

WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 12, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, February 12, 1996, 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 and Commissioner Johnnie Moore. Commissioner Cuchens was absent due to a death in his family. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Don Brown appeared before the Board to schedule a time to meet with County employees to discuss the newly adopted life insurance plan with Bankers Security Life Insurance Company. The Board agreed for Mr. Brown to get with the road foremen to schedule a time to meet with the road crews and to contact each constitutional officer or supervisor of the other departments in the County to schedule a meeting.

Kyle McDonald with Child Safety Services appeared before the Board to receive permission to place signs around schools and recreational facilities throughout the County on county road right-of-ways. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board of a situation regarding Hidden Harbor Subdivision located off Holiday Road. Mrs. Williams stated that the County Engineer, Lamar Peterman, will not approve the project due to the swales holding water. Mrs. Williams recommended to hold \$5,000 until the swales are corrected and hold an additional \$5,000 until another engineer, Preble-Rish, looks at the swales. Mr. William Horne, Jr, the engineer designing the project, has an alternate plan draining the swales onto the rear of the property. The Board agreed to direct Mrs. Williams to release all but \$5,000 of the funds if Mr. Peterman approves the alternate plan to drain the swales onto the rear of the property. Wayne Clark, developer, stated that he will do whatever necessary to complete the project.

Mrs. Williams submitted a letter from James Taylor advising the Board of a notice of appeal regarding the denied petition by the Board to amend Ordinance 85-6 regulating vehicular traffic on private property.

Mrs. Williams presented a letter of resignation from Letha Cosson

resigning from the Walton County Contractors Competency Board. The Board agreed to accept Mrs. Cosson's resignation and place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams presented the recommendations from the committee which the Board appointed to study the Land Development Code. The proposed changes would exempt subdivisions in the Agricultural District with all lots of four acres or more from the requirements of:

1. Stormwater Management
2. Paving (streets must be private)
3. Topographic Surveys with 2 foot contours
4. Plating

The Board agreed to advertise for a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the proposed changes. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for March 11, 1996 at 5:30 P.M., in the Boardroom.

The Board agreed to hire Bob Berry to fill the position of Building Inspector on a 90 day probationary period. Mr. Berry has received all the necessary certificates and is qualified. This item will be placed on the consent agenda. The Board discussed promoting Billy Bearden to Building Official on a 90 day probationary period.

Mrs. Williams recommended Mr. Wally Bair to serve as Technical Review Chairman on the Technical Review Board to oversee the Scenic 98 Guidelines. Mr. Bair accepted the position.

Mrs. Williams presented the Ecosystem Management Team Acquisition/Disposition Map.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that Emil Duchene is scheduled on the agenda to request permission to rebuild a four unit building beside Surfside. Mr. Duchene's building was completely destroyed by Hurricane Opal. The Comprehensive Plan stated that if a structure is over 50% destroyed, it must be rebuilt by current guidelines. The current regulation is that he can rebuild one single family unit. The Board agreed to speak with Attorney Miller tomorrow.

Mrs. Williams stated that the pavilion constructed by Grove-by-the-Sea located at the end of Andalusia Street is almost completed. Mrs. Williams stated that Grove-by-the-Sea sold lots with the pavilion easement as a selling point. The homeowners on Andalusia Street want the pavilion removed. The

Board agreed to speak with Attorney Miller regarding the matter.

Roy Petrey, with Polyengineering of Florida, Inc., opened the one bid received for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Access Road. The bid was from Okaloosa Asphalt in the amount of \$175,623.57.

The Board discussed the prices in detail. Chairman Porter directed Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, to contact other paving companies and ask why they did not submit a bid proposal. The grant only allocated \$50,000 for the access road. Mr. Petrey stated that after looking at the bid received and considering the dollar restraints, he would suggest to reject the bid and readvertise this project again.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Pridgen, second by Commissioner Harris, to enter into Special Session. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Pridgen, second by Commissioner Moore, to reject the bid from Okaloosa Asphalt in the amount of \$175,623.57 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Access Road. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Pridgen, second by Commissioner Moore, to readvertise to receive bids again for the project. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Pridgen, second by Commissioner Moore, to close the Special Session. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, introduced Linda Potter, Americorp employee, to the Board. Ms. Potter will act as the Public Information Officer and will be constructing a county newsletter.

Rusty Floyd and Charles McMillian appeared before the Board to discuss a plan to upgrade the recycling facility located at the landfill. Mr. Bell stated that there is a thirty day deadline on the competition of the project. The cost without the 30 foot extension of the building is approximately \$19,951. Upon obtaining the price for the extension, Ronnie Bell will contact each Commissioner by phone and make them aware of the price and then affirm the decision at the next regular meeting. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board directed Mr. McMillian to move the construction of the Clerk's storage building to next priority.

The Board agreed to reaffirm action to waive the bid procedure and

allow Holland Manufacturing Company to repair the recycling belt at the landfill at a cost of \$7,350.59. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to waive the bid procedure and purchase a 1987 Ford F350 bucket truck from Ed Cox Motors in the amount of \$17,000 for the Maintenance Department. The Board agreed to contact Mike Richards with Chelco to assist in inspecting the truck. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to expand the recycling program at the landfill to include a compost operation and a C & D recycling program. Mr. Bell advised that he met with Mr. Bob Honstead, Assistant Superintendent of Walton Correctional Institute, regarding the need for an additional inmate squad at the landfill. The only concern that Mr. Honstead voiced was regarding the need for an additional Correctional Officer to over-see the inmate squad at the landfill. The Board agreed to fund the Correctional Officer at a cost of \$29,464.79 per year to be funded with solid waste collections. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a request by the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association that Walton County adopt a resolution supporting more dollars for beaches and a dedicated funding source for beach long-term preservation and repair. The Board agreed to adopt a resolution and place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Roy Petrey with Polyengineering regarding a letter from Chairman Porter asking the Department of Community Affairs to consider using the available packaged treatment plant from Regional Utilities. Polyengineering is prepared to move forward and evaluate the existing plant to see if it meets current DEP criteria and if it is feasible to utilize the plant. Mr. Petrey stated in the letter that the cost for the evaluation will be on a not-to-exceed basis of \$3000 without prior authorization.

Mr. Bell advised of a request from the Walton County ARC that the county assist them with the installation of electrical, plumbing and air-conditioning in two rooms and a bath at the ARC. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell provided an update and schedule of when portions of US 331 are slated for resurfacing.

Mr. Bell presented a copy of the newspaper article from the Daily News

regarding the Scenic 98 Hearing held at Sandestin on January 30, 1995. The article stated that there was a "weak round of applause" when the guidelines were adopted. The Board agreed that the statement was inaccurately reported. There was a great round of applause.

Mr. Bell presented a Proclamation to the Board received from Governor Chiles recognizing the South Walton County Greenway System.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Jody Chaffin of Carriage Hills Realty requesting they be allowed to purchase Lots 15, 16 and 17 of Block 19 of the Town of Santa Rosa which is presently owned by the County. Mr. Bell stated that he advised her of the procedure which the County must take in declaring the property as surplus and accepting sealed bids.

Mr. Bell advised that Jack McCart with GRIT wants to hold a workshop on February 26, 1996 at 1:00 P.M. with all County supervisors and constitutional officers to discuss the drug-free work place policy and workers compensation matters. The meeting will be held at the EOC Building.

The Board agreed to reaffirm action to waive the bid procedure and purchase a 1995 Ford F800 Flatbed Dump Truck off District 3's bid from Orville Beckford Ford in the amount of \$34,247.00 for District 4. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board received a letter from George Barnes requesting permission to use CR 30A for a runner's roadrace on Sunday, May 5, 1996, between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M. to support the Arts Scholarship Foundation. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Chairman Porter stated that he would like to make the Soil Conservation Project on Woodyard Road a county wide effort. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Leonard Mathews asked for the County's assistance in obtaining a land swap with the State of his 53.13 acres located in Tucker Bayou. The Board directed him to speak with Shirl Williams or the Ecosystem Work Team.

The Board agreed to approve a bill from Hammill and Associates in the amount of \$19,400 for chairs for the new courtroom. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Sue Carter received a request from the Destin Log to place the ad for the tax rolls in their paper. The statutes state that the ad must be placed in a paper of general circulation. Mrs. Carter does not feel the Destin Log is of general circulation to the North Walton residents. The Board agreed to advertise the tax rolls in the local DeFuniak Herald and Beach Breeze. This

item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris stated that the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department needs work done on their fire trucks and requested permission to utilize the County Shop. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk