

WORKSHOP

JUNE 9, 1997

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, June 9, 1997 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Vice-Chairman Van Ness Butler, Jr., Commissioner Randall Infinger and Commissioner Gordon Porter. The Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie Bell, was also present. Chairman William A. Young and Commissioner Joel Paul, Jr. were absent.

Vice-Chairman Van Ness Butler, Jr. called the meeting to order followed by pledging allegiance to the American Flag and prayer.

Melinda Watson, representing the Walton County Humane Society, appeared before the Board and gave a report on the increase in the number of animals being picked-up by the Humane Society. Ms. Watson presented a request for an additional truck and officer. The amount needed to meet this request for the remainder of this fiscal year will be \$10,721. This would include the payment on the truck and materials to equip the vehicle. Vice-Chairman Butler stated that he feels the additional vehicle is needed. Commissioner Porter and Commissioner Infinger stated that they felt the Board should vote on this matter.

Ms. Watson stated that improvements in the amount of \$5,000 have been spent to renovate the existing Humane Society building. These funds had been earmarked by the Board of Commissioners to be used to construct a new building. The Board agreed to discuss this matter further at the regular meeting tomorrow night.

Vice-Chairman Butler advised the Board that he is anticipating July 1, 1997 as the effective date to implement the Animal Control Ordinance. Further discussion will be heard at the regular meeting tomorrow night.

Malcolm Patterson, Executive Director of the South Walton Tourist Development Council, appeared before the Board to advise that the TDC Marketing Director has resigned. Mr. Patterson requested permission to advertise for a replacement. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Patterson advised that the artificial reef has been constructed. The coordinates are 13,934.4 and 47,101.18 or about one mile off shore from One Seagrove Place. Mr. Patterson stated that two people were very

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instrumental in obtaining the reef. Mr. Van Butler, III assisted in obtaining the grant and John Dalton provided the boat and coordinated the construction work. The Board agreed to prepare a letter of appreciation to Mr. Butler and Mr. Dalton.

Mr. Patterson advised the Board of a construction meeting on site of the new TDC building. The meeting will be held on June 18, 1997.

Commissioner Infinger requested that Jerry Fountain delay his presentation until the regular meeting tomorrow night due to two Board members being absent today.

Ricky Rookis, representing Gulf Place, appeared before the Board to request that the impact fees on Gulf Place Phase III be used to construct bike paths on Highway 30A and Highway 393 bordering the Gulf Place boundaries. The fee will be paid at the time the bike path is constructed. Vice-Chairman Butler advised the Board that he plans to have Rick Hall, Traffic Engineer, prepare a traffic poll for several areas in South Walton, including the Dune Allen area. The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda the approval of Gulf Place Phase III for recording with the \$14,500 impact fee to be paid at the time the bike path is constructed.

The Tri-County Community Council requested, by letter, a dumpster at the Canning Center on US 331 South. Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board that the County can not place dumpsters within the city limits of DeFuniak Springs. Mr. Bell advised that the Board can place the dumpster at the Canning Center on an one time basis. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Porter advised that he is placing a dumpster at the Mossy Head First Baptist Church on an one time basis.

Mr. Dan Krumel, Executive Director of the West Florida Regional Planning Council, requested a letter of support for the West Florida Regional Planning Council's role in economic development planning in the region. The Board agreed to place the letter of support on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that a Public Hearing is required to renew the Local Option Gas Tax on motor fuel and special fuel. The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda authority to proceed with the advertising for a Public Hearing to renew the Local Option Gas Tax on motor and special fuels.

Vice-Chairman Butler advised that there will be a Public Hearing tomorrow night to consider establishing hours for sale of alcoholic beverages in Grayton Beach.

