

REGULAR WORKSHOP

MARCH 9, 1992

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in Regular Workshop session on Monday, March 9, 1992, at 8:00 A.M., in the Walton County School Board Meeting Room.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman Robert G. Fleet, and Commissioner Wilson Holley. Commissioner W. F. Miles and Commissioner Gordon Porter were absent from the meeting. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie Bell, was also present at the meeting.

Ms. Mary Lou Reed, Private Industry Council, appeared before the Board to present three agreements for their consideration.

1. Base Agreement
2. Substate Grantee Designation
3. Designate Okaloosa County to sign EDWAA
(Economic Worker Adjustment Act)

The agreements will be presented to the Board during regular session for action.

Mr. Al Clayton, CSX Railroad, appeared before the Board to discuss the need for additional crossing signals at busy railroad crossings. Mr. Clayton advised that in October Amtrack will begin travelling through Walton County. The train will travel at a speed of 59 miles per hour. Mr. Clayton recommended that crossing signals be placed at the Showell Farms, Windham Ready Mix and the two County Shop crossings.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that six yard dumpsters range in cost from \$575 to \$650. The eight yard dumpsters range in cost from \$705 to \$757. Mr. Bell stated that a compactor garbage truck will cost \$52,000 or more. The Board instructed Mr. Bell to contact Mr. Leroy Day, Dayco, and ask for an estimate on the cost to the county for county wide garbage pickup north of the bay.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the closing took place on the property adjacent to the Health Department.

Mr. Bell was contacted by Mr. David Johnson, Department of Transportation, and advised that the driveway permit for the Freeport Industrial Park will be revised. This revision would require the Board to construct the acceleration and deceleration lanes at the time the Freeport Industrial Park expands.

Mr. Bell presented a proposed resolution to the Board that will request the Postal Service to provide one zip code for all of Walton County.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board and presented the estimates to construct the new cell at the landfill. The engineering fee will be \$19,250 and the material will cost \$287,304.95. This estimate does not include labor cost.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the federal government had passed a law that required a federal stormwater permit. The Board joined with the Florida State Association of Counties to apply for a joint permit at a lesser amount. Mr. Bell further advised that the federal government has signed a new law that does not require the permit, but a compromise may be made that would again require the permit. Mr. Bell stated that the permit at that time may cost approximately \$15,000. The Board has the option of proceeding with the joint application or not applying at this time.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that there will be a sign dedication at the Farm Center after the meeting on Tuesday.

Mr. Roy Godwin, Davidson Insurance Company, appeared before the Board and requested that the enrollment for the 125 Plan be delayed until April 1, 1992, due to the illness of Dick Lee, one of employees that would sign up Walton County Employees.

Ms. Gloria Brown advised that the new state contract prices are set for cab and chassis.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson advised the Board that Lamar Peterman, professional engineer, inspected the Teelinville Dam and stated that repairs could be made at an estimated cost of \$12,000.

Commissioner Holley advised that Bob McCaskill Drive was cut several times by Choctawhatchee Electric Co-op to install underground lines. The roads were not repaired properly and are currently in great need of resurfacing. Commissioner Holley stated that anytime a county road is cut it should be repaired to its previous state or better than it was when the project began.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:_____

SAM PRIDGEN

ATTEST:_____

CATHERINE KING, CLERK