

WORKSHOP

JUNE 24, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, June 24, 1996, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Gordon Porter, Vice-Chairman Virginia D. Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Gerald Wilkerson and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie Bell, was also present.

Rusty Floyd, Landfill Supervisor, appeared before the Board to request two employees to fill vacancies at the Landfill. The Board discussed qualifications and a beginning salary. This item will be discussed during the regular meeting tomorrow.

The Board discussed transferring Charles "Butch" Taylor from the Landfill to County Wide to operate the lowboy.

Matt Douglass and Archie Anderson, Ambulance Service Supervisors, appeared before the Board to advise of Mr. Anderson's retirement. Mr. Anderson stated that he has been informed that he needs surgery on his shoulder. Mr. Anderson has over 1200 hours of sick-leave and requested to delay his retirement until after his recovery from surgery. The Board agreed. The Board discussed a mandatory policy to have employees wear back support braces and have a qualified person to teach lifting techniques to county employees.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, presented a letter from Jeff Brown regarding the proposal from Savannah Laboratories to provide water sampling services at the Landfill. The Board agreed to approve Mr. Brown's recommendation to award the bid of water sampling to Savannah Laboratories. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that Commissioner H.R. Harrison of Holmes County requested that if Walton County is unable or no longer intends to use the old service truck at the County Shop, that Holmes County needs the service truck. The Board agreed to place the truck in the auction or receive bids.

Mr. Ammons discussed quotes for a crane. The "little giant" crane, which the County owns, has stripped gears and needs to be replaced. Mr. Ammons also stated that Olin Singletary's truck needs to be replaced as well.

Alice Forester of the Scenic 30A Business Association appeared before the Board to discuss the safety signs along County Road 30A. Ms. Forester stated that the signs do not serve a purpose and requested that no more signs be erected. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he met with the Scenic 30A Business Association and Kyle McDonald about the signs and asked that no additional signs be erected until an agreement is reached.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised that the Planning Commission's recommendations is scheduled for tomorrow at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Williams stated that the Board may wish to table this meeting until July 9 due to the Commissioner's conference.

The Board agreed to amend the personnel policies, under the Equal Employment Opportunity Section, to include "familial status". This was a recommendation of the CDBG monitoring DCA staff. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to designate September 14, 1996, as the date for Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day in Walton County. We have an agreement with Okaloosa County to conduct the amnesty day once a year in Walton County. There will be site locations in DeFuniak Springs and South Walton. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell stated that Dr. Jana Holland advises that all County employees doing any lifting of any amount should be wearing a back support safety belt. Dr. Holland, who is a local physician in our Managed Care Program under our Workers Compensation Carrier, has stated she will not sign the workers compensation claim if the employee was not wearing the support belt. The Board discussed this matter.

Mr. Bell advised that Walton County's artificial reef grant for the 1996-97 fiscal year has been conceptually approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Bell presented a letter from Jon Dodrill, Environmental Administrator for DEP, regarding awarding the \$20,000 grant. The Board agreed to review the letter.

Mr. Bell presented proposals on companies wishing to provide the County's general liability insurance. Don Brown, representing Titan, stated that his proposal was received three minutes late and could not be opened. Mr. Brown stated that Titan's price was better than the other proposal, Florida Association of Counties (FACT). The Board agreed to reject the bids and readvertise for bids again. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell opened bids for Bid 96-110: front-end loader for District 1 as follows:

Cowin Equipment Company	No Bid
Pensacola Ford Tractor	No Bid

This concluded the bids received.

Michael Kennedy, Division President of Environmental Waste Systems, appeared before the Board to advise of a problem with the trucks going down narrow driveways which do not have a turnaround area. Mr. Kennedy stated that damage to the driveways and repair costs are too great to continue. The Board reminded Mr. Kennedy that during the negotiation process, Environmental Waste agreed to go down such driveways and stated that they purchased small trucks to do so.

Chairman Porter stated that Rusty Floyd advised that there has been damage at the Landfill after hours. Mr. Floyd stated that someone continues to run into the recycling building. The Board discussed holding a special meeting to discuss the matter.

Elizabeth Shortridge, resident of Eastern Lake, appeared before the Board to discuss the activities at the south end of Gulf Drive. Commissioner Cuchens stated that Attorney Miller is preparing a letter explaining the matter.

The Board recessed briefly.

The Board agreed to participate in the Joint Funding Agreement for the 1997 fiscal year for the collection of hydrologic data in Walton County. The total cost of the program is \$8,690.00. The County's share will be \$4,345.00 with the US Geological Survey contributing \$4,345.00. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell stated that he has been requested by the Destin/Walton Log to write a column one a month that will list meetings and events scheduled by the County. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board that they approved, by phone poll, to purchase five fire hydrants to place in the Ten Lakes Estates area. Mike Standley is requesting the Board purchase six hydrants. The Board agreed to discuss this matter with Attorney Miller.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Pastor Roger Hagan inviting the Commissioners to attend his church this Sunday to celebrate God Bless America

Sunday.

The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Wilkerson to maintain Popcorn Road on an emergency basis. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to place Greg Smith on full-time (his probation period has expired) and increase his salary fifty cents per hour. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Wilkerson stated that the Public Works Director has inspected the roads in the Juniper Lake Subdivision and he wishes to accept the roads for maintenance. The Board agreed to go look at the roads first.

The Board agreed to appoint Michael Moore to represent District 2 and serve on the Economic Development Block Grant Committee. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Vice-Chairman Pridgen stated that the Landfill charges to dispose of burned ashes from Florida Transformers. The Board agreed to look into the matter.

Vice-Chairman Pridgen asked if there was a limit on the weight which Dayco picks up. Mr. Bell stated that there is no limit on containers. He will check into the weight limit.

Vice-Chairman Pridgen directed Mr. Bell to prepare a letter advising that temporary emergency maintenance is provided for Raspberry Trail.

Commissioner Harris stated that since Mr. Harry Seymour died, the Board may want to look into purchasing the property which Mr. Seymour allowed the 4-H Club to utilize as a horse arena. The Board agreed to look into the matter.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would like to utilize boating improvement funds to construct boat ramps on the causeway.

The Board agreed to waive the bid procedure and allow Chairman Porter to purchase a tractor from J. D. Swearington in the amount of \$29,210.00. This price is from a previous bid. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to allow Chairman Porter to endorse the check from Peter Jason Stabell to Florida Community Services for property purchased at Camp Creek. The check was mistakenly made out to the Walton County Board of Commissioners. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to appoint Dr. Susan Turner as the County Public Health Unit Director in Walton County as requested by the District

Administrator for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to affirm a phone poll to direct Attorney Miller to prepare a Quit Claim Deed to Michael J. and Patsy L. Phelps for property located on Magnolia Street in the Town of Gaskin. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell stated that the Transition Plan from the Private Industry Council (PIC) to the Jobs and Education Partnership (JEP) Board needs to be approved.

Wally Bair advised the Board that a proposed Red Clay Ordinance will soon be ready to come before the Board to review.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk