

REGULAR WORKSHOP

AUGUST 28, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regularly scheduled workshop session on Monday, August 28, 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 Administrator Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised that Sandestin is requesting that the Board approve an addition to their plan and designate that it is not a substantial deviation from the previously approved DRI. The deviation has been determined nonsubstantial by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Northwest Florida Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Fleet advised that he is agreeable to the request.

Mrs. Williams advised that Mr. Haywood Warrick is on the agenda to protest any effort by Mr. Keith Howard to have the cul de sac in Blue Mountain Beach Subdivision abandoned.

Commissioner Brown advised that representatives of George, Nielson, and Associates will be present to request the board's consideration to employ the company as the County's engineering and surveying team. In addition, the representatives will discuss potential federal funding for bridges and secondary roads. Mrs. Martha Ingle, Deputy Clerk, suggested investigating the type of contract or agreement the County has with Barrett, Daffin, and Carlan for the same services. The Board generally agreed that it is a verbal agreement between the County and Barrett, Daffin, and Carlan.

Mrs. Williams further advised that Mr. Milton Dean is on the agenda to again request a time-extension on Aquarius Condo. Commissioners Brown and Fleet stated that they believe the request should be denied: primarily because a similar request from Mr. Ralph Sciano, developer of Paradise Pointe, was denied. Mrs. Williams advised that, if Mr. Dean's request is granted, he may complete the project as it was originally

approved: with 108 units. She added that current density regulations allow a maximum of 35 units per net acre.

Commissioner Brown stated that he has received a letter from Mr. Sciano which Commissioner Brown equates with a warning of a lawsuit if Mr. Dean's request is approved. Commissioner Fleet stated that he agrees with Commissioner Brown's interpretation of Mr. Sciano's letter. Commissioner Holley advised that he believes the two situations are completely different because Mr. Sciano's original time extension had expired when he made his request. Mr. Dean's time has not yet expired. Discussion continued regarding Mr. Dean's request for a time extension.

Mrs. Ingle advised that Mr. Jim Whittle is on the agenda to request that an ordinance be adopted governing the maintenance of swimming pools.

Mrs. Williams advised that Mr. Allen Ramey will be present at the regular Board Meeting on August 29, 1989, to request that the County pay for the City of Paxton's Comprehensive Plan elements of Housing and Capital Improvements. There is an interlocal agreement providing for the completion of the other elements of their Comprehensive Plan along with the completion of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The elements of Housing and Capital Improvements were added after the interlocal agreement was entered into. Mrs. Williams further advised that the Regional Planning Council as well as a private consultant has proposed to complete the remaining two elements, but Paxton has declined the offers in hopes that the County will pay for the elements' completion.

Mrs. Williams stated that Mr. George Griffin is requesting the Board's approval of his constructing a fishing pier over Lake Juniper.

The ordinance governing Salvage and Recycling Centers on Private Property has been prepared for the Board's approval. The necessary Public Hearings have already been conducted.

A Public Hearing must be scheduled regarding the adoption of an ordinance regulating nuisance on private property.

Mrs. Williams advised that the Sheriff's Department does not wish to be involved in the investigation of possible violations of these ordinances. They will arrest offenders once evidence has been gathered

and a warrant issued. Discussion continued regarding provisions of the proposed ordinances.

Mr. Bell advised that the Department of Corrections (DOC) has stated that they will pave the access road from Highway 83 into the Landfill if the County will prepare the road base.

Mr. Bell further advised that residents of the following-described area wish to be annexed into the Argyle Volunteer Fire District:

Township 3N, Range 19W, the remainder of Section 2, south of the centerline of Sunrise Road; the remainder of Section 3, south of Sunrise Road; the remainder of Section 11, west of Highway 83; the part of Section 10 north of Juniper Lake; the southeast corner of Section 10 east of the Juniper Lake dam; the remainder of Section 14 west of Highway 83; the remainder of the northern most part of Section 23 west of Highway 83 and north of the DeFuniak Springs city limits; the remainder of Section 15 east of a line running north and south from the center of Juniper Lake dam and not in the DeFuniak Springs city limits or already annexed by DeFuniak Springs for fire protection.

Commissioner Fleet advised that bids on the resurfacing of Grayton Road were received. Since that time, Commissioner Fleet has decided that it is more feasible to resurface Grayton Road only through the intersection with Highway 30A and to add a bike path along Grayton Road. Mr. Dec Currie, Purchasing Agent, stated that all bids should be rejected and the new specifications bid upon.

Brief discussion followed regarding recent property tax increases.

Commissioner Fleet advised that a dangerous gully has formed on the beach as a result of water run-off from the large parking lot at One Seagrove Place. He further advised that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires that the gully be filled with beach sand, but heavy equipment cannot be placed on the beaches to get sand. Commissioner Fleet stated that he believes that he has located a source of white sand other than the beaches. He feels that DNR is forcing him to take extreme measures to correct the problem. Commissioner Fleet advised that he is considering creating a man-made sand dune completely blocking the access where the gully is and thereby divert the flow of run-off water.

Chairman Pridgen reminded the Board that .02¢ of the gas tax is required to be used for new road construction in each district. If one district does not use their portion of the money, then it should be

passed on to the other districts. Commissioner Fleet advised that his portion will be spent paving Jolley Bay Road. The Board agreed that resurfacing needs are greater than the need for new construction. Discussion continued regarding paving in the County.

Mrs. Ingle reviewed the letters to be discussed in the regular meeting of August 28, 1989.

Commissioner Fleet explained the circumstances leading to the requests for abandonment by Mr. J.I. Dennison and Mr. Dale Davis. These are two separate abandonment requests.

Commissioner Fleet directed Mr. Bell to ask Mr. George R. Miller, County Attorney, to conclude the business of the transfer of the Indian land from Sandestin.

Commissioner Fleet stated that the developer of Gulf Pines Subdivision is requesting permission to install a shallow well in the median of the subdivision in order to water the landscaping in the median. Commissioner Holley advised that there is a bill in the legislature which would require that every well in the state be tested.

Discussion followed regarding personal property taxes.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised that the mobile home originally located at the ferry site was sold in the August 26, 1989, auction. The Board directed Mr. Hudson not to sell the ferry, but to consider hiring someone to remove the ramps at the site.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: Sam Pridgen  
Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: Catherine King  
Catherine King, Clerk