

WORKSHOP

APRIL 24, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a workshop session on Monday, April 24, 1995, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Vice-Chairman Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore, Commissioner Rosier E. Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Lel Czeck, representing the West Florida Regional Planning Council, appeared before the Board to present a Certification to Florida Housing Finance Agency and a Resolution renewing the county's participation in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. The Board agreed to place both items on the Consent Agenda.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, presented the Board with the March 911 call statistics consisting of 639 total calls.

The Board agreed to advertise a Public Hearing to be held on May 9, 1995 regarding the Addressing Ordinance. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to reimburse Districts One and Three budget for contract labor employees working on FEMA (flood) paperwork. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Matt Douglass, EMS Director, appeared before the Board to request two older model ambulances be declared surplus property. Vice-Chairman Pridgen stated that he could use the 1985 model F350 diesel. Commissioner Moore stated that he could use the 1984 van. Mr. Douglass stated that he has three radios which is no longer certified to be declared surplus property and that Mr. James York from the Florala Rescue Squad requested that they be donated to him. The Board agreed to declare the three radios as surplus property and donate to the Florala Rescue Squad. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, presented the Board with a list of Competency Board volunteers.

The Board agreed to advertise a Public Hearing to be held on June 13, 1995 at 8:40 A.M., to consider an Idle Speed-No Wake Zone Ordinance for Basin Bayou. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Williams stated that Dr. Peter Cimmino has placed a gate obstructing a public easement to the beach. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would meet with George Miller, County Attorney, regarding having the gate removed.

Mrs. Williams stated that the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Board direct the Scenic 98 Group to readdress the restrictions on new construction in South Walton and lift the moratorium.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, opened the bids for Bid Number 95-110, wheel loader for District 1, as follows:

Cowin Inc.	No Bid
Tractor & Equipment	No Bid
Beard Equipment	No Bid
Thompson Tractor	\$187,458.00 cash price
	\$ 79,458.00 with trade in

Commissioner Harris stated that he would like to table awarding this bid.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution supporting the City of DeFuniak Springs' Enterprise Zone designation. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Thomas Mansperger regarding objecting to nudity on the beach.

Mr. Bell presented a proposal from Roger Wright regarding D & H Oil Company to be discussed at the Public Hearing on May 9th.

The Board agreed to redesignate the position of Executive Director of the Housing Department to Senior Management Services Class, under the Florida Retirement System. This increases the retirement benefits from 17.65% to 24.54%. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to approve a proposal to the Department of Corrections to house a prison annex on county property adjacent to the Walton County Correctional Institute. Approximately 200 new jobs will be created. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to approve a letter with the Corp of Engineers regarding the 500 year flood elevation request on the Choctawhatchee River.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board of a Public Hearing scheduled for May 30th to amend the Utility Ordinance.

The Board agreed to readvertise for a Public Hearing regarding the abandonment request by Allan Williams. The adopted resolution was not timely filed in the Clerk's Office; therefore, a new Public Hearing must be scheduled. The Board will assume the cost for advertising. This item will

be placed on the Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to approve a maintenance agreement with the Department of Transportation for the traffic light located at the intersection of Highway 98 and 393. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to approve projects by the Soil Conservation Service located on T.R. Miller Road, Price Road No. 2, Indian Creek Road No. 6, and Indian Creek Road No. 7. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to pay the bills for advertising the county auction out of County Wide funds. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Wally Bier, representing the South Walton Community Council, appeared before the Board to request that the moratorium on new construction located on Highway 98 remain in place and direct the Scenic 98 Committee to reconstruct the restrictions placed on new development.

Mr. Bell stated that he would like to state for the record that his relationship with the new Assistant Building Official is third cousin, not second, and that he withdrew from reviewing Mr. Bearden's application. Mr. Bearden was hired by the Board.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Vice-Chairman Sam Pridgen

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk