

WORKSHOP

AUGUST 9, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, August 9, 1993, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

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. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised that Ernie Montgomery, Rusty Henderson, Ronnie Hudson and he met to review the personnel and the operation of the Maintenance Shop Department. The following is the recommendation of the above mentioned supervisors:

1. That County employees who bring equipment to the Shop to be repaired not stay with their equipment unless requested to do so by the Shop Foreman.
2. That Jessie Ward and his salary be transferred under the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Ward is presently on Workman's Compensation with a back injury. His total salary including fica and retirement is \$20,893.00.
3. That Gary Hamilton and his salary of \$21,910.00, including fica and retirement, be transferred to the Countywide Crew. He is now assisting Wilbur Williams in the striping of roads throughout the County. Mr. Hamilton's uniform allowance of \$380.00 should also be transferred to the Countywide budget.
4. That Robert Godwin, low boy operator, be transferred to the Countywide Crew and that each district utilize their small trailers, when possible, to move smaller pieces of equipment. Mr. Godwin's total salary including fica and retirement is \$25,300.00.

Other costs associated with Mr. Godwin's job and equipment should be transferred to the Countywide Crew.

Uniform allowance	\$ 380.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 2,100.00
Fuel	\$ 8,700.00

Tires	\$ 850.00
Total	\$12,030.00

This would reduce the overall County Shop budget by \$80,513.00. The new County Shop budget would be as follows:

Regular Salaries	\$217,283.00
Other Salaries & Wages	0
Overtime	0
FICA Taxes	0
Retirement Contributions	0
Rentals & Leases	1,000.00
Repair & Maintenance Services	25,900.00
Operating Supplies	21,540.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500.00
Tires	2,150.00
Machinery & Equipment	0
TOTAL	\$269,373.00

This represents an overall reduction of \$66,719.00 from the projected 1993-94 fiscal year budget.

Mr. Jack Huggins introduced Mr. Tom Powell as the new Economic Development Council Director.

Mr. Lamar Peterman of Peterman Engineers & Associates, Inc. presented the Board with a copy of his resume. Mr. Buddy Wilkinson, present County Engineer, has retired and is no longer interested in serving as County Engineer. Mr. Peterman has rendered services for the county in the past.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board that request for proposals must be advertised for an Engineering Consulting Firm.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor to the Board, advised the Board that the Regional Planning Council will be opening bids on August 25, 1993, for two rehabilitative jobs through the SHIP Program. Mrs. Williams asked the Board if they would like to award the bids or allow the Regional Planning Council to award the bids and administer all the administrative duties. The Board agreed to allow Mrs. Williams to prepare a letter to the Regional Planning Council advising them that the decision of the bids and the administrative duties were their responsibilities.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board of a meeting to be held tonight at 5:30 P.M. to discuss two changes in the Land Development Code.

Mrs. Williams reminded the Board of the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Animal Control Ordinance scheduled to be held tonight at 6:00 P.M. in the Courtroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of a letter from Margaret and Denva Richbourg informing the Board of the availability of the Lakewood Historic Museum for purchase.

Mr. Bell further advised the Board of a letter from Mr. Guy Milton from

Julian Webb Associates regarding a recreation grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 which may be available to Walton County.

The Board discussed an MSBU for the Ambulance Service to be placed on the tax rolls.

Vice-Chairman Porter stated that due to the lack of control, jet skis continue to be a problem on the beach.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, stated that he collected a few phone quotes for a one ton duel wheel truck and paint striping machine as follows:

Isuzu snub nose	\$20,000.00 diesel
	\$18,000.00 gasoline
GMC snub nose	\$22,000.00 diesel
	\$18,000.00 gasoline
paint striper machine	\$18,575.00 complete unit

Mr. Hudson stated that according to the bids received for a complete package of a truck and paint striper, the County will save considerably by bidding the two units separate.

Mr. Hudson stated that Mr. Earl Griggs, a landfill employee whom will be laid off as of October 1, 1993, has acquired over 400 hours of sick-leave. The Board advised Mr. Hudson that upon leaving employment with the County, only one half of up to 240 hours of sick-leave is paid to the employee.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of a letter and test results submitted by Ms. Lisa Menshew regarding Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Carroll's property.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board of a letter from Mr. Bruce Ward, County Extension Agent, requesting a pay increase to \$5.00 an hour for Charlotte Lee and an increase of 50¢ an hour for Sharon Spears. Mr. Ward stated in his request that the increase in salaries is included in his proposed 1993-94 budget.

Mr. Ingle advised the Board that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida has offered a considerable reduction in renewal rates for family and single coverage if the County agrees to change the anniversary date from January 1 to October 1 for a period of one year. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Betty Jones, property owner in South Walton County, appeared before the Board to request that impact fees be assessed so that she can proceed with constructing a condominium on her property. Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor to the Board, stated that Mrs.

Jones' project is not vested nor grandfathered according to Walton County's Vesting Ordinance. Vice-Chairman Porter stated that according to the Comprehensive Plan, Mrs. Jones can build a 60 unit, four story, condominium. Mrs. Jones stated that \$473,036.00 has already been invested in the construction of the project. Commissioner Cuchens stated that he would like to look at the property.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk