

WORKSHOP

JUNE 26, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a workshop session on Monday, June 26, 1989, at 8:00 A.M.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman W.F. Miles, 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.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised that a Public Hearing should be scheduled to consider an amendment to the Subdivision Regulations. The amendment would allow developers to keep the subdivisions' roads private and unpaved: providing that it is so designated on the deeds, and on the plat, and that signs are posted at each entrance advising that the roads are private and will remain so. Mrs. Williams advised that amendment also includes a definition of an "emergency situation" regarding the maintenance of roads.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he has received numerous calls requesting that no time-extension be granted to Mr. Ralph Sciano, developer of Paradise Pointe. Mrs. Williams advised that the Planning Commission feels likewise. Discussion followed regarding Paradise Pointe.

Mr. Bell advised that an error was made in calculating the flood damage to Walton County. Instead of approximately \$923,000.00, the assessment should be \$767,991.00. Commissioner Brown asked when the County would receive the money if the County should receive federal assistance. Mr. Clayton Gavin stated that he does not know when the money would be received, but, if the County does not qualify for federal assistance, Bob Sikes Road, Highway 1087, and Highway 2 would be considered for placement on the federal secondary road system. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Fleet advised that the recently hired Civil Defense Director is on the customary three-month probationary period.

Mr. Bell had prepared an occupational license tax ordinance for the Board's review.

Mr. Bell advised that the Planning Commission recommended that a conditional use permit for Mr. William Price be approved. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Williams advised that owners of junkyards will be meeting in order to make their recommendations to the Zoning Commission regarding the junkyard ordinance. Mrs. Williams further advised that the junkyard ordinance and the nuisance ordinance have been separated. Discussion followed. Mrs. Williams stated that it has been brought to her attention that the state must reimburse an individual if that individual is required to erect a fence.

Mr. Bell advised that a representative from the Department of Environmental Regulations (DER) has advised that there are no time-extensions for the recycling program. However, because the recycling grant has been applied for, DER will consider that as meeting the requirements for initiating a recycling program. Mr. Bell further advised that the grants must be applied for again later this year and, if the County's recycling program is in effect by October 1, 1989, Walton County will be considered more favorably with regards to the grant applications.

Mr. Bell stated that the incineration program presented by Mr. Howard Odom will handle recyclables. Further discussion followed concerning the incineration/recycling program. Bay County is receiving 90% reduction of waste in its incineration plant. Mr. Odom has agreed to recycle first and, then, incinerate the remaining waste. Discussion continued. The Board agreed that Mr. George Miller, County Attorney, should review very closely Mr. Odom's proposed contract to assure there are no "loopholes" and that it is indeed legally binding. Commissioner Brown suggested that Mr. Odom should put up a bond.

Mr. Bell advised that the City Council is interested in conducting a joint Workshop with the Council of 36 and the County Commissioners to discuss means of attracting future businesses and industries to the County. Discussion followed regarding the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce and the origin and purpose of the Council of 36. Chairman Pridgen suggested that Mr. Bell schedule a Workshop with the City Council and the Council of 36.

Mr. Bell advised that the City is considering applying for a grant to construct a softball and Little League complex in the vicinity of the present Little League fields. Mr. Bell suggested that perhaps the Board might participate jointly in that effort - even with "in-kind" services.

Mr. Bell advised that two proposals have been received from auctioneering firms. Proposals were received from Triple A Auction in Pensacola, Florida, and Wayne Evans Auction of Columbus, Georgia. Mr. Bell stated that he will review the proposals and advise the Board of the terms later in the workshop.

Commissioner Fleet advised that no reply has been received regarding lifting the ban on shrimping in Choctawhatchee Bay.

Discussion followed regarding the fairgrounds and fair building and the source of funding for the Walton County Fair Association. Commissioner Fleet stated that he will speak with Mr. John Creel about this subject.

Commissioner Fleet advised that there are two similar situations in South Walton in which homes have been constructed within County right-of-ways. He will ask Mr. Miller for legal counsel in these matters.

Commissioner Fleet advised that a beach resident has filled a lot with yellow sand which has washed onto the beaches and caused discoloration to the dune. Commissioner Fleet stated that he feels the persons in question should be fined. The Board agreed.

Mr. Bell advised that Triple A Auction will receive 10% of the proceeds of the auction. Wayne Evans Auction will retain 15% of the auction proceeds, but will pay for all advertising costs and post all signs. Discussion followed regarding advertising costs for the last auction.

Commissioner Brown advised that Mr. Bob Nabors, Tallahassee attorney, will be attending the July 24, 1989, Workshop to discuss various revenue sources.

Brief discussion followed regarding occupational licenses and their expected income to the County.

Vice-Chairman Miles advised that the ordinance governing fees for disposing of used tires in the Landfill should be amended. He reminded

the Board that half of the tires presently in the Landfill must be removed by July 1, 1989. Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised that almost all of the white goods located at the Landfill have been removed.

Mr. Bell advised that the Private Industry Council (PIC) has three vacancies in the private sector and one in the education sector. PIC needs the Board's appointments by June 30, 1989.

Mr. Hudson advised that the dam for the retention pond at the Landfill broke due to the recent heavy rains. The resulting water flow caused a 400 to 500 foot ditch on the adjoining property. The property owner has offered to sell that property to the County. The Board directed Mr. Hudson to negotiate the price of the land. Vice-Chairman Miles suggested that some land at the Landfill be cleared for clay mining. Chairman Pridgen directed Mr. Hudson to do so.

Commissioner Brown suggested that a Public Hearing be scheduled to amend the ordinance governing fees for disposal of used tires at the Landfill.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: Sam Pridgen
Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: Catherine King
Catherine King, Clerk