

REGULAR WORKSHOP

JUNE 25, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regularly scheduled workshop on Monday, June 25, 1990, at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

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

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Tom Hardesty, of Continental Blade Corporation, appeared before the Board to advise of the recent changes in the company. Continental Blade Corporation was formerly known as Byonic Blade. The cost of the byonic blade has increased, but Mr. Hardesty advised that the byonic blade can still be purchased at the original price for a limited time. Vice-Chairman Brown expressed how pleased he has been with the performance of the byonic blade purchased by District 4. Discussion followed regarding the various features and advantages of the byonic blade. The Board thanked Mr. Hardesty.

Mr. Dec Currie, Purchasing Agent, reviewed the results of three bid openings conducted since the last regular Board Meeting: (1) Bid No. 90-111: paving of East Hewitt Road; low bid of \$83,688.00 was submitted by Anderson & Fleshman, (2) Bid No. 90-112: paving of Missing Link Road; low bid of \$86,934.16 was submitted by Okaloosa Asphalt, and (3) Bid No. 90-113: 4 X 4 utility truck for the North Walton County Mosquito Control District; low bid of \$13,735.95 was submitted by Walton Motors. Discussion followed regarding various tests to check asphalt mix integrity, density of asphalt laid, degree of asphalt spread, etc. Commissioner Holley suggested that Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, should be involved in the inspection of the County's paving jobs. Commissioner Holler further stated that a progress report of various County jobs has not yet been submitted.

Mr. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, advised that the Department of Environmental Regulations (DER) must be notified of the County's plans regarding the eight new monitoring wells to be installed at the County Landfill by the end of this month. The approximate cost of the first phase will be \$30,000.00. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board that Greenwood Properties has submitted plans to construct a townhome development of 138 units in Tops'l Hill. The development is in substantial compliance with the County's Zoning Ordinance. However, Mrs. Williams has prepared a letter advising the company that because their previous development in that area was disapproved on the basis of it being inconsistent with Walton County's Comprehensive Plan this

development must be disapproved also on the same basis. Mrs. Williams further advised Greenwood that once they have satisfactorily addressed the concerns of both the Board and the Department of Interior regarding the dunes system and the Choctawhatchee Beach Mouse and upon their providing a Transportation Impact Statement, their project will be reconsidered.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board of a zoning change request from Mr. & Mrs. Max Evans in Blue Mountain Beach Subdivision. The Zoning Board of Adjustments had a tie vote regarding recommending the zoning change.

Mrs. Williams briefly reviewed several other items on her agenda. Discussion followed regarding the nature of some recent nuisance complaints.

Commissioner Fleet briefly discussed the Department of Environmental Regulations' requirements for the Stormwater Management Plan for South Walton. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Bell informed the Board that the Administrator of Okaloosa County has invited the Commissioners to the Courthouse in Crestview on July 2, 1990, at 8:30 A.M., to have a "round table" discussion on solid waste management.

Mr. Bell advised that the City of Freeport has expressed an interest in being included in the six-month pilot recycling program in South Walton County.

Mr. Bell further advised that according to Florida Statute 951.26 the Board must appoint a County Correctional Planning Committee.

Commissioner Fleet advised that Captain Bill Collier, resident of Mack Bayou Road, has requested that the Florida Marine Patrol designate Mack Bayou as an "idle speed/no wake" area. Capt. Collier is asking the Board to lend their support to his request.

Commissioner Fleet stated that the Sheriff's Department has confiscated tow mobile homes from a drug bust and Commissioner Fleet is investigating the possibility of renovating the trailers for use as the Walton County Health Department Annex in Freeport.

Brief discussion followed regarding the fee increase for acquiring chauffeurs' licenses.

Vice-Chairman Brown advised of a dispute between several neighbors on Peck Cawthon Road in District 4. It may become necessary for the County to acquire a declaratory decree from the Courts to settle the dispute.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised that the County's General Liability insurance with the Florida Association of County Trust is up for renewal. It may be renewed including the Sheriff's Department for \$83,092.00 or excluding the Sheriff's Department for \$67,285.00. Mrs. Ingle will determine if the Sheriff's Department has its own General Liability coverage.

The agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 26, 1990, was reviewed.

Mrs. Catherine King, Clerk of Courts, must be reappointed to the Circuit Conflict Board.

Mr. Charles Shacklett has filed a suit against the County and against Mrs. Shirl Williams for damages by the County's temporary closing of his bar.

Commissioner Holley stated that he hopes criticism of the Board's decision to change health insurance companies will soon end. There is much discussion regarding how that decision has adversely affected the local hospital.

The city of Sandestin is requesting permission to hold a triathlon and biathlon on August 25, 1990. Proper insurance coverage has been acquired. Vice-Chairman Brown suggested requiring the County to be named as the additional insured on the policy.

Mr. Lloyd Blue appeared before the Board to state that the dispute between the Santa Rosa Golf and Beach Club and the developer of Country Club Hills Estates is regarding a matter outside the boundary of the plat and should not be the basis for denial of the plat. Commissioner Fleet indicated that he will withdraw his objection to the plat's approval if the issue causing the dispute is not within the plat's boundaries and if the ultimate resolution of the problem will not affect the plat.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk