

REGULAR WORKSHOP

APRIL 29, 1991

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop session on Monday, April 29, 1991, 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 W. F. Miles, Commissioner Gordon Porter, Commissioner Wilson Holley, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell and the County's Attorney, Mr. George R. Miller, were also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, addressed the Board regarding the Rex Compactor at the landfill. Mr. Mark Uszuko, from Tractor and Equipment Company, advised the Board that to remove and rebuild the complete transmission, remove the radiator, install a new core, refill with coolant, remove all four wheels and reskin inside and compaction side of wheels, weld on new maganese cleats and reinstall wheels, check complete machine for proper operation and adjust to manufacturing specification, the parts and labor will cost \$19,778.30. The Board agreed to speak with Mr. Ernie Montgomery, Shop foreman, in tomorrow's Regular Meeting concerning the conditions of the compactor. Mr. Uszuko agreed to extend the warranty from 60 days to 6 months. Vice-Chairman Miles suggested that a repair cost as well as a new cost should be given by the companies asking for the bid on County equipment and vehicles in the future.

Mr. Dec Currie, Purchasing Agent, advised the Board of bid results for hauling clay to Hinote Road in District 4. The bids were as follows: Bullard Excavating, \$55,380.00 and Okaloosa Asphalt, \$57,084.00.

Mr. Currie also advised the Board of the bids for a Backhoe for District 4 as follows: Pensacola Ford Tractor a/k/a Ford New Holland, \$26,241.00; Beard Equipment Company, \$27,984.91; Beard Equipment Company, \$29,713.92; Joe Money Machinery, \$32,510.00; Coastal Machinery Company, \$27,964.00; Thompson Tractor Company, \$40,026.00.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board that Mr. Stephen Brown would be appearing before the Board at the Regular Meeting regarding his disapproval of a trailer lot being installed next to his property. Mrs. Williams advised the Board that Mr. Jim Walton, adjacent property owner to Mr. Brown, had a valid permit to install trailers on his property.

Mr. Bell, Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board of an upcoming event that will take place on May 11, 1991 from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.. Waste Recyclers C and D Landfill of Freeport, Florida will be disposing of all white goods if any interested person would like to donate white goods to be recycled.

Mr. Bell also advised the Board of the results of the bids for the construction of the Walton County Health Unit building. The results were as follows: McCormick Construction, Bid No. 1, \$166,771.00, Bid No. 2, \$137,943.00; Kirby Rushing, Bid No. 1, \$145,000.00, Bid No. 2, \$125,000.00; Destin Builders, Inc., Bid No. 1, \$179,618.00, Bid No. 2, \$143,324.00; Alford Construction Company, Bid No. 1, \$124,840.00, Bid No. 2, \$103,900.00.

Commissioner Holley advised the Board of his concern with the cost of providing a Birthing Center at the Walton County Health Department. A three year contract for an obstetrician and two midwives will cost 1.3 million dollars.

Mr. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised of a need to have the property adjacent to the Walton County Health Department appraised for the purpose of constructing a larger parking area.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Centel Cellular wants to put a tower in Walton County.

Mr. Bell advised the Board to renew the contract agreement with the Department of Corrections for Ambulance Services for one year.

Commissioner Fleet advised the Board of a request from Seaside Community Development Corporation for a Fireworks Permit.

Commissioner Holley advised the Board that he and Mr. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, visited with the Okaloosa Correctional Institute regarding Walton County working a crew of prisoners. Commissioner Holley stated that the County could work a crew of 6 men for 4 to 10 hours a day.

Commissioner Porter advised the Board that the cost for Washington County to close their landfill was \$2.2 million dollars.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board that the rent for the Farmer's Home Administration Office was \$3.68 per square foot. Mrs. Ingle stated that the rent could be raised to \$8.00 per square foot for office space and \$2.00 for centrally used space and Walton County would remain the low bidder.

Mr. Ken Moneghan of Bliss McKnight Agency, appeared before the Board to announce that the FACT Program is doing very well.

The Board convened into the Special Session regarding installing a Communications Tower in Walton County.

Sheriff Quinn McMillian appeared before the Board and advised the Board of Centel Cellular's conditions on installing the tower. Centel will build the new tower at their expense, will purchase and install new coaxial cables and antennas for the Walton County Sheriff's Department. Centel will provide \$3,000.00 in equipment to the Sheriff's Department at no cost with the Sheriff making the choice as to types of telephones. Sheriff McMillian agreed to hook these phones up to Centel Services. Centel will provide building space for repeaters and attach the repeaters to the generator system and pay for the power. Centel also agreed to sign an easement with Walton County paying \$5,000.00 for the easement with a reverter agreement that should the tower be abandoned, it becomes the property of the County. Vice-Chairman Miles advised that an agreement should be signed by Mr. Green, property owner, for an easement to use his property for the tower.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to accept the agreement to install the Communications Tower. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Holley, to adjourn.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk

