

WORKSHOP

JUNE 12, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regularly scheduled workshop session on Monday, June 12, 1989, at 8:00 A.M., to discuss the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting on June 13, 1989, and to review the County's bills ready for payment.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman W.F. Miles, Commissioner Wilson Holley, Commissioner Robert G. Fleet, and Commissioner Donald D. Brown. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the workshop to order.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, introduced Mr. Marshall Orr of Southeast Timber Bridge Company. Mr. Orr reviewed the history of the company, the various items manufactured by the company, and the type of materials used in the manufacturing of the items. Mr. Orr advised that there is no standard price list. Each job is priced individually according to the quantity of lumber required. Mr. Orr provided a slide demonstration to the Board depicting the various structures purchased by other Florida Counties, individuals, and companies. Mr. Orr stated the cost of each of the sample structure packages shown in the slide presentation. At the conclusion of the slide presentation, Mr. Orr advised the Board on the procedure by which bids may be obtained from Southeast Timber Bridge Company - either by a blanket order proposal or special request. Commissioner Brown asked how the Board may insure that the company's pricing is competitive. Mr. Orr advised that, because the number of boards in the package is auditable and because the pricing is based on that aspect, the Board would have some recourse if a cost discrepancy occurred. Commissioner Brown asked the length of time between order and delivery of a package. Mr. Orr advised that it will take approximately two weeks to prepare the preliminary drawings of the specific project. The Board may review those drawings and request any changes they deem necessary. Mr. Orr stated that his company reserves the right to impact the cost of any changes to the original plans. After the plans are agreed upon, delivery for bridges is 45 to 60 days and delivery for box culverts is 45 days. Mr. Orr further advised that

the timber bridges meet federal aid secondary road system specifications. The structures comply with HS 20-44 design. Commissioner Fleet asked if the County is ever under any obligation to purchase a minimum number of the timber structures. Mr. Orr answered that the County is not obligated to purchase a minimum number of structures. The Board thanked Mr. Orr for the interesting presentation.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Deputy Clerk, advised the Commissioners that all expenditures toward the repair of flood damage should be so designated in case the County is declared a disaster area and is eligible for reimbursement by state and federal funds.

Mr. Ralph Sciano, developer of Paradise Pointe, appeared before the Board requesting that the Board reconsider their decision to require that he meet all current zoning regulations before granting a 12-month extension on the development. The Board advised that they will direct the Planning Commission to review the development "step-by-step" and, then, the Board will advise Mr. Sciano of their decision on June 27, 1989.

Mr. Bell advised that Great Southern Paper Company is willing to sell the land for proposed prison facility for a total price of approximately \$187,783.09. This price includes \$700.00 per acre, \$4,000.00 reimbursement for the appraisal of the land, and estimated closing costs. Mr. Bell further advised that the City Council is meeting tonight and will be discussing their portion of the purchase price. Chairman Pridgen advised the Board of a petition against the prison. Discussion followed regarding the source of the money with which the County will purchase the land. The funds are in the County's Contingencies account.

Mr. Jerry Schnitzius, of Environmental Waste Systems (EWS), appeared before the Board to propose yet another alternative to the recycling program. Mr. Schnitzius advised that the only way that the curbside aspect of a recycling program will work is by a "captive billing" process. Mr. Schnitzius stated that EWS would distribute and be responsible for all bins, the monies collected from recyclables would be returned to the County on a quarterly basis, and monthly reports would be given to the Board regarding the volume of recyclable

materials. Mr. Schnitzius further stated that EWS would be responsible for all promotion and community education costs. Mr. Schnitzius further described his proposal. He stated that his company would be willing to enter into a contract for less than \$2.50 per unit per month in addition to the standard bill. Multi-unit dwellings would be charged \$35.00 per month for "once-a-week" pick-up. Mr. Schnitzius advised that these figures are based solely on the number of customers EWS presently serves. Discussion continued regarding funding alternatives and billing options. Mr. Schnitzius confirmed that his proposal is basically a mandatory collection program and that he offers this solely as an option for the County. Mr. Leroy Day, of Dayco, Inc., advised that he believes his customer base will be tripled if Mr. Schnitzius' proposal is accepted. Commissioner Fleet stated that the County's computer capacity must be expanded before any fee collection can be considered. Discussion followed regarding the means by which recyclables would be separated from the remainder of the waste stream. Commissioner Fleet advised that he was contacted by Mr. David Stein of West Florida Scrap Metal. Mr. Stein has revised his proposal to state that the County will pay \$35.00 per ton rather than \$45.00, but Mr. Stein's company will retain all the proceeds from the sale of recyclable materials. Commissioner Brown stated that, as he understands it, EWS will establish their fee structure and all monies from the sale of recyclable materials will be returned to the County. Mr. Schnitzius agreed. Commissioner Brown asked how the county could be sure that EWS is getting the best price for recyclables. Mr. Schnitzius advised that his company would enter into a five-year contract with a vendor for recyclable materials. EWS would "tie" that vendor to the current market price for each specific item. Discussion followed regarding the disadvantages of "spot markets." Mr. Schnitzius estimated the "start-up" cost of this program in Walton County as approximately \$100,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the most feasible means of collecting the fees and funding the program of recycling. The Board directed Commissioner Brown to invite Mr. Bob Nabors to address the Board on June 27, 1989 regarding various revenue sources.

Mr. Schnitzius advised that EWS is closing the landfill in South Walton at the end of June.

Mr. Schnitzius advised that none of the 160 landfills in EWS' system utilize the baling procedure as a means of reduction of garbage volume. He stated that he will attempt to get more information on this subject and transfer it to the Board. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Brown advised that he will ask that the advertising requirement of the bid procedure be waived in order to acquire an oversized culvert for Woodyard Road.

Commissioner Brown further advised that he has been in contact with Mr. Thomas C. Foss of Tallahassee, Florida. Mr. Foss stated that he is willing to enter into an agreement with the County to provide a two-day consulting service addressing the County's immediate computer needs. Commissioner Brown read the full agreement as prepared by Mr. Foss. The agreement provides for a fee of \$600.00 per day plus travel and expenses for Mr. Foss. After the two-day period, Mr. Foss will make some preliminary recommendations and, then, the Board may decide whether or not to enter into a full contract with him. Commissioner Brown reviewed Mr. Foss' qualifications.

Commissioner Brown advised the Board of the sever water damage to Bob Sikes Road. Commissioner Brown further advised that the drainage systems of the road have been undermined and are inadequate. Commissioner Brown stated that federal and state assistance to help in the repair of this road should be sought. Commissioner Brown asked for the Board's support in this effort.

Commissioner Fleet proposed that the Tourist Development Council (TDC) handle their own accounts - in much the same way as the South Walton Fire District (SWFD) does. Vice-Chairman Miles advised that the TDC was created under different laws than the SWFD. Commissioner Fleet stated that he will consult with Mr. Miller about this matter.

Commissioner Fleet advised the Board of a newsletter from the Walton County Taxpayers Association. Commissioner Fleet highlighted an excerpt from the newsletter regarding the proposed County airport.

Commissioner Fleet further advised that a woman from District 5 was attacked and severely bitten by a dog. Commissioner Fleet urged that

vicious dog ordinance be created - even if it is only for south of the Bay.

Commissioner Holley advised that he has been involved in negotiations to purchase a clay pit on Williams Road. Commissioner Holley further advised that there are approximately 80 acres for \$36,000.00. There is \$18,000.00 worth of timber on the land. The Board advised that Commissioner Holley must acquire a letter of appraisal.

Commissioner Holley confirmed that the clay pit on Hinote Road is for the County's use. Commissioner Brown advised that he will begin hauling some of that clay today for a project in that vicinity.

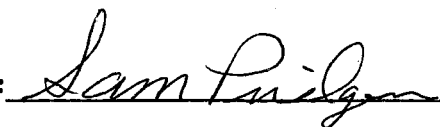
Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has been working closely with the County in regard to the recent rain damages. Mr. David Johnson, DOT representative, suggested that the affected Districts' road crews work overtime as much as possible. The Commissioners advised that the road crews would be working 10 hours per day six days per week where necessary.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he will be requesting, in the regular meeting, that the monies remaining in the Ferry account be transferred into the District 5 account.

Commissioner Holley requested that the Landfill Road be made a County-wide road.

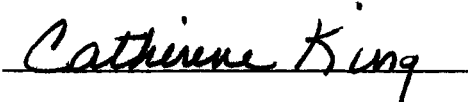
Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED:



Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST:



Catherine King, Clerk