

WORKSHOP

APRIL 26, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, April 26, 1993, at 8:00 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

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

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussion.

Mr. Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, appeared before the Board and presented an up-date on the progress of the 911 emergency number. Mr. Barker stated that the emergency 911 number is in operation for testing. The number should be on-line by the end of this month. Mr. Barker advised the Board that \$9,657.09 remains in the boat improvements grant fund. Mr. Barker stated that there are three landfill grants: 1. Small County Grant with \$25,000.00 remaining, 2. Waste Tire Grant with \$6,644.00 remaining, and 3. Recycling Education Grant with \$80,200.27 remaining. Mr. Barker stated that \$84,986.00 was awarded to Walton County to be used as an Anti-Drug Abuse Grant.

Mr. Charles McMillian, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, appeared before the Board and presented a report and photographs of the damage at the Flowersview Community Center. The Board agreed that prisoners could possibly be utilized to perform the repair work.

Mr. McMillian also presented the Board with a report and photographs of the damage at the New Harmony Community Center which the Board agreed to be repaired.

Mr. McMillian advised the Board of the cost to install three new 7 1/2 ton heating and cooling units on the roof of the Agriculture Building. The cost is approximately \$3,415.00 for each unit.

Mr. Rick Marcum, Economic Development Council Executive Director, appeared before the Board and advised of a potential location of an Intentional Therapeutic Center beside the Lewis Bear facility on Highway 90 West.

Mr. Jack Huggins, Chairman of the Economic Development Council, read a letter of resignation from Mr. Rick Marcum to the Board.

Ms. Dianne Ruanne from the Health and Rehabilitative Services, advised the Board that the location of the Juvenile Detention Center on Highway 81 in Ponce De Leon is no longer suitable due to the land being zoned as conservation. Ms. Ruanne stated that an alternative site is being located.

Mr. Kelvin Wells, Attorney representing the residents of Wall Street and Pampano Street, thanked the Board for visiting the Wall Street beach access last Saturday. The Board discussed installing tow-away signs along Pampano and Wall Streets to alleviate the public parking situation.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, presented a letter from the Walton County Art League requesting to utilize the Farmer's Market facility for the Fall Festival.

Mr. Bill Lawing, Architectural Manager for Carlan Consulting Group, Inc., appeared before the Board to answer questions regarding the Courthouse renovation and expansion project. Mr. Lawing presented an estimate of \$3,246,100.00 for the renovation of the existing Courthouse, demolition of the old jail building, and new construction onto the existing Courthouse. Discussion followed.

Mr. Gordon Williams, Mosquito Control Director, appeared before the Board and advised that the North Walton Mosquito Control has five flow control meters and three tackographs which are no longer being used. Mr. Williams stated that the equipment has been placed on State bid but no one responded. Mr. Williams advised the Board that he would like to donate the equipment to the Town of Iron City in Georgia.

Mr Bell advised the Board of a letter received from Mr. Paul McCartney, Senior Vice-President of Carlan Consulting Group, Inc., stating that during construction of the new landfill cell number one, the non-woven fabric between the plastic liners was exposed to the weather during a rainfall situation and a portion of the fabric became saturated. Mr. McCartney further stated in his letter that neither the contractor nor he believes that the liner has been breached, and therefore, he is not recommending that the contractor, at his expense, be allowed to plug the leachate collection system, allow the hole to fill with water, and apply special dye to the water in the hole. Mr. McCartney stated that if dye then shows up in the leak detection system, the contractor will be required to locate, uncover, and repair the leak or leaks in the primary liner. Mr. McCartney further stated in his letter that if, after a reasonable period of time, no dye is detected in the leak detection manhole, then we, as engineers, would recommend to the

County that they accept the completed landfill for use. Mr. McCartney also suggested that landfill personnel monitor the leak detection manhole in the following manner:

1. Pump the leak detection manhole dry and record the day and time.
2. At one week intervals, measure the depth of water in the manhole and once again pump the manhole dry.
3. Repeat the process each week for 8 to 10 weeks (even after dye testing) and maintain good records.
4. Record all rainfall during this test period. If greater depths are noted in the manhole after rainfall experiences, this would also indicate a leak. On the other hand, if depths in the manhole continue to decrease, it will be an indication that drainage is merely from its original saturated condition.

The letter concluded by Mr. McCartney stating that he believes that this is a fair way to resolve the issue for all concerned; however, the dye is expensive.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Mr. Ed Fleming, Attorney representing the residents of Mary Street, requested that the Board delay the public hearing regarding the Gulf Dunes Lane Abandonment until May 11, 1993.

Mr. Bell further advised the Board that due to the State's reclassification of the Section 8 Housing Department, the Workers' Compensation Insurance has increased approximately \$2,000.00. Mr. Bell stated that Mrs. Wamble does not have the funds in her budget to cover this expense.

Vice-Chairman Porter advised the Board that Bettie Slay, Director of Tri-County Community Council, requested a load of dirt be hauled to the parking lot and and that the Board repair the fence in the back of the building.

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

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk