

WORKSHOP

MARCH 25, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, March 25, 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, Commissioner Gerald Wilkerson and Commissioner Rosier E. Cuchens, Jr. The Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

The Board agreed to transfer David Chandler and Charles Knight to full-time with the maintenance department. Both individuals have signed releases waiving all rights to any past accumulated annual and sick leave. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Department, advised of two full-time dispatcher positions open. Penny Keeton and Linda Smith are the qualifying applicants. They have agreed to pay for their training. The Board discussed the two Environmental Officers, Kent Bass and Frank McCormick. Due to the Liter Control Ordinance not being in compliance, the Environmental Officers will no longer be needed. The Board discussed offering the dispatching positions to the two Environmental Officers if they qualify. The Board discussed hiring Ms. Keeton and Ms. Smith as part-time and hiring Mr. Bass and Mr. McCormick as full-time. The Board directed Ronnie Bell to contact the Sheriff's Department regarding who is to receive environmental complaints.

Mr. Barker stated that the Comprehensive Emergency Plan has been combined from three separate plans to one plan.

Mr. Barker gave an update on the Emergency Management Panel. He said things are moving along very well.

Commissioner Wilkerson requested to accept the low bidder, Skyline Steel, and purchase pilings to use on Long Creek Bridge in the amount of \$5,157.20. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Roy Petrey with Polyengineering opened the bids received for the I10 Truck Stop Wastewater Treatment Facility. The bids were as follows:

McDonald Construction Services	
Total Base Bid	\$233,866
Alternate Bid	\$245,786

Multi-State Construction

Total Base Bid	No Bid
Alternate Bid	\$186,957

T & A Utilities Contractors

Total Base Bid	\$239,358
Alternate Bid	\$229,358

The Board will review the bids.

The Board agreed to move forward with both contracts on the Truck Stop Facility.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, opened the bids received for the following projects:

WC 96-106 - District 5 sell of grader	
Donald Cloer	\$2,200

Property for sell in South Walton County

(A) North corner of Lot 3, Block A, Camp Creek Lake	
Dennis Whitcomb	\$13,510
Seacrest Partnership	\$12,051
Kenneth Canady	\$100,199.99

(B) Phase I of Seabreeze Subdivision	
Jason Stabell	\$20,526

96-106 - tractor/loader/backhoe for District 1

Coastal Machinery	No Bid
Tractor & Equipment Company	No Bid
Cowin Equipment Company	No Bid
Pensacola Ford Tractor	No Bid
Joe Money Machinery/JCB214	\$43,956.00
Thompson Tractor/416B	\$49,348.00
Beard Equipment Company/JD 310D	\$42,824.00
Berco Equipment/JCB214	\$43,373.00

96-107 - tire compactor for District 1

Coastal Machinery	No Bid
Cowin Equipment Company/PT125R	\$43,556.00
Thompson Tractor/PS130	\$46,250.00
Joe Money Machinery/Fern. SP912	\$40,128.00

This concludes the bid opening.

Robert Dobson and Ed Taylor of Gulf Power appeared before the Board to discuss a contract between Walton County and Gulf Power for underground service to the Driftwood Estates Project. A price of \$131,400 had been quoted in the planning stages before the project began. An error had been made in estimating the cost. The total cost should have been \$310,000. This is Gulf Power's mistake and they are not requesting this amount, they are asking for \$166,000 which includes the original price and the cost for removing the overhead lines that are present. A copy of the contract has been forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

Greg Preble with Preble-Rish, Inc. and Jeff Brown, County Geologist,

appeared before the Board to discuss the Walton County central landfill remedial action plan and an estimated cost for the plan.

Linda Watson, President of the Board of Directors for the Walton County Humane Society, appeared before the Board to request funds to construct a thrift building for the Humane Society. The estimated cost for the building is \$920. The Board agreed to approve \$1,000 for the Humane Society over and above their approved budget to construct a thrift shop. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ms. Watson presented a financial report for the period ending February 29, 1996.

Ms. Watson advised the Board of a problem with the contract with the City of Paxton. In the contract, cats must be preapproved by the City of Paxton to be picked up by the Humane Society, dogs are not addressed. The Humane Society received a call from the Paxton Elementary School of a mother dog growling at a child on the play ground. The dog and her puppies were immediately picked up by the Humane Society. The City of Paxton is refusing to pay for the pick-up because they were not notified prior to the pick-up. The Board agreed to direct the County Attorney to review the contract and determine if the school falls under a City or County authority.

Ed Moreau presented a draft resolution in support of a hospital and Emergency Medical Center to be constructed in South Walton County.

Dede Hinote, Deputy Clerk, presented a bill from Coggins Insurance Agency in the amount of \$6,730 to renew insurance policies for the Mossy Head/Oakwood Hills Volunteer Fire Department for fiscal year 1996-97. The Board agreed to approve the bill for payment and place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the Walton County Juvenile Justice Council will be holding a meeting on March 27, 1996, at 3:00 P.M., in the Juvenile Justice Office in the McHenry Insurance building.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the HRS District One Health and Human Services Board is holding a workshop on March 26, 1996, at the Chautauqua Neighborhood Center to receive public comment on social services needed.

Mr. Bell presented the February monthly work squad report generated by the staff at Walton Correctional Institute. The report covers all work squads placed in Walton County. The prison inmates worked 7,025 man-hours on Board projects at a dollar savings of \$29,856.25 for the month of February.

Mr. Bell received a letter from Perry Jackson, Community Development

Manager, requesting that DCT Student, Shontale Johnson, be allowed to work during the summer, approximately twelve weeks, 40 hours per week at \$4.25 per hour. The cost to the County would be \$2040. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Chairman Porter directed Mr. Hudson to determine if the county can recycle metal at a lower cost than Cumba is charging the County.

Mrs. Hinote presented bills from Hot Mix Transports for road repair in District 5 due to Hurricane Opal. The bills are for \$5,435.28, \$15,898.02 and \$3,885.22. The Board agreed to approve the bills for payment and place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to increase Edward Teal's salary to \$9.00 per hour. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

John Edwards from Thompson Tractor appeared before the Board to commend the work of Ernie Montgomery, Shop Supervisor, and the Shop employees for their excellent upkeep on BCC 1784 (320 Cat Excavator) and county equipment. Repair to the 320 Cat Excavator will be covered under warranty.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk