

WORKSHOP

JULY 12, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, July 12, 1993, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse, DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman Gordon Porter, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussion.

Mr. John House from David M. Griffith and Associates appeared before the Board and presented a solid waste management study and explained the study in detail.

Mr. Joel Montgomery from Walton Regional Hospital presented the Board with a brief summary of the rural health care network.

Mrs. Sue Carter, Tax Collector, appeared before the Board and voiced her concerns with the current conditions of the old bank building in which the Tax Collector's Office is being housed at present. Mrs. Carter stated that additional space is still needed as well as closer access to Courthouse files. Mrs. Carter stated that she feels her office has been inconvenienced long enough.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

Mr. Gordon Williams, Mosquito Control Director, advised the Board that a state inspection has recently been performed and that they were cited for drum disposal and for the mosquito control trucks being allowed to be taken to the employees' homes and parked while not in use. Mr. Williams requested the Board allow Brenda Hunt, Mosquito Control Secretary, to act as Mosquito Control Assistant Director for a period of six months due to him having health problems which require him to be out of work periodically.

The Board convened into the Budget Workshop.

Mrs. Nellie Thompson, Supervisor of Elections, explained her proposed budget to the Board. Mrs. Thompson is requesting two part-time employees for three months out of the year during election time.

Mr. William Fountain, Property Appraiser, explained his proposed budget to the Board. Mr. Fountain is requesting two new positions. These positions

are state mandated. The total requested increase in Mr. Fountain's budget is \$49,895.00.

Mr. Jack Huggins, President of the Economic Development Council (EDC), submitted a budget request of \$50,000.00. Mr. Huggins stated that the EDC is in the process of employing a new director.

Ms. Annette Stewart from Tri-County Community Council appeared before the Board to request \$9,826.00 for Tri-County Community Council, 14,000.00 for the Canning Center, and \$2,000.00 for the Florida Fix Program. Mrs. Delma Anderson, Director of Head Start, requested \$3,000.00 for the Head Start Program.

Mrs. Delois Carroll from the Walton County Health Department presented her budget request to the Board with a \$10,000.00 increase.

Mr. Art Hatten advised the Board that at this time Walton County does not administer a rabies program. The cost for such a program is between \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Mr. Paul Cate, representing the Heritage Association, advised the Board that the Ten Commandments display has not been delivered to the Bureau of Archives in Tallahassee and that the cost of restoration may increase due to the delay. Mr. Cate further advised the Board that the Heritage Association is currently raising funds to restore the old train depot in DeFuniak Springs.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's proposed 1993-94 budget.

The Board directed Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, to readjust the figures and present a new print-out to the Board at the next scheduled budget workshop.

Mr. Bell presented a list of names to the Board of persons driving county vehicles home. Mr. Bell advised that Mrs. Pauline Wamble should be added to the list.

Mrs. Ingle presented the Board with a letter from the South Walton Mosquito Control requesting permission to spray for dog flies. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

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

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk