

WORKSHOP

JUNE 7, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, June 7, 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. Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, presented a resolution adopting an unwavering policy guaranteeing to Americans with disabilities all the rights, benefits and privileges offered, or provided, and guaranteeing access to all its services, programs, and activities.

Mr. Bell also presented a resolution stating that the Administrative Supervisor will be the Drug-Free policy coordinator.

Mr. Bell presented a Section 504 Policy Preamble and a self-evaluation of the needs in the County Departments to meet the requirements of the American Disabilities Act.

Mr. Bell further presented a resolution stating that the Florida Department of Community Affairs has declared Walton County eligible for Community Development block grant funds, and the Board approves the submission of an application as recommended by its Citizens Advisory Task Force in the Housing Category for its low and very-low income residents county-wide.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised that a portion of the funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 of the first years' SHIP Program monies will be given to Tri-County Community Council for a weatherization project.

Mrs. Williams further advised that there are ten members serving on the Housing Committee, but only nine members can vote; therefore, Mrs. Williams stated that she will ask Beth Folta, an at-large member, if she would consider serving as a nonvoting member.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board and presented quotes for paving the old dump site road beside Windham's Ready Mix on Highway 90 West in DeFuniak Springs as follows:

Alternate A: Contractor hauling the clay, finishing
and compacting the clay base
\$41,359.00

Alternate B: County hauling the clay, contractor
finishing and compacting the clay base
\$31,901.00 without Alternate A

County does everything except
the prime

and laying the asphalt
\$21,259.00 without Alternate A or B

The road is approximately 2456 feet long.

Mr. Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, appeared before the Board and advised that the Emergency 911 number will be turned on at 8:00 A.M. tomorrow morning.

Mr. Barker advised the Board that Mr. Tom Patton, of Sandestin Resort, has requested that Sandestin's addressing structure remain unchanged and be incorporated with Walton County's addressing system provided they meet certain requirements.

Commissioner Harris asked Mr. Barker if the 911 dispatchers were trained in emergency services. Mr. Barker stated that CPR and First Aid have been taught and Sheriff McMillian has purchased a Medical Protocol Dispatch Card File which consists of medical procedures. No training is regulated by 911 due to the operators being dispatchers.

Mr. Barker stated that the State has passed a law imposing a \$12.50 surcharge on traffic fines to be placed toward purchasing communication equipment. Mr. Barker suggested that the Board appoint a committee consisting of a member from each emergency agency to decide how the money is to be spent.

Mr. Bell presented an ordinance establishing an "Idle Speed-No Wake" restricted area in Buck Bayou located in South Walton County.

Mr. Bell presented the recommendations that he, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Bobby Ammons, suggested regarding the Walton County paving crew. The first recommendation is to hire a new supervisor and purchase good used equipment. The second suggestion is to dissolve the paving crew and transfer the four employees to other departments or road crews. The third recommendation is to dissolve the paving crew and that the personnel be laid off and be given the first choice for rehire if a position for which they are qualified becomes available.

Mr. Bell presented a summary of expenses from January to May 1993 of the Humane Society. The Humane Society requests additional funds in the amount of \$6500.00 to see them through the remainder of the present fiscal year.

Mr. Bell presented the proposed contract from Environmental Waste Systems for solid waste disposal to the Board. Discussion followed.

Vice-Chairman Porter stated that he spoke with Sue Carter, Walton County Tax Collector, and she is anxious to relocate her office. Vice-Chairman Porter suggested to allow two million dollars for the Courthouse renovation and additional parking and allow \$500,000.00 for a South Walton Annex to be put in escrow until the State donates land back to the County.

Commissioner Harris stated that he will be advertising for bids on a truck for District 1 and if the bid price is not lower than the State contract price, then he will purchase the truck off State contract.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented a letter from Captain Bill Chapman, from the Sheriff's Department, stating that it is customary for the Sheriff's Department to start a new dispatcher with no experience at a minimum salary of \$15,573.60 and after six months of training to raise the salary to \$16,088.60 per year. Then after the successful completion of a one year probationary period, the salary is then raised to \$16,603.60. Captain Chapman stated that he failed to mention this policy to the Board and that the salaries of the 911 dispatchers, paid by the Board, should also increase accordingly.

Mrs. Ingle stated that when a member of the Florida Department of Transportation stops a county vehicle for an over-loading violation payment is expected at once or the truck is impounded. If a Surety Bond is obtained, payment can be delayed up to ten days without impounding the vehicle.

Mrs. Ingle also presented the Board with a letter from Ms. Frances Rodd, President of the Gulf Dunes Homeowners Association, stating that their petition of abandonment dated February 2, 1993, is withdrawn and is no longer before the Board.

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

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk