

WORKSHOP

JULY 29, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, July 29, 1996, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Gordon Porter, Vice-Chairman Virginia D. Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Gerald Wilkerson, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Lawton Rockman, resident of Smith Road located in District 3, appeared before the Board to discuss the CDBG Paving Grant. Mr. Rockman asked why only one quarter of Smith Road was being paved and not the entire road. Julian Webb, director of the grant, stated that the paving grant only applies to low to moderate income levels; therefore, only that portion of the road which residents apply is paved. Mr. Rockman lives at the end of Smith Road and he feels all the road should be paved or the road should not be paved at all. Mr. Webb advised Mr. Rockman that the State is the agency which selects which roads to be paved and selects the criteria. Commissioner Wilkerson stated that he did not have the funds available at this time to finish paving Smith Road. Commissioner Wilkerson stated that he would receive an estimate on the cost to pave the remaining portion of the road. Mr. Webb reminded the Board that the CDBG Road Paving Grant is a cash match grant. The Board is responsible for \$140,000.

Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, appeared before the Board and presented quotes on Jeep vehicles.

Rusty Floyd, Landfill Supervisor, advised the Board of applications received for the two advertised positions at the landfill. The Board requested Mr. Floyd to make a recommendation to the Board tomorrow.

Mr. Floyd presented the estimates on the landfill recycling building and extension. The total estimated cost is \$66,483.90. The total funds available from grants and Hurricane Opal is \$145,697.52. The Board agreed to approve the repair and extension to the landfill recycling building. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Floyd stated that the landfill is in great need of a new excavator. Mr. Ammons stated that the estimated cost is \$110,000. Mr. Bell stated that

he would look into grant funds available to purchase an excavator.

Chairman Porter stated that the one cent surtax does not cover the cost for material classified as C & D, construction and demolition debris.

Mr. Bell opened the advertised bids for Bid #96-112, Backhoe-Loader for District 3 as follows:

Total Equipment	No Bid
Beard Equipment	\$46,804.00
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Thompson Tractor	\$66,600.00
opt. 1	\$60,750.00
opt. 2	\$53,225.00
Pensacola Ford Tractor	\$42,610.95
addendum	\$47,486.74
Joe Money Machinery	\$46,316.00

This concludes the bids received for Bid 96-112.

Mr. Bell presented the two proposals received for the County's general liability insurance. The proposals were from TITAN and FACT, Florida Association of Counties Trust. The Board will review the proposals.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from John Willem of the West Florida Regional Planning Council regarding the FEMA 404 grant requirements on flood elevations.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Dr. Couey of Okaloosa-Walton Community College regarding the Workfare contract for Walton County. The Private Industry Council (PIC) presently has the contract but it is soon up for renewal. The PIC will be at the Board's August 12, 1996 Workshop to discuss the future of the PIC organization.

Mr. Bell advised that Commissioner Harris recently received a letter from Mr. James Crawford regarding the Board placing the issue of an anti-nudity ordinance on the General Election Ballot in November. Chairman Porter directed Mr. Bell to distribute copies of the ordinance for the Board's review.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Mr. Don McQuade, Chairman of the TDC, regarding problems at Inlet Beach. Chairman Porter stated, and Commissioner Cuchens agreed, that the problem could be solved by the 19.2 acres leased by the Department of Interior. Wally Bair, member of the South Walton Community Council, suggested to have a designated area for boat launching and trailer parking. Discussion continued.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

Becky Young, acting Extension Director, introduced Keaton McDonald to the Board. Mr. McDonald is an University of Florida graduate and is applying

for the position of interim Agriculture Agent due to Bruce Ward's leave of absence. The Board agreed to hire Mr. McDonald at \$6.25 per hour, contract labor, beginning tomorrow. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised of a request from the Wakulla Commercial Fishermen's Association that the Board approve a resolution asking the Governor to appoint two commercial fishermen to the Florida Marine Fisheries Commission. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Jim Rester, representing Driftwood, presented an overview and background report of the Driftwood MSBU project.

Brice Nist, engineer, presented a project status report and change order requests. The Board agreed to approve the change order number 4 as requested in the amount of \$59,115.00 and add 80 days to the contract with Anderson and Fleshman. This item will be placed on the consent agenda. The change order is to add additional work to the contract to remove muck material. The remaining funds available for the project are \$109,951.05.

Tom Patton and Doug Chism presented the homeowner's report.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from the Cycling Club.

Mr. Bell advised that he prepared a letter informing the owners of the Sea and Indian Museum that they have 30 days to clean the site that was damaged by Hurricane Opal, last October. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve a bill from Anderson Marine in the amount of \$26,590 for the Choctaw Beach Park. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Wallace Kemper and Tom Nelson, representing the Destinair Project, appeared before the Board to discuss the residential air park proposed to be located on Mallet Bayou Road. The first phase of the project consists of sixty acres with approximately 49 lots. Larry Gamble, Real Estate Broker, stated that he and Drew Morris are planning to sell approximately 280 acres to Mr. Kemper for the Destinair Project. Chairman Porter advised of allegations which he received concerning Mr. Kemper's credibility. Mr. Nelson addressed the Board regarding the alleged allocations.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, requested a salary increase for Billy Beardon: \$1.00 for Inspector Certification, 50 cents for Plans Examiner and 50 cents for Standard Plumbing. This will become effective July 22, 1996. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams presented a list of volunteers to serve on the Technical Review Committee to review Code requirements for Scenic 30A.

Mrs. Williams requested to transfer Joy Mitchem to full-time status and Marcia Johnson to contract labor. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams presented the Board with the SHIP agreements with Council on Aging, Farmer's Home and Tri-County. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams presented a request to extend the development order for the TDC Visitors Center. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams requested to rehire Bob Berry with a \$1.00 increase in salary with a 90 day probation period. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams presented a draft Press Release requested by Ron Walls concerning the Building Inspector licensing for the Board's review and comments.

Mrs. Williams advised Commissioner Cuchens that Mrs. Harrison, resident of Holiday Shores Estates, still has a drainage problem on her lot. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would take care of the matter.

Commissioner Cuchens advised that he will be advertising for bids to pave West Hewett Road. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Wilkerson stated that he wishes to hold off on purchasing a backhoe-loader at this item.

Commissioner Pridgen asked Mr. Bell the status on the surplused clay pit and the Webster Lane property. Mr. Bell advised that Attorney Miller is handling the paperwork.

Commissioner Pridgen stated that emergency maintenance has been performed on certain dirt roads in Ten Lakes Estates in the past and she has been requested to do emergency maintenance on the dirt portion of the main road into the Estates. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Pridgen advised of a road off Webster Lane which needs emergency repair. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris presented a copy of Walton Regional Hospital's policies and procedures regarding the use of back safety supports for the Board's review.

Chairman Porter stated that Dick Kennedy's truck is still burning oil and needs to be repaired.

The Board agreed to approve the agreement with the State to be reimbursed \$8,272.90 for the Court Reporter's salary. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised of a letter from Sue Carter, Tax Collector, advising that she over paid the Board \$712.32 and wishes to be reimbursed. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Ingle advised of a letter from the Northwest Florida Big Bend requesting to reappoint a representative from Walton County. Robert Fleet currently serves on the committee. The Board agreed to table this issue.

Mrs. Ingle advised that the 1995-96 Budget Amendment close-out has been advertised. Mrs. Ingle stated that Walton County did not qualify for payment in lieu of taxes from the Department of Revenue due to the milage being under 9 mils.

The Board agreed to accept the right-of-entry agreements for District 3 as presented. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Bob Berglund, representing the Humane Society, presented a preliminary plan for the Humane Society Thrift Shop. Mr. Berglund stated that they need advice on the drainage plan. The Board directed Mr. Berglund to contact the Soil Conservation Service for assistance.

Chairman Porter advised that he wishes to finance his backhoe for 4 years at Amsouth Bank with an interest rate of 5.35%.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened the Regular Workshop and Budget Workshop at 1:30 P.M.

Celeste Cabina appeared before the Board to discuss the Greenway System. The Board agreed to recommend the proposal presented to the State. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the Walton County Investment Policy. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board entered into the Budget Workshop.

Clayton Adkinson presented the State Attorney's 1996-97 budget request. Mr. Adkinson sated that he has budgeted \$3800 for the installation of a new phone system and 5 computer hook-ups. Mr. Adkinson sated that there is not adequate space in the building which he currently occupies. The Board discussed the plans to build a two story building on the lot beside the

Section 8 Housing Building. Mr. Bell advised that the building owned by James McHenry which currently houses the PIC Office will soon be available. The Board agreed to relocate the State Attorney's Office to the available office building owned by James McHenry by October 1, 1996. Mr. Bell is to negotiate the lease and rental fee with Mr. McHenry. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell stated that the owner of the building which is currently occupied by the Public Defender's Office is willing to make the necessary repairs to the upstairs portion of the building. The owner wishes to raise the rent as well.

Mrs. Ingle advised the Board that in order to keep the milage at 7.5 mills, \$1,474,493.00 will need to be borrowed from reserves.

The Board discussed the requested increases from the Sheriff's Department. Chairman Porter polled the Board on each item as follows:

1. pay increases and benefits 3%: Ayes 5, Nays 0.
2. work crew (2): Ayes 3, Nays 2. Pridgen and Porter Naye.
3. Freeport Substation (1): Ayes 3, Nays 2. Pridgen and Porter Naye.
4. Paxton Substation (1): Ayes 5, Nays 0.
5. South Walton Patrol (2): Ayes 4, Nays 1. Porter Naye.
6. School Resource Officer (1): Ayes 3, Nays 2. Pridgen and Porter Naye. The School Board pays one half of the Resource Officer's salary.
7. Civil Deputy (1): Ayes 5, Nays 0.
8. Motorcycle Officers (2): Ayes 3, Nays 2. Pridgen and Porter Naye.
9. communications, vehicles, auto insurance, other bonds and insurance, and operating supplies: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

The total increase requested, \$357,161.00, was approved.

The Board discussed the requested salary increases in the Public Safety Department. Mr. Barker submitted the following pay increases and justifications:

Michael D. Barker	from \$13.32 to \$15.50 per hour
Bobby Vick	from \$ 8.50 to \$ 9.00 per hour
Richard Grippo	from \$ 7.71 to \$ 8.50 per hour
Steve Adams, Todd Eades, Penny Keeton and Kenneth McKenzie	to \$ 8.00 per hour

The Board directed Mr. Bell to contact Mr. Barker to request a more realistic increase for his employees.

The Board agreed to budget \$140,000 for the CDBG Road Paving Grant.

There being no further business, Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk