

REGULAR WORKSHOP

JULY 9, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop session on Monday, July 9, 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 W.F. Miles, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present. Commissioner Wilson Holley was absent due to a prior commitment.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, reviewed several items on the agenda for the regular meeting of July 10, 1990.

Mr. Bell advised that Commissioner Fleet, Commissioner Holley, Vice-Chairman Brown, and he attended a meeting regarding solid waste management in Okaloosa County. It was discussed that a solution for solid waste management be considered jointly for the Counties of Walton, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa. Commissioner Fleet recommended that such a joint venture be seriously considered for Walton County especially from an economic standpoint.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to advise that the County Environmental Officer, Mr. Rex Nowling's, vehicle is in constant need of repair and has over 200,000 miles on it. Mr. Nowling and Mr. Wilbur Williams, Assistant Shop Foreman, have located a government surplus vehicle in Lake City, Florida - a 1986 Jeep Cherokee - in very good condition with approximately 69,000 miles for \$5,500.00. Money is available in the Landfill account to purchase the vehicle.

Mr. Jerry Schnitzius, representing Environmental Waste Systems (EWS), appeared before the Board to address several misconceptions presented at the

Okaloosa County solid waste management meeting. Mr. Schnitzius advised that the target "start-up" date for the Walton County pilot recycling program is August 1, 1990. The contract is ready for signatures.

Mr. Schnitzius further advised that another waste management company has placed containers within EWS' franchise area. Mr. Schnitzius requested that the Board notify this company advising them of their infringement upon EWS' franchise area. Commissioner Miles suggested discussing this situation with Mr. George R. Miller, County Attorney. The Board directed Mr. Bell to contact the infringing company.

Mr. Schnitzius stated that he will wait to review Okaloosa County's tri-county solid waste management proposal before he presents EWS' proposal to the Board.

Commissioner Miles stated that the Humane Society's vehicle needs tires. The Board was agreeable to the purchase.

Commissioner Miles recommended that the County's auditing firm also audit the Walton Regional Hospital's books. The firm already must audit a portion of the hospital's books. Commissioner Fleet suggested implementing hospital funding by assessing a separate millage. Commissioner Miles stated that that may be a more feasible alternative. Vice-Chairman Brown stated that if the Board of County Commissioners is to be responsible for the hospital's funding, then the Board should have more in-put into its operation. Vice-Chairman Brown recommended requesting that Mr. Miller review the act creating the local hospital and determine if an amendment is in order. Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised that the separate millage can fund the hospital's bond payment but not its operation. Mr. Bill Mixon, Hospital Board Trustee, advised that the hospital's budget request is \$660,000.00 minus the bond payment.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the regular workshop.

Chairman Pridgen called to order a special session of the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Miles, to waive the bid procedure and authorize the purchase of the 1986 Jeep Cherokee located in Lake City, Florida for \$5,500.00 and to retire the Environmental Officer's old vehicle. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Fleet Aye, Miles Aye, Brown Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to authorize the purchase of tires for the Humane Society's vehicle. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Fleet Aye, Miles Aye, Brown Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the special session.

Chairman Pridgen opened the Budget Workshop for discussions.

Mrs. Ingle advised the Board that without the hospital's budget request, the General Revenue Budget has increased \$1,000,000.00 from the 1989-90 budget.

Chairman Pridgen reminded the Board that \$75,545.00 per District will be returned from gas tax monies. This money can be used for the resurfacing or construction of roads.

The Commissioners salaries have increased by 3.5%.

Commissioner Fleet recommended a 6% across-the-board pay increase for all County employees.

Mr. Mixon stated the hospital calculated a 5% pay increase for its employees.

Vice-Chairman Brown strongly urged that the Board seriously consider a payscale for all County employees.

The Board began a systematic review of the proposed 1990-91 budget requests.

The Board agreed to retain line item 50101.13 Other Salaries and Wages.

The yearly DCT students are paid from that account.

The Board agreed to increase line item 50101.15 Special Pay:
Chairman BCC to \$1,800.00.

The Board agreed to increase line item 50101.23 Life and Health Insurance
to \$350,000.00.

Mrs. Ingle explained line item 50101.35 Dues.

Mr. Miller advised that corporate authority must be acquired for EWS to
enter into the pilot recycling program contract with the County. In addition,
the disbursement of bins throughout the County is unclear in the contract.
Discussion regarding the contract with EWS continued.

Mr. Miller reviewed pending lawsuits against the County in relation to
line item 50101.26.

Mr. Miller advised that he is requesting that one of his secretaries be
paid 30 hours of salary under the Board of County
Commissioners. The secretary is responsible for all Mr. Miller's work in
conjunction with the Board. She would be paid \$4.50 per hour and would be
eligible for County benefits.

In line item 50106.31, \$50,000.00 has been requested for a consultant to
aid in revision of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Bell advised that the Economic Development Council has selected an
Economic Development Director - Mr. Richard Markham from Pensacola, Florida.
Mr. Markham is aware that his position is for one year only and may be
terminated at the conclusion of the first year. The Economic Development
Council is requesting that the \$50,000.00 budgeted for 1989-90 be released and
another \$50,000.00 be budgeted for 1990-91. The Board was not agreeable to
that request.

The Board was advised that Tri-County Community Council has requested the

use of the Boardroom on July 10, 1990, at 2:00 P.M.

Commissioner Miles must be present at that meeting.

Mrs. Shirl Williams and Mrs. Latilda Scott are paid out of 50106.12 County Planning Regular Salaries. The monies budgeted for the Economic Development Director had been placed in 50106.12 in the 1989-90 budget.

Vice-Chairman Brown questioned the legality of helping in the upgrading of a community center located at a church building.

The Board recommended discussing the matter with Mr. Miller.

Commissioner Fleet recommended checking into collecting a bed tax for the Tourist Development Council.

Mrs. Ingle advised that the filing of fictitious names with the State will soon be linked with the renewal of occupational licenses. The County issues no occupational licenses which will make the State requirement difficult. Discussion followed.

The Board agreed to place the \$50,000.00 for the Economic Development Council into 50131.82.

Mr. Mixon advised that the Airport Authority will submit grant amounts to Mrs. Ingle in order to show the numbers as incoming revenue.

Mrs. Ingle informed the Board that the state now requires that each guardianship case must be audited. This new requirement will mean the addition of another employee.

The next Budget Workshop was scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 1990, at 8:30 A.M. The Board directed Mrs. Ingle to schedule department heads to appear to justify their budget requests.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Budget Workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk