

WORKSHOP

JULY 10, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County Florida, met in a regularly scheduled workshop session on Monday, July 10, 1989, at 8:00 A.M.

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 Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the Workshop to order.

Mr. Bell advised that Mr. T.C. Campbell has submitted a proposal regarding the management and operation of the Farmers' Market for the Board's review.

Mr. Bell further advised that Mr. Obie Adams, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, has inspected the condition of the roof on the Agriculture Center building. Mr. Adams recommends that a new roof be placed on the building, rather than attempting to repatch. The money for the roof repair has been allocated in the Agriculture Center's budget. Mr. Bell requested permission to advertise for bids to reroof the Agriculture Center building.

Mr. Bell stated that two of the Board's Private Industry Council (PIC) appointees are unsuitable because they are not currently active businessmen. Mr. Bell further stated that Mr. Wayne Bodie is now ready to be reappointed to PIC. The Chamber of Commerce is sending a list of business people from which the Board may choose one representative of the private sector.

Chairman Pridgen advised that a representative of PIC has requested that a member of the Board contact him when local and area businesses close in order to facilitate the relocation of PIC workers employed with that business. This is in conjunction with the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act (EDWAA) Plan. Chairman Pridgen suggested that Commissioner Brown should contact the Council and provide the needed information when necessary. Commissioner Brown agreed.

Commissioner Brown advised that Mr. James Rushing, who is on the agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 1989, is a

resident on an unpaved road branching off of Coy Burgess Loop Road. The unpaved road is not maintained by the County. Mr. Rushing maintains that water is washing off the County right-of-way onto his road and is creating a problem. Commissioner Brown further advised that he has visited the site and can find no evidence of the conditions to which Mr. Rushing referred. Commissioner Brown stated that just beyond Mr. Rushing's home is a large wash-out filled with broken concrete. In addition the road runs very closely by a pond. Because of the reasons stated previously, Commissioner Brown advised that he will not recommend acceptance of Mr. Rushing's road for permanent County maintenance. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of maintaining the road on a one-time emergency basis only.

Commissioner Brown advised that he will bring the Environmental Control Assessment, as submitted by Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, up for discussion in the Regular Meeting of July 11, 1989. Debate followed regarding the validity of the recommendations included in the Assessment.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he has been pursuing alternatives for the removal of the steel barge located at Hogtown Bayou. Commissioner Fleet further advised that he has received notice from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that the barge is resting on sensitive vegetation and must be removed. Commissioner Fleet stated that he has concluded that the County's best course of action is to contract an individual or company to cut up the barge and haul out the smaller pieces. Commissioner Fleet further stated that he will make a motion to advertise for bids to remove the barge in the July 11, 1989, regular meeting. He advised that funds for the removal of the barge may need to be allocated in the upcoming budget year. Discussion followed regarding the history of the barge and means by which to remove it.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he has been informed by DNR that he can no longer put the bulldozer on the beach at One Seagrove Place to replace sand which washed down a hill onto the beach. Commissioner Fleet stated that he has replied to DNR that, at their request, he will not go onto the beach with the bulldozer.

Commissioner Holley asked if the City of DeFuniak has requested \$2,000.00 from the County to aid in the financing of the new amphitheater. Recent budget cuts had left the City lacking \$2,000.00 to complete the project. The Board advised that they had not been approached with that request.

Commissioner Fleet stated that it is rumored that the Walton County Regional Hospital will be requesting an additional \$100,000.00.

Mr. Bill Jennings will be appearing before the Board tomorrow on behalf of Mr. Keith Howard's request to abandon a road in Blue Mountain Beach. Discussion followed concerning the abandonment request.

Chairman Pridgen announced that the first Budget Workshop will be conducted Wednesday, July 12, 1989, at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom.

Commissioner Brown directed Mr. Hudson to contact Mr. Buddy Wilkinson, County Engineer, and ask Mr. Wilkinson to investigate water run-off from the DeFuniak Shopping Center into the ponds of Teelinville.

Commissioner Brown advised that a private individual owns the property through which a road would pass joining Country Manor and 19th Street. This individual is, reportedly, unwilling to sell the property needed for the construction of a road.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised that Mrs. Latilda Scott has almost completed the County's Comprehensive Plan. The West Florida Regional Planning Council is progressing "nicely" on the two elements of the Plan which they agreed to prepare. Discussion continued regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Williams further advised that Mr. Clayton Adkinson, Attorney for Mr. William Price, will be present at tomorrow's regular meeting to address Mr. Price's denied special use permit application.

Discussion followed concerning the junkyard ordinance and its expected revisions and provisions.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Deputy Clerk, reviewed the letters to the Board that are on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 11, 1989.

There will be a Public Hearing tomorrow on an abandonment in Villa Tasso.

Commissioner Holley requested that a job description of the Assistant Shop Foreman position should be prepared. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of the need to advertise the position of Shop Foreman.

The Board reviewed the bills that were ready for payment.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he had purchased 500 tons of milled asphalt for the Bunker Creek/Steel Field Road.

There was general discussion among the Board Members.

Chairman Pridgen asked if there has been a survey of the clay pit located near Cluster Springs. Mr. Hudson stated that, to his knowledge, there has not been a survey conducted.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he believes that there is a clay pit east of Freeport, off of Highway 20, that may be for sale. Commissioner Fleet advised Mr. Hudson that he will ask Mr. Tom Henry, District 5 Road Foreman, to contact Mr. Hudson.

Discussion followed regarding the percentage of salary increase for County employees in the new budget. Commissioner Fleet advised that the State is providing their employees an "across-the-board" 4% pay increase. Commissioner Brown suggested that a pay scale should be established for each job description within the County. Discussion continued regarding standardized job descriptions, corresponding pay scales, a personnel department, and County-wide personnel policies. Commissioner Brown suggested that a consultant may be able to offer valuable recommendations in those areas.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: Sam Pridgen

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: Catherine King

Catherine King, Clerk