

WORKSHOP

APRIL 10, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, April 10, 1995 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 Johnnie Moore, and Commissioner Rosier E. Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter opened the Workshop for discussions.

Rick Sutton, representing the Walton County Sheriff Department, presented the Board with a Certification of Participation requesting the County to serve as the coordinating unit of government in the Department of Community Affairs' Drug Control and System Improvement Program. The Board agreed to allow Chairman Porter execute the Certification and to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board that the retaining wall has been completed on the nine lot subdivision of Grayton Beach Front Development. The Board agreed to release \$9,684.00 which was held in escrow for the cost of the retaining wall. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Williams reminded the Board of a Public Hearing to be held on April 18, 1995 at 1:00 P.M. to discuss the KPM Limited (Edgewater) Project DRI.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that approximately 578 certified notices were mailed in a period of one month by the Planning Department. Mrs. Williams suggested that the developer be responsible for mailing the notices due to extreme cost to the Planning Department.

Commissioner Cuchens arrived at the meeting.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised the Board that the estimated cost for paving, constructing a bike-path, leveling and resurfacing approximately 13 miles on Highway 30 A, leveling, resurfacing, and widening Highway 83, Highway 393, and Highway 395 is approximately 1.5 million dollars. Commissioner Harris suggested to group District 1 road work bids with these four projects.

Mr. Bell read the results of the short-list of engineering firms

applying for the Walton County Engineering position as follows: Sims Design Consultants, Peterman Engineering and Associates, and Preble-Rish. The Board agreed to meet on April 18, 1995 at 1:30 P.M. to rank the three firms.

Mr. Bell presented the Board with a request from Chief John B. Miller to purchase a list of equipment for the Mossy Head/Oakwood Hills Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$3,616.79. The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bell presented the Board with a letter from Kenneth and Victoria Foust regarding leasing or selling two buildings, 20,000 and 24,000 square feet of office space located in the Emerald Coast Plaza. The Board agreed that Mr. Bell and Commissioner Cuchens should meet with Mr. and Mrs. Foust to discuss the offer.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of a Small County Coalition Meeting to be held in Tallahassee on April 12, 1995 from 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. All five commissioners agreed to attend.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the funds received from FEMA for the flood damage will end on January 1, 1996.

Mr. Bell presented a resolution requesting that Walton County be a collaborative partner in the Americorps Okaloosa-Walton Project. The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a resolution requesting that the Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Board seek Request for Proposals from firms or organizations wanting to provide transportation to the disadvantaged of Walton County. The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bell opened the bids received for Bid Number 95-108: paving of Highway 0605 located in District 2. The bids were as follows:

Couch Construction			
S-1 Asphalt	4825 tons	\$36.00 per ton	\$173,700.00
Tack	5000 gallons	\$ 1.00 per gal	\$ 5,000.00
Total Bid			\$178,700.00
Florida Asphalt and Paving Company			
S-1 Asphalt	4825 tons	\$48.42 per ton	\$233,626.50
Tack	5000 gallons	\$ 1.00 per gal	\$ 5,000.00
Total Bid			\$238,626.50
Panhandle Grading and Paving			
S-1 Asphalt	4825 tons	\$38.60 per ton	\$186,245.00
Tack	5000 gallons	\$ 1.08 per gal	\$ 5,400.00
Total Bid			\$191,645.00

Vice-Chairman Pridgen requested to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Couch, in the amount of \$178,700.00. The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bell opened the bids received for Bid Number 95-109:  
paving of Sexton Road located in District 3. The bids were as follows:

Couch Construction			
S-1 Asphalt	535 tons	\$39.85 per ton	\$21,319.75
Primer	1000 gallons	\$ 2.00 per gal	\$ 2,000.00
Total Bid			\$23,319.75
Panhandle Grading and Paving			
S-1 Asphalt	535 tons	\$38.60 per ton	\$20,651.00
Primer	1000 gallons	\$ 3.55 per gal	\$ 3,550.00
Total Bid			\$24,201.00

Commissioner Moore requested to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Couch Construction Company in the amount of \$23,319.75. The Board agreed to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that a bid for Bid Number 95-106 from FLEETCO was received late and that the bid will be returned unopened.

Chairman Porter directed Mr. Hudson to look into the cost of purchasing an asphalt plant for the County.

Mr. Bell presented the Board with a Beach Permit Variance request from Jack Blair Jr. to launch his boat at Grayton Beach. The Board agreed to issue Mr. Blair a Beach Permit Variance and place this item on the Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to award Bid Number 95-107, one new Skid Steer Loader for the Landfill, to Allsouth Machinery & Supply in the amount of \$29,046.00 and place this item on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bell stated that the low bidder was Beard Equipment in the amount of \$27,900.00 but the bid proposal was not signed; therefore, the bid package was incomplete. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the old loader will be kept at the Landfill as a spare.

The Board discussed raising the amount for indigent burials from \$200.00 to \$450.00. Mr. Bell stated that \$200.00 would not cover the cost for cremation in Walton County nor in the surrounding counties. Mr. Bell stated that Jerry Godwin would perform the cremation for \$450.00. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Josephine Wright, owner of a piece of property at the end of Ellis Drive, has not cleaned-up the dump area on the property. The Board agreed to table this issue and discuss with the County Attorney tomorrow.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Roger White will attend the meeting

tomorrow to discuss the Mossy Head Truck Stop.

Mr. Bell advised the Board with concerns that the grader operator employees have with AT&T Underground Utility Companies.

Commissioner Harris advised the Board that J.W. Adkinson is willing to donate top soil with grass to District 1. Commissioner Harris stated that he would obtain a Right-of-Entry Agreement from Mr. Adkinson. Commissioner Harris stated that Kirby Rushing would like to donate mulk to District 1 and that he would also submit a Right-of-Entry Agreement.

Commissioner Harris requested to waive the bid procedure and purchase a F150 full size truck off Bid Number 95-119 from Orville Beckford Ford in the amount of \$11,400.00. The Board agreed to confer with the County Attorney at tomorrow's meeting.

Commissioner Harris stated that Dorothy Green contacted him regarding problems with dogs in her neighborhood. Mr. Bell stated that the Humane Society charges \$4.00 for each dog that they pick-up. Commissioner Harris asked if the cost could be taken from the individual districts in which the complaints are filed.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that he wishes to refuse the bids received for the District 5 dump trucks.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that property owners of Eastern Lake Subdivision claim to own an easement on their property, but he thinks the County owns the easement. The Board agreed to confer with the County Attorney.

Jordan Brooks, representing Blount and Parrish Investment Brokers, presented an affordable housing program. The Board agreed to approve the Program and 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