

WORKSHOP

APRIL 8, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, April 8, 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 Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Mr. Dave Raymond, of Musco Floor Coverings, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed ordinance prohibiting all trucks, three axles or larger, from traveling on Holiday Road in the Chapparrel Subdivision. Mr. Raymond stated that if the proposed ordinance is passed it would put him out of business. Commissioner Cuchens stated that the semi trucks are blocking the road for passersby.

Mike Judkins, surrounding property owner, suggested a possible solution. Mr. Judkins stated that there is a vacant lot behind the businesses that is for sell. The three business owners, Musco Carpets, Emerald Coast Motor Sports and L & M Seafood, could purchase the lot and construct a semi truck turn around.

Mr. A.O. Campbell, representing Walton Regional Hospital, appeared before the Board to present a resolution stating that the Board of County Commissioners supports the efforts of Walton Regional Hospital in obtaining a Certificate of Need for the construction of a replacement facility at a new site. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Albert Milton, representing GRIT, appeared before the Board to review the Drug Free Workplace Policy. Sue Carter, Tax Collector, stated that she has her own Drug Free Policy which excludes random drug testing. The Board agreed that they would like to have all county employees randomly tested because the Department of Transportation requires that individuals holding a CDL license be randomly tested. The Board agreed to have the County Attorney review the policy.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, presented an invoice from First Communications in the amount of \$7011.40 to relocate the tower that was on Church Street which was destroyed due to Hurricane Opal. This will be

reimbursed from FEMA. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Barker stated that Penny Keaton has enrolled in dispatcher school and requests to be hired as a full-time 911 dispatcher.

Mr. Barker presented a draft Litter/Nuisance Ordinance along with a copy of the old ordinance. Mr. Barker stated that he drafted the proposed ordinance directly in accordance with Florida Statutes. Commissioner Harris asked why the Sheriff's Department could not enforce litter complaints. Mr. Bell stated that when the final order from the judge is received stating that our Litter/Nuisance Ordinance is not valid, we will no longer have a Nuisance Ordinance. Chairman Porter stated that the county needs a Nuisance Ordinance. Chairman Porter asked Mr. Barker to wait on hiring Ms. Keaton as a full-time dispatcher until something is worked out with the Environmental Officers.

Brad Trusty, representing the Sheriff's Department, requested that the Drug Grant be continued for another year. The Grant is a matching grant in the amount of \$72,238. The State monitors the expenditures. The Board agreed to approve the application to request the grant funds. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board recessed briefly.

Judge Thomas Remington voiced his gratitude to the Board for the new courtroom.

Tom Powell, Director of the Economic Development Council, requested that the Board adopt a resolution supporting the dredging of LaGrange Bayou. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Hilton Galloway, of Carr, Galloway, Lolley and Averett Accounting Firm, appeared before the Board to present the 1995-96 CAFR Report, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the audit on the Humane Society for the Board's review.

Mr. Galloway suggested that the Humane Society be on a funds reimbursement policy such as the issuance of purchase orders due to the lack of controls in the staff.

Judi Rutland advised the Board of the second clean-up effort in Eastern Lake to be held on April 27, 1996 and asked for the Boards help and support.

Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, presented a letter from Jeff Brown regarding the testing practices of Geos, Inc. Due to the contents of the letter, the Board agreed to terminate the contract with Geos, Inc.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Chairman Porter stated that he spoke with John Edwards, representative of Thompson Tractor, regarding warranty coverage of the CAT Excavator, BCC 1784. Chairman Porter stated that Mr. Edwards explained that not all repairs to the excavator would be covered under warranty because water was found on top of the piston. The Board agreed to get back with Mr. Edwards regarding the matter.

Kassy Keyes gave an Ecosystem Team update. Ms. Keyes suggested that the Board appoint a Board member to serve as the liaison of the GIS Committee.

Roy Petery with Polyengineering appeared before the Board to recommend the Board accept the low bid from Multi-State Corporation in the amount of \$186,957.00 for the I-10 Truck Stop Waste Water Treatment Facility and Effluent Disposal Project. This item will be placed on the consent agenda. The Board agreed to allow Chairman Porter to attend a pre-construction meeting with Okaloosa Asphalt.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, submitted a letter regarding the job duties performed by the paint striping crew for the months of March and April, 1996.

Wally Bair stated that Walton County needs an occupational license ordinance. Discussion followed. Mr. Bair stated that there is much debris in Draper Lake which needs to be removed.

Linda Potter, Americorp Volunteer, presented the first issue of the Walton County Commissioners' Newsletter for the Board to review.

Commissioner Wilkerson advised that he obtained a right-of-entry agreement to repair Oakwood Lake Blvd. on an emergency basis. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Wilkerson stated that he needs help in clearing and burning the debris from the ARC property located on Highway 83.

Commissioner Wilkerson stated that Jim Cosson needs a truck to haul the welding crew and equipment. This matter was tabled.

Commissioner Wilkerson stated that the equipment used to drive piling is in bad shape.

Commissioner Wilkerson suggested to accept the low bid from Sabel Steel in the amount of \$10,089.99 for steel to be used on Long Road Bridge. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board

that Dale Peterson is requesting a determination of allowable use to construct miniwarehouses off Highway 98. The Board agreed to go look at the proposed site.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that a subcommittee needs to be appointed from the Scenic 98 Committee.

Mr. Bell advised of a letter from Charles Lundy, Supervisor Delinquency Case Management of the Department of Juvenile Justice, requesting a four door vehicle to transport juvenile offenders, such as a Jeep Cherokee, if one becomes available.

Mr. Bell advised of a letter from Jim Davis, Post Commander VFW Post 4437, requesting that the County assist them in paving the parking lot at their VFW Post. They are a not-for-profit organization and are willing to pay for the materials to accomplish the paving.

Mr. Bell advised that the Prison has two recent letters from Districts three and four, requesting that the Prison Crews in those Districts work four days a week, ten hours a day. They are presently working five days a week, eight hours a day. This will have all Districts except District two working four days a week.

Mr. Bell stated that he spoke with Sara Coe, Senior Highway Safety Specialist with the Division of Drivers License, regarding the certification of County truck drivers with CDL licenses. Ms. Coe suggested that the Board consider certifying one person in the County and become a Third Party Examiner. She has sent an agreement for the Board to execute between the County and the Division of Drivers License. The cost to train and certify individuals would be \$800 and could be accomplished at Washington-Holmes Vo-Tech Center.

Mr. Bell stated that he received a request and petition from C.R. Carlson, resident of San Juan Avenue in Seagrove Beach, requesting that San Juan Avenue be limited to residential traffic only and to prohibit trucks weighting in excess of two tons.

Mr. Bell presented a brief overview of the predicted 1996 Hurricane Season as predicted by Dr. Gray.

Mr. Bell advised that he received a request from Channel 13, Panhandle Pride, to utilize the Courthouse steps and front lawn on May 13 to hold a broadcast. If it rains they request to use the front foyer of the Courthouse. The Board agreed to grant permission if the County Attorney approves.

The Board agreed to extend the landfill recycling building. The cost is approximately \$10,435. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to hire two part-time employees to work in the Courthouse Maintenance Department at an hourly wage of \$5.00 per hour each. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell opened the bids as advertised for a new diesel tractor with mid mount articulated boom rotary cutter for District 3. The bids are as follows:

Tractor and Equipment Company	No Bid
Coastal Machinery	No Bid
Pensacola Ford	No Bid
Beard Equipment Company	\$40,994.01
J. D. Swearington	\$35,819.80
J. D. Swearington	\$38,704.55

This concludes the bids received.

The Board approved the following bills for payment:

1. Ingram Signalization in the amount of \$15,000 for repair to the traffic signal at Highway 98 and Silver Sands.
2. H.D. Edgar, Inc. in the amount of \$5,889.95 for asphalt in District 5 due to Hurricane Opal.
3. H.D. Edgar, Inc. in the amount of \$9,090.40 for asphalt in District 5 due to Hurricane Opal.
4. H.D. Edgar, Inc. in the amount of \$8,026.70 for asphalt in District 5 due to Hurricane Opal.
5. H.D. Edgar, Inc. in the amount of \$8,625.10 for asphalt in District 5 due to Hurricane Opal.
6. H.D. Edgar, Inc. in the amount of \$17,503.75 for asphalt in District 5 due to Hurricane Opal.
7. First Communications in the amount of \$7,236.50 for walkie talkies for Emergency Management.

The Board agreed to place these items on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris stated that the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department requested to utilize the county shop to repair one of their fire trucks. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk