

WORKSHOP

AUGUST 7, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, August 7, 1995, 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 Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore and Commissioner Rosier E. Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, presented an update on the damage assessment from Hurricane Erin. Mr. Barker stated that the National Weather Association is predicting eleven more storms. Mr. Barker stated that the DSR has not been closed on the Teelinville Dam project from the last storm.

Mr. Barker stated that grant funds for software integration has not been spent. Mr. Barker requested to allow Topcomp convert 911 files with these grant funds in the amount of \$22,640.50. These grant funds are available and must be spent by September 30, 1995. The Board agreed to utilize grant funds to purchase the software and allow Topcomp to convert the files. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve a purchase request for the Mossy Head Fire Department in the amount of \$1,921.85 for various supplies from Heiman Fire Equipment. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to grant the request from the Mossy Head Fire Department to correct the fire district map and extend the MSBU area to include approximately 362 addressable structures North of Richardson Road. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

John Huffsteadler, Administrator of the Walton County Hospital, presented their quarterly report through the month of July 1995. Jim Brewer, Financial Director, presented the financial statements through June 1995.

Perry Jackson, Director of Farmer's Home Administration, requested funding for a part-time employee and presented the RECD/FSA Program Investment in Walton County.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution supporting a fifty cent surcharge to be placed on cellular phones to be used for 911. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution supporting a grant for the restoration of the old Eucheeanna School. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Helen Bowlin requesting to contract with Walton County for collections on Ambulance Service.

The Board agreed to approve September 23 as the date that the Board will conduct an amnesty day for hazardous materials at two locations; one in DeFuniak Springs and the other in South Walton at the South Walton Mosquito Control Office. The Board also agreed to collect waste tires on this date. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board of a Small County Coalition Meeting on August 18 and 19, 1995 in Ocala, Florida.

Commissioner Cuchens suggested to ask about men who lost their jobs due to the Net Band being hired to remove old bridge pilings. The Board agreed to look into the matter.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board of a ribbon cutting at the new Winn Dixie Market Place to be held on Thursday, August 10 at 9:30 A.M.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Frank Day regarding the encroachment of a fence on a county easement. Mr. Day volunteered to remove the fence owned by Hester Minor. The Board directed Mr. Bell to prepare a letter to Mrs. Minor requesting the fence be removed in thirty days.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised the Board of a small asphalt plant for sell in Tuscolussa, Alabama. The Board agreed to go look at the plant in operation.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board of a public workshop to compare the current Comprehensive Plan with the Trust plan. The workshop is scheduled for August 29, 1995 at 7:00 P.M., in the South Walton Tourist Development Council Office.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that the public hearing to consider a Comprehensive Plan amendment for the City of Freeport Water Franchise has been rescheduled for August 24, 1995, at 5:30 P.M. in DeFuniak Springs.

Mrs. Williams stated that an employee of the Planning and Zoning Department will be in the South Walton Annex on Thursdays to answer questions from the public.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that the homeowners of the Neighborhood of Caribe Subdivision made a request that the Board return the streets within

the subdivision to private.

Mrs. Williams advised of a letter from Seascape Resort requesting to increase and decrease height restrictions within the subdivision. Mrs. Williams advised of a letter from John Mooneyham, resident of Seascape, opposing to Seascape's request.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that the homeowners of Vizcaya Subdivision have requested that their Architectural Review Board be informed of applications for building permits within the subdivision.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that Cassandra Wilson, individual hired for the Courthouse Maintenance position, has accepted a job offer from someone else; therefore, Mr. McMillian, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, hired the next applicant in line, Julia Floyd. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams suggested to extend the probation period for Tom Blackshear for sixty days. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Tom Powell, Economic Development Council Director, advised the Board that the Outward Bound Program has a contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice and wishes to locate a facility housing thirty low risk boys in Walton County. Mr. Powell advised of two possibilities: one located off Highway 183 on Macedonia Road or located near the established Juvenile Detention Facility off Hurley Road. The Board agreed to direct Mr. Powell to check into obtaining the property near the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Commissioner Cuchens advised the Board that the Department of Transportation will be repairing storm water damage to County Road 30A to Big Red Fish Lake. The Board agreed to adopt a resolution authorizing the detour for the repair work for approximately thirty days. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to declare a District 2 ambulance chassis as surplus property and donate to the Argyle Fire Department. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to renew the service contract for State Aid Grant funds for the Library. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board convened in the Budget Workshop.

Major Bill Chapman appeared before the Board requesting the Board reconsider their decision to cut certain areas of the Sheriff Department's 1995-96 budget. Major Chapman stated that two officers moved from the Drug

Task Force to Narcotics due to a reduction in grant funds. Major Chapman stated that the underground diesel fuel tank used for emergency operations for the generator, located behind the jail, must be removed and placed on top of the ground costing approximately \$8,000.00.

Major Chapman stated that liability insurance premiums have increased. Major Chapman stated that almost all the vehicles have come off warranty; therefore, vehicle maintenance will need to be increased. Major Chapman requested that an inmate work crew supervisor position be funded in the amount of \$26,885.63. Major Chapman stated that the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund does not pay like it did in the past.

The Board agreed to a three percent increase in salaries for all Sheriff employees, one patrol position, \$20,000 increase in vehicle maintenance, and \$4,887 increase for insurance. The Board agreed to direct Ronnie Hudson to take care of the fuel tank.

The Board agreed to give \$2,000 for the restoration of the old Eucheeanna School.

Mr. Bell opened sealed bids for Bid 95-120: groundwater and monitoring well at the landfill. The bids were as follows:

Viro Group	No Bid
Kelly Environmental Drilling	
the bid was broken in unit prices, not all items	
will be needed	

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board agreed to cut two requested 911 dispatchers from the 1995-96 budget.

The millage was set at 7.5 mils for the fiscal year 1994-95. The millage so far for the 1995-96 fiscal budget year is at 7.945.

The Board agreed to meet again on Thursday at 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk