

REGULAR WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 11, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regularly scheduled workshop session on Monday, September 11, 1989, at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Boardroom in the Walton County Courthouse.

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 Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the workshop to order.

Mr. Bell presented an amendment to the bid policies regarding emergency purchasing procedures. The Board reviewed the amendment.

Mr. Bell advised that there were several bid openings last week. Those bids will need to be awarded in the regular meeting of September 12, 1989.

Mr. Bell further advised that Coffman International is the apparent low bidder on a dump truck for District 4. A representative from that company was present in the workshop to make a video presentation of the type of dump truck upon which their bid was based. Discussion followed regarding various aspects of the dump truck. The truck will be delivered to DeFuniak if their bid is accepted. Vice-Chairman Miles suggested that the type of tires on a vehicle should be included in the bid specifications in future advertisements. Commissioner Brown advised that he will ask, in the regular meeting, that District 4 be allowed to purchase this dump truck immediately following the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, 1989. Commissioner Brown further advised that a Purchase Order cannot be issued for the equipment until after the beginning of the new fiscal year, but an official letter of commitment to purchase can be drafted after Board action in the regular session. Discussion followed regarding the "no bid" from a local vendor. Commissioner Brown advised that, for the dump truck, each vendor was asked to submit their "best deal" based on the three specifications: (1) diesel engine, (2) tandem rear axle, and (3) at least an 8 to 10

dump body with hoist. In addition, a specific delivery time had to be met which also precluded some vendors from bidding.

Mr. Bell advised that the West Florida Regional Planning Council had been notified and asked to quote a price for the completion of Paxton's remaining two elements - Housing and Capital Improvements. The Council advised that they would complete the elements for \$5,612.00. Mr. Bell stated that he has contacted Mr. Allen Ramey, legal counsel for the City of Paxton, and Mr. Ramey will determine how much, if any, of that amount Paxton will be able to pay.

Mr. Bell submitted an amendment to the rules of procedure for the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The amendment is to prevent the past problem of not getting a quorum at the meetings. Commissioner Fleet advised that those members who have not attended a single meeting in two years should be relieved of their duty immediately. He also requested the attendance record of each of the members of the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Bell agreed to bring that record to the next regular meeting.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised that the newly installed Landfill scales were recently struck by lightning and the lode cell which was damaged will cost approximately \$350.00 to \$400.00. Mr. Hudson directed the Purchasing Department to order the item because he does not believe it to be under warranty. Commissioner Fleet suggested investigating the possibility of purchasing a lightning interruptor.

Mr. Hudson advised that he has received an estimate from a contractor regarding the contractor's cost to complete the Farmers' Market. The estimate was \$22,000.00. Mr. Hudson suggested that the estimate is a very reasonable one. Commissioner Fleet suggested that Mr. Hudson compile a list of equipment needed to complete the project and submit the list to the Board to determine if the various Districts can help in the completion. Mr. Hudson advised that \$7,000.00 has been budgeted for the asphalt for the project and must be used by the end of the present fiscal year. Mrs. Martha Ingle, Deputy Clerk, advised that the books must be closed by the middle of November. However, even though the Purchase Order for the asphalt must be dated prior to September 30, 1989, the asphalt can still be paid for out of the 1989 budget.

Commissioner Brown advised that he will request approval to purchase an articulated boom mower from the present budget year based on the bids received last week.

Commissioner Brown requested that Mr. Hudson and Mr. Bell submit an estimate of savings to the County resulting from the reduction of County vehicles being driven to County employees' homes.

Commissioner Fleet requested that each dump truck driver be responsible for cleaning mud from the turn signals of his vehicle before leaving the District yard each morning.

Commissioner Fleet advised that he will be asking Board approval to accept the low bid for the paving or resurfacing of Jolley Bay Road and Highway 393 to be paid for out of the present budget year. He also stated that he will be asking Board approval to accept the low bid for the resurfacing of Grayton Road through its intersection with Highway 30A as well as the construction of a bike path along Grayton Road to be paid for out of the new budget year; also the resurfacing of the road for one mile east of Seagrove.

Vice-Chairman Miles stated that he believes it is unnecessary for the Shop Foreman to drive a County vehicle home. Vice-Chairman Miles further stated that he believes it is putting a hardship on County employees who must drive to the District or Shop yard to pick up a County vehicle and then drive to the respective job site. Commissioner Brown disagreed.

Mrs. Ingle advised that the dogwood trees in the Courtyard must be sprayed. The cost is \$900.00 for two yearly sprayings.

The EMS Department is requesting a budget transfer.

Chairman Pridgen reminded the Board and those in the audience of the Budget Hearing at 6:00 P.M. tonight in the Commissioners' Boardroom. If the crowd is too large, the Hearing will be held in the Courtroom.

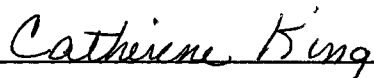
Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED:



Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST:


Catherine King, Clerk