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Mr. Bell requested permission for Shirl Williams to attend the Florida Association of Counties Meeting, 1997 Post-Session Legislative Briefing in Fort Walton Beach on June 12, 1997. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell requested permission for Angie Biddle and himself to attend the Florida Boating Improvement Program in Tallahassee on June 12, 1997. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter to the Board from the Department of Transportation advising of a meeting on June 12, 1997, at the Inlet Beach Fire Station, to discuss the proposed improvements to US 98 from Peach Creek to the Bay County line in South Walton County.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of a meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss a warning letter regarding open burning at the Landfill. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Bell, Commissioner Porter, Attorney George R. Miller and Rusty Floyd to attend the meeting on June 18, 1997 in Pensacola. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter to the Board from Albert Milton, Milton Insurance Agency, updating the Board on the process of obtaining a Laboratory and Medical Review Officer before implementing the Drug Free Workplace Program.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Ms. Gale Cole, Walton County School District DCT Program, is requesting the Board approve five DCT students to be placed in employment during the summer months in the following offices: Tax Collector, Health Department, Sheriff Department, Clerk of Courts and the Administrative Supervisor Office. The estimated cost would be approximately \$14,260 for 12 weeks. This matter will be discussed during the regular meeting tomorrow night.

The Board received a letter from Douglas E. Barr, Northwest Florida Water Management District, discussing the establishment of a legal entity for development of an alternative water supply at a more regional level. The Board will invite Mr. Barr to a workshop on June 23, 1997, to discuss the proposal.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the Florida Association of Counties will hold its annual conference on June 25 through 27, 1997 in Fort Lauderdale.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, presented an agreement from the Department of Community Affairs to prepare an evaluation

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and appraisal report for the Walton County Comprehensive Plan at a cost of \$14,069. The Board agreed to place approval of this item on the consent agenda.

Kassy Keyes, Lobbyist, appeared before the Board to present a draft letter that would request that the Florida Cabinet consider disposing of the State owned lands for the New Town Center in South Walton County. The Board agreed to place approval of the letter on the consent agenda. Mrs. Williams will review the draft. Ms. Keyes advised that a large representation should be present at the meeting.

The Board agreed to extend the contract with Kassy Keyes for an additional six months. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mike Richards, representing Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative (Chelco), gave an update on the proposed change to the Scenic 98 Corridor Guidelines relating to utilities. The change would read as follows:

All new utility line installations designed to serve new individual end use sites must be located underground outside the public rights-of-way. In all cases, utilities will evaluate and strive to limit the number of aerial crossings necessary to serve future customer growth.

Mr. Richards advised that if existing lines must be moved, they will remain overhead. Any extensions off the main line will be underground. The proposed amendment will be placed in the Land Development Code.

Cal Wilson, representing Gulf Power, asked for clarification on new customers. Mrs. Williams advised that they must comply with the guidelines until a variance is granted.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the Land Development Code will be held on July 10, 1997 and July 24, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.

Betty Hunt, Board Support Clerk, appeared before the Board to present a list of questions needing clarification regarding the Beach Permit Ordinance and requirements. The questions will be referred to George Miller, County Attorney.

Roger White, representing Consolidated Builders, appeared before the Board to ask if the impact fees imposed for the South Walton Fire District are still in effect since the new taxing structure was approved in the special election. The Board will check on this request.

George R. Miller, County Attorney, entered the meeting.

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Vice-Chairman Butler asked Attorney Miller the status of the court case with the Clerk of Courts. Mr. Miller advised that he can discuss the case with each individual Commissioner and Ronnie Bell, but the Gag Order given by Judge Lindsey will cover each individual. Attorney Miller stated that based upon the testimony given it shows that an agreement can possibly be worked out.

Attorney Miller discussed the questions in reference to the Beach Permit Ordinance. A written resolution will be presented to give clarification to the ordinance.

The Board discussed the proposed jet-ski ordinance and the Animal Control Ordinance.

Commissioner Porter advised the Board that the bridge located on Boy Scout Road has been completed at the cost of \$12,000. Commissioner Porter stated that the steel bridge saves time and money and invited the other Commissioners to look at the bridge.

Mr. Bell advised that he has received three applications for the County Engineer position.

With no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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

William A. Young, Chairman

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

Dan Bodiford, Clerk