based upon her grade point average and her score on the PSAT test.

Perry Jackson, Farmers Home Administration Supervisor, appeared before the Board to discuss programs other than the SHIP program which Farmers Home is involved.

Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, recommended SAJAW to continue to pick-up the white goods within the County at \$6.30 per gross ton up to \$2,000.00 pounds for a period of five years. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Ammons stated that Mr. Ron Pugh contacted him regarding requesting the County to haul dirt to the Middle School ball field. The Board agreed to

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help with hauling the dirt.

The Board agreed to approve the application for an Economic Development Grant for a truck stop to be located in Mossy Head. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised of a request from the Humane Society to utilize the County's Purchasing Department to purchase equipment. The Board agreed to allow the Humane Society to utilize the County's bidding procedures.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of a letter from Mike Barker regarding a problem with litter on a lot in Oakwood Hills. Apparently the owners moved away years ago and left their remains behind. There is no record of the owners found in the Property Appraiser's Office.

The Board discussed the Public Safety Director's salary.

Commissioner Cuchens suggested to amend the Litter and Nuisance Control Ordinance.

Chairman Porter stated that he received a request from residents on the Site C-6 road to declare one week in March as Site C-6 Week.

The Board agreed to place the invoices received without purchase orders on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to amend the debt service fund to utilize the interest earned in the amount of \$100,551.77 to pay off the computer up-grade loan and place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to purchase a shredder for the Comptroller's Office in the amount of \$1410.95 from Quill Inc. This item will be placed on the consent agenda. Out of four telephone quotes, Quill was the lowest bidder.

Ms. Barbara Moore appeared before the Board to voice her concerns with the Humane Society. Ms. Moore stated that a stray dog was placed on her property and when she notified the Humane Society she was informed of a \$4.00 charge to have the dog picked up.

The Board agreed to hold a workshop to discuss the garbage dumpsters within the county.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

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ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk