

WORKSHOP

MAY 10, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, May 10, 1993, at 8:30 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 and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens. The Board Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussion.

Mr. Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, advised the Board of three landfill grant applications which need to be signed. The small county grant increased to \$50,000.00.

Mr. Barker further advised the Board that the Department of Environmental Regulations ceased funding a hazardous waste amnesty day. The Board has the option to enter into an interlocal agreement with Okaloosa County and utilize their contractor. Okaloosa County can then apply for a grant to return a portion of the monies spent. Walton County's portion of the cost will be approximately \$4,000.00 out of a total of approximately \$15,000.00.

Mr. Barker introduced Mr. Jim Dombroski to the Board. Mr. Dombroski served on the Search and Rescue Squad which is no longer in operation. Mr. Dombroski stated that he can not be responsible for the Jaws of Life tool. The City of DeFuniak Springs has the tool on the rear of a fire truck. The car in which the tool was kept is no longer in operation. The car is titled to the Board of County Commissioners and is still insured by the County. The Board agreed to cancel the insurance on the vehicle if it is no longer in operation.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised that the Governor has approved the \$18,000.00 for the South Walton Plan. Mrs. Williams stated that the Department of Community Affairs will draft the Articles of Incorporation for the Planning Committee.

Sheriff Quinn McMillian appeared before the Board to answer questions regarding his 1992-93 budget. A considerable short-fall has occurred in the projected federal inmate revenues. Mrs. Ingle advised that funds derived from the tax sales and traffic fines will make up a portion of the

difference. Discussion followed regarding a solution to acquiring the short in funds.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised of a letter from Mr. Joel Montgomery, Walton Regional Hospital Administrator, stating that pursuant to the lease agreement, it is the hospital's intent to replace existing telemetry equipment by entering into a lease purchase agreement with a total value of approximately \$125,000.00.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. David Kramer, South Walton resident, regarding the Emergency Ordinance passed by the Board on April 27, 1993. The ordinance referred to placing no parking signs along Wall Street and Pompano Street in South Walton County. Mr. Kramer stated in his letter that he will oppose any limitation of the beach access in the area known as Inlet Beach.

Mr. Truitt Senterfit, resident of Pampano Street, appeared before the Board and voiced his objection to the Emergency Ordinance as well. Mr. Senterfit stated that there is a sixty-six foot right-of-way on Wall Street which supplies adequate parking space for the public. Mr. Senterfit stated that a dune walk-over is needed at the Wall Street public beach access.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. Larry R. Arrington, District Extension Director for the University of Florida's Cooperative Extension Service, stating that Mrs. Rebecca Parker, 4-H Coordinator for Walton County, has been promoted in recognition for her outstanding leadership and programs in Walton County. This promotion is a change in title from Rank I to Rank II in her position. Mr. Arrington stated in his letter that the monetary value placed on this promotion is \$1,000.00 and that they intend to increase Mrs. Parker's salary by \$640.00, which represents the percentage of salary that they are paying. Mr. Arrington requests and recommends that Walton County consider a salary adjustment of \$360.00, in addition to the increment of the cost of living increase to all county employees. This suggested special adjustment is based on the salary that is currently being paid and would provide the agent with an increase for her promotion comparable to that being given to other Extension Agents throughout Florida. The effective date of promotion is August 13, 1993.

Mr. Bell presented a letter written to Mr. Estus Whitfield, Coordinator of Environmental Policy Unit in Tallahassee, Florida, stating that the Board feels that the new Class III facility would be a minor modification to the existing landfill permit. A minor modification would cost Walton County

\$250.00, a major modification would cost between \$6,000 and \$10,000.00. The Board is proposing to construct a new Class III facility next to the current site, on the same property and under the current existing permit.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. James C. Shipman, FACT Administrator for Florida Association of Counties, regarding Premium Credit to member counties.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Dr. Ruben Garcia Jr., Walton County's Emergency Medical Director, stating that he suggests a training regimen for all 911 operators which would include CPR and first aid training along with the cardfile system of the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch, which is advocated by Dr. Jeff Clawson of Medical Priority Consultants Inc. to the 911 operators.

Mr. Bell also presented a letter from Tri-County Community Council, proposing to take acquisition of the Walton County Farmer's Market and Canning Center.

Mrs. Ingle advised the Board that the Courthouse Building Facilities Committee met last week and confusion arose regarding an architect firm. Mr. Bill Lawing of Carlin Consulting Group, addressed the Board concerning the proposed expansion to the Courthouse.

Commissioner Harris stated that he would like to look at the Wall Street situation further.

Mr. Jeff Daughtery submitted a letter requesting to consolidate his employment with Walton County to achieve the maximum leave time. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to proceed with advertising for bids on a paint striper machine and truck. The funds will be taken from Road and Bridge contingencies.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the various fire departments may be able to obtain a refund on the tax paid for fuel through a sales tax certificate exemption from the State.

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

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk