

WORKSHOP

MAY 24, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, May 24, 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 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 Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Freeport, DeFuniak Springs, and Paxton for recycling grants. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Vice-Chairman Porter stated that the tipping fee for tires at the landfill is \$50.00 and the cost to dispose of the tires is \$90.00. Mr. Bell stated that the funds from the Small County Grant can make-up for the shortfall.

Commissioners Harris and Cuchens arrived late.

Mr. Barker presented a brief overview of the topics discussed at the Hurricane Conference held in Tampa, Florida, which he, Mr. Ronnie Bell, and Commissioner Cuchens attended last week.

Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, presented a letter from Carlin Consulting Group regarding the class III cell at the County landfill.

Mr. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, explained the letter to the Board. Mr. Ammons stated that he does not feel the County should be responsible for the additional \$6,000.00 permit from the Department of Environmental Regulations. Mr. Ammons suggested composting. Mr. Jerry Schnitzus from Environmental Waste Systems, stated that the difference between a class III cell and the C & D landfill is yard waste. The class III cell can not accept yard waste. The Board discussed utilizing a chipper to cut up the yard waste. Mr. Schnitzus stated that anything that the chipper could not cut up could be classified as construction debris and can be placed in the C & D cell. The Board agreed to move forward with utilizing the chipper to dispose of the yard waste and postpone activity in the class III

cell at this time. Mr. Ammons stated that inmate labor may be used to run the chipper. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Ammons advised the Board that bids for a snub nose truck with a self-contained paint unit will be advertised this week.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised that the owner of the Sugar Beach Apartments is requesting a one year extension on a development order.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of a letter from Mr. J. M. Marse, Mayor of the City of Freeport, requesting to be included in Walton County's SHIP Program. Mayor Marse stated that the City is in the process of applying for a Housing Community Development Block Grant and are being penalized 25 points because the SHIP program is not offered to the citizens of the City of Freeport through an Interlocal Agreement. The City is excluded from applying for this program since the County has applied and received these funds. Mr. Bell advised the Board that he would contact the West Florida Regional Planning Council to see if the SHIP Plan can be amended to include the City of Freeport.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. Doug Prevatte, Program Administrator for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), requesting the Board to donate three and a half acres of land to add to the six acres of land from the City of DeFuniak Springs to construct a Juvenile Treatment Facility to be located along Highway 90 and for the County to pave the roads leading to the site. The two programs will be housing male youth that have been committed by a circuit court judge to HRS for placement in a high-risk, residential program. The age range of these youth will be 12 to 18 years old. The majority of youth committed to the programs will be residents of Districts I and II. Youth successfully completing the program will be returned to their home community, and will continue under HRS field supervision. Those youth that fail to complete the program are normally entered into the adult system.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board of a letter received from Mrs. Billie Pennewell, President of the Humane Society, requesting an additional \$6500.00 to be added to their present fiscal year budget due to unexpected expenses.

Mrs. Ingle presented the Board with an agreement with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services regarding a hearings officer for child support cases. The contract will become effective on July 1, 1993. The

Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board also agreed to place the lease renewal agreement for the ASCS Office/Agriculture Building on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to place a resolution on the consent agenda stating that the Clerk of Circuit Court of Walton County, Florida shall operate off of a fee system.

Mrs. Ingle presented an application for a Fireworks Permit from Atlanta Pyrotechnics International, Inc., to hold a fireworks display on the grounds of the Sandestin Resorts to be held on July 4, 1993. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Ingle presented the Board with several deeds to be accepted for the purpose of widening Corbin Gainey Road. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of the bids received for Bid Number 93-110 for a large mid-size four door sedan. The low bidder was Orville Beckford Ford Company with a bid of \$11,450.00. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that bids will be received for a truck for District 3, the paving of Rock Hill Road, and a stripping machine.

The Board recessed briefly.

The Board began negotiations with Environmental Waste Systems and Bay County Energy Systems.

Mr. Dan Cavanaugh from Bay County Energy Systems, appeared before the Board and stated that he needed complete technical and commercial information. Mr. George R. Miller, County Attorney, advised Mr. Cavanaugh that Walton County is requesting complete indemnification and environmental impairment insurance. Mr. Cavanaugh stated that he could not give complete indemnification. Mr. Cavanaugh was confused and thought that Walton County had awarded Bay County Energy Systems a contract for solid waste. The Board and Mr. Miller agreed that no contract had been awarded and that they were only in the negotiation stage.

Mr. Jerry Schnitizus from Environmental Waste Systems, stated that Environmental Waste will provide Walton County with total indemnification from the time of pick-up. Mr. Schnitizus stated that seven billion dollars worth of indemnification would be provided. Mr. Schnitizus further stated that if Environmental Waste Systems were to close, they would provide a ten million dollar umbrella policy with no deductible.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

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

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

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

Catherine King, Clerk