

REGULAR WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 26, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop session on Monday, February 26, 1990, at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom in the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman Donald D. Brown, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present. Commissioner W.F. Miles was absent due to illness and Commissioner Wilson Holley was absent due to a prior commitment.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Odell Lewelling, Building Department Supervisor, appeared before the Board to recommend a .50¢ per hour pay increase for Building Department Secretary, Mrs. Judy Robinson. Mr. Lewelling advised that he has formulated a personnel policy for the Building Department. He has submitted it to Mr. Bell. Commissioner Fleet advised that Department Supervisors should have the authority to award raises to those employees under their oversight providing that written documentation of the basis of the raise is placed in the employee's file. The other Board Members agreed. Vice-Chairman Brown stated that he has been investigating solutions to the problem of a viable personnel policy for Walton County and he hopes to make a presentation to the Board regarding this matter.

Mr. Al Barfield, Gulf Power representative, appeared before the Board to present his summary of heating/air conditioning options for the Courthouse. Discussion followed. Vice-Chairman Brown stated that he believes the air-to-air heat pump option to have the most advantages. Mr. Barfield stated that the water source heat pumps are very attractive when considering the heating side

of the system. Discussion continued. Vice-Chairman Brown suggested that this matter may need to be considered in the new budget year. The Board thanked Mr. Barfield for his presentation.

Commissioner Fleet requested that Mr. Mike Barker, Civil Defense Director, schedule a meeting with the south Walton Emergency Operations Center annex, south Walton fire department(s), and south Walton EMS in order to prepare for the hurricane season. Mr. Barker advised of the Governor's Conference on Hurricanes which will be held in May.

Mr. Barker addressed the Board regarding a 911 Emergency Answering System for the County. Mr. Barker advised that the EOC building has ample room to house the system with dispatchers. Mr. Barker further advised that he recommends leasing an enhanced 911 system from Centel. Discussion followed. Vice-Chairman Brown highly recommended that Mr. Barker contact Mr. Tom Foss, Computer Consultant, before any further steps are taken in order to determine if the 911 system can be consolidated with the current effort to replace/upgrade the County's existing computer system. Mr. Barker agreed to consult with Mr. Foss. The Board thanked Mr. Barker.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he plans to ask the South Walton Citizens Advisory Committee to help in mapping and numbering the streets and houses.

Mr. Dec Currie, Purchasing Agent, advised that a used lift-truck for the Supervisor of Elections office has been found in Doraville, Georgia. The Ryder Company will sell it for \$13,000.00 and will bring it to the County for inspection. The Board directed Mr. Currie to contact lease companies and determine how soon a lift-truck would be available after notification, the cost of renting it, etc. Mr. Currie advised the Board that Mrs. Nellie Thompson, Supervisor of Elections, objects to leasing a vehicle.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the

Board of the Public Hearing on the County's Comprehensive Plan on Thursday, March 1, 1990, at 6:00 P.M. in the County Commission Boardroom. A quorum from the County Commission is required. The final hearing will be on March 29, 1990.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, read a resolution from the South Walton Tourist Development Council (TDC) regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Williams advised that two final plats are on the agenda of the Regular Meeting on February 27, 1990, to be approved.

Mr. Bell advised that the County must authorize a change order in its contract with C.W. Roberts Construction Company to allow the construction company to finish the base and lay the asphalt on the Landfill/prison road.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised that all the clay for the base of the Landfill road can be obtained from the Landfill. Mr. Hudson further advised that the parking lot at the Farmer's Market is ready for the clay base.

Mr. Hudson stated that Burger King is now requesting that the County pay its half of the cost of the joint driveways and acceleration/deceleration lanes at the Burger King and Farmer's Market. Mr. Hudson further stated that the County's portion will be approximately \$12,000.00. Commissioner Fleet advised that he did not recall the Board agreeing to such a "compromise."

Mr. Bell advised of a letter received from the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) regarding the north and south 40 acres adjacent to the Landfill. DER has determined that there are wetlands on these areas and any expansion of the Landfill to these areas would have restrictions.

The Board directed Mr. Hudson to put hay bales along the site of construction of the Landfill/prison road.

Commissioner Fleet reminded Mrs. Williams to bring all information on Aquarius Condo to the regular session of February 27, 1990.

The Board discussed the property being considered for purchase as a clay pit. There will be a Public Hearing on that purchase during the regular Board Meeting on February 27, 1990.

Mr. Bell advised that he has been unable to locate an independent air conditioning contractor to give an opinion on the Courthouse heating/air conditioning system recommendation of Mr. Mike Monahan of Certified Mechanical Contractors.

Discussion followed regarding the City of Freeport's request for a water franchise. Vice-Chairman Brown expressed concern regarding the City's lack of intent to provide services to the Rock Hill area yet include that large area in the proposed franchise area to use as a source of water.

Chairman Pridgen advised that he has asked the County's Attorney, Mr. George R. Miller, to investigate the possibility of adopting a policy stating that when maintenance of a County road has been discontinued for a certain number of years (two or four was suggested) then it is no longer a County road and reverts back to the property owner(s). Mr. Miller is contacting the Attorney General's office for an opinion on the matter. The Board agreed that some policy on this matter should be adopted.

Vice-Chairman Brown advised of several paving projects he has planned.

Mrs. Ingle reviewed the letters to the Board to be addressed at the regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Fleet advised of a letter of commendation from Dr. Malcolm Patterson, Executive Director of TDC, regarding the working relationship of the Board of Commissioners and the TDC.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk