

WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 8, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, February 8, 1993 at 8:00 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom 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 called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jerry Schnitizus of Environmental Waste Services, appeared before the Board and advised that a solid waste flow control regulation should be considered. The Board is in the process of advertising for request for proposals to have the solid waste hauled out of the county for disposal. Mr. Schnitizus stated that should the county reject the proposals and decide to proceed with the use of the new cell, solid waste should not be hauled to another county by a private franchise holder. This would deprive the county from receiving tipping fees. Also, Mr. Schnitizus suggested that the county consider contracting with C & D Landfill to dispose of building materials. This would prevent the cell from filling with materials that can be disposed of in a different manner. Mr. Schnitizus stated that a fee could be imposed on the building materials that will be used toward the closure cost for the new cell.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised the Board that he received a letter from the Florida Association of Counties regarding proposed legislation for a Small County Utilities (Public Service) Tax.

Mr. Bell stated that the Board needs to appoint a County Commissioner to represent Walton County at the Small County Coalition Meetings.

Mr. Bell informed the Board that the Walton County Tax Payers Association has requested to assist the County in developing a recycling program.

Glory Ann Brown, Purchasing Agent, advised the Board that District 4 is purchasing a truck from Key Ford. She further advised that Mr. Moore will be purchasing two 1993 Mack Dump Trucks from Gulf Coast Truck and Equipment Company and will be financed through Sun Bank.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board that two resolutions need to be adopted regarding the SHIP Program.

Mrs Williams further advised that the Board will have to advertise to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance that will implement the SHIP Program.

Mrs. Williams stated that Hidden Dunes is on the agenda for the consideration of a proposed change in the Development of Regional 'Impact (DRI). Mrs. Williams stated that the issue may have to be tabled at the request of the West Florida Regional Planning Council and the Department of Community Affairs.

Mrs. Williams advised that the Department of Community Affairs, during a meeting on February 4, 1993, instructed the Board to complete the Future Landuse Maps. Mrs. Williams stated that these maps will be presented during the Board Meeting tomorrow. The Board will have to publish notice for a Public Hearing for February 25, 1993 to receive public comments. These maps must be completed by March 5, 1993 with changes and ready to present to the Department of Community Affairs.

Mr. Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, presented proposed job descriptions for the Environmental Officers and the Public Safety Director.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that Mr. George R. Miller, County Attorney, will present an update on the Intergovernmental Management Committee.

Commissioner Harris stated that Agnes Rushing is on the agenda for tomorrow to request that she be exempt from landfill tipping fees due to a disability.

Mr. Barker requested, by letter, that the Board consider his employment with the Walton County Sheriff's Department from 1982-1989 as continuous employment. This would allow him to receive benefits of ten-plus years.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised the Board that he is going to contact the Department of Transportation to request that excel, decel, and passing lanes be constructed on Highway 83 at the entrance of the Walton County Correctional Institution.

Mrs. Maxine Turner, resident of Mossy Head, requested the Board call a meeting of the Mossy Head Volunteer Fire Department and appoint a Fire Chief.

Mr. Bob Berglund, President of the Mossy Head Fire Department, appeared before the Board and advised that the fire department meets on the first Monday night of each month. He stated that everyone is welcome to attend the

meetings. Mr. Berglund stated that the problems that occurred at a fire a few weeks ago are inexcusable. Mr. Berglund explained that the Fire Chief forgot to change the phone line routing calls to another member while he was out of town. It took the Sheriff's Office fifteen minutes to contact someone in the fire department. The two fire departments that responded went directly to the fire and did not contact any other fire fighters. The two that did respond were the first vehicles to arrive, but did not exercise control at the fire scene. Mr. Berglund felt some of the comments made by Charlie Day at the January 25, 1993, Workshop were unfair.

Discussion followed concerning internal problems of the Mossy Head Volunteer Fire Department and how these problems will be corrected. Mr. Berglund will make a greater effort to inform residents when the meetings will be held. Mrs. Turner stated that she has ten people who are willing to be trained as fire fighters.

Mr. Edward Clark and Mrs. Celeste Clark, property owners in the Mack Bayou area, appeared before the Board to object to the proposed improvements at Elrod's Fish Camp. Mrs. Shirl Williams asked Mr. Clark if they objected to the sea wall construction provided that the camp continued to be operated as it is presently. Mr. Clark stated that Mr. Wayne Dugas would take one step at a time to get a ten slip marina. Mr. Hilton Lawson, resident of the Mack Bayou area, was present at the meeting and stated that he also objects to any changes being made due to the fact he feels Mr. Dugas will convert the business into a commercial venture. Mr. Clark stated that the Bayous are very sensitive areas since there is no back washing from the Choctawhatchee Bay. The Board advised Mr. Clark that Mr. Dugas would be present at the Board Meeting tomorrow to present his request that he be allowed to repair the existing sea wall.

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

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk