

WORKSHOP

APRIL 27, 1992

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, April 27, 1992 at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman Robert G. Fleet, Commissioner W. F. Miles, Commissioner Gordon Porter, and Commissioner Wilson Holley. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussions.

Mr. Buddy Lawrence from the Division of Forestry, advised the Board of a legislative bill anticipated to be passed eliminating 73 full-time tower employees. Mr. Lawrence suggested hiring a few part-time positions to man the towers. Walton County presently has four tower positions. Ms. Ruth Garrett's position at the Argyle tower is expected to be terminated.

Glory Brown, Purchasing Agent, requests the Board, in tomorrow's regular meeting, waive the bid procedure and purchase a 1992 Mac dump truck from Gulf Coast Truck and Equipment Company for \$58,073.55. This price is less than the State bid price of \$59,243.00.

Mr. J. D. Gray of Gulf Coast Truck and Equipment Company, presented the Board with the option of municipal leasing as an alternative for equipment financing.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised that Mr. Paul McCartney, of Barrett, Daffin and Carlin Consulting Firm, recommends the Board reject all Landfill expansion bids.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Mr. Raymond Powers is on the agenda for tomorrow's Regular Meeting to discuss the junk yard that is located on the corner of Highway 85 and Shady Lane.

Mr. Bell further advised of a letter from Mr. James Van Zandt, with the Parks and Recreational Council (PARC), requesting the Board approve the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant of \$100,000.00 for which they applied.

The Board discussed purchasing a bailer for the County Landfill

recycling project. A high density bailer will cost approximately \$125,000.00. Mr. Bell stated that \$93,652.13 is remaining in the recycling fund.

Mr. Bell advised that the Private Industrial Council (PIC) is requesting the Board place low income applicants to work 6 to 8 weeks through July 31.

Commissioner Miles stated that he feels a typing test should not be given at the High School this year.

The Board directed Mr. Bell to meet with Mr. Jay McDaniel to discuss utilizing the Fairground Building for distributing commodities, and any other purpose of a similar nature as presented by the Board.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board that Mr. James Hagan requested to use the Courthouse parking lot to distribute clothes to the needy on May 9.

Mrs. Ingle, further advised of two deeds to be accepted by the Board at tomorrow's Regular Meeting.

Mr. Bell opened the proposals for the County Landfill as follows:

1. Argus Services
2. Reuter Inc.
3. BFI Waste Systems
4. Kimmins Industrial Service Corp.
5. Bedminster Bio-Conversion Corp.
6. Environmental Waste Services

Mr. Hilton Galloway, County Auditor, presented the Board with a general overview of the financial report for Walton County.

Mr. Galloway stated that the General Revenue Fund declined 1.7 million dollars to subsidize for the hospital. Ambulance Billing increased \$327,921.00, Fine & Forfeiture declined \$362,000.00, Landfill expenditures increased \$300,000.00 due to grants received.

The Board asked if any changes need to be made. Mr. Galloway suggested Engineering and Special Law Enforcement Trust. These were the only two exceptions that did not comply.

Mrs. Catherine King, Clerk of Circuit Court, presented a Certificate for Achievement for Excellent Financial Reporting plaque which she accepted as Comptroller for Walton County.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

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

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

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

Catherine King, Clerk