

REGULAR WORKSHOP

APRIL 8, 1991

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop session on Monday, April 8, 1991, at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Gordon Porter and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Art Hatten, Walton County Environmental Health Officer, appeared before the Board and advised that the State has mandated inspections on underground tanks. Mr. Hatten stated that there are two agencies qualified to perform the inspections. They are the Department of Environmental Regulations and the Escambia County Environmental Health Officer. Mr. Hatten recommended the Escambia County Environmental Health Officer. Mr. Hatten introduced Dick Dunlap, Escambia County Environmental Health Officer, to answer questions the Board may have. Mr. Hatten advised the Board that the Department of Environmental Regulation would finance the program. Mr. Hatten advised that he needs a letter stating the Board's decision. Chairman Pridgen advised that the Board would make a decision at the Regular Meeting on April 9, 1991.

Mr. Charlie Day, Chairman of the Walton County Fire Board, appeared before the Board and gave an annual report on seven of the fire departments located within Walton County. Mr. Day advised that the seven fire departments responded to 561 fires during 1990.

Mr. Ocie C. Allen, Jr., representing a group of businessmen, appeared before the Board to request that a resolution be adopted appointing him as a liaison to secure adoption of legislation for the Department of Corrections pursuant to Chapters 944, 945, 946 of the Florida Statutes. This legislation would allow a private prison to be constructed in Walton County to house Federal and State prisoners. Walton County would have no liability. The Board will consider the Resolution at the meeting on April 9, 1991. Mr. Bell recommended that the Economic Development Director and the Industrial Development Authority study the proposal and make a recommendation to the Board.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor,

advised the Board that three final plats will be presented to the Board on the April 9 meeting. They are as follows: Fox Den, Vizcaya, and Callie Shores.

Mr. Gordon Williams, North Walton Mosquito Control Director, by letter advised the Board of a problem with Mosquitoes breeding in wooded areas where garbage and old tires are being dumped.

Mr. Bell gave a report to the Board on costs to line the solid waste cells at the landfill.

Mr. Donald Kent, Thompson Tractor and Equipment Company, appeared before the Board and presented a ten minute VCR demonstration on a new grader bit system. The new grader bit system will be demonstrated on the roads in each district.

Commissioner Fleet suggested that the Department of Transportation study the need for a traffic light at highway 30A West and highway 98.

Chairman Pridgen appointed Gordon Porter to serve on the Florida Roads Association.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine King, Clerk