

WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular Workshop on Monday, September 11, 1995, at 8:30 A.M., in the Commissioners Meeting Room 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.

Charles McMillian, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, requested permission to hire contract labor (temporary) help for a few months to help with maintenance projects. The Board agreed and placed this item on the consent agenda.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, advised of a letter from Jay McDaniel regarding a problem with the roof at the Fair Building. The Board directed Mr. McMillian to look at the problem.

Latilda Hughes Verhine, County Planner, stated that the Planning Department needs a policy determination regarding the definition of a subdivision in relation to commercial projects. The Board agreed to look into the matter.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, presented the Disaster Relief Funding Agreement for Chairman Porter to sign. Mr. Barker stated that he will meet with a representative from the Department of Community Affairs regarding the HMGP Grant and funding. Mr. Bell stated that the Board needs to make sure that adequate administration funding is allowed in the contract with the West Florida Regional Planning Council.

Mr. Barker advised of a letter from Quadratics regarding a tower located south of the county landfill. Mr. Barker stated that the building is very old and needs repairs. Mr. Barker stated that the county has several repeaters still in the transmitter building. The Board directed Mr. Barker to proceed with rebuilding the building to protect the county repeaters. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Barker stated that an additional dispatch console is needed in the 911 department. The only company that offers the type of console needed is Motorola. Mr. Barker stated that the money is available to purchase the

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additional console. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Barker advised the Board of a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding changes in the landfill grants with regard to waste tires, small counties and recycling. Mr. Barker stated that funds now can be used for liter enforcement.

Mr. Bell opened sealed bids received for the following projects:

Bid 95-121: Hydrograsser

Malcolm Enterprises, Inc.	\$15,950.00
Finn Corp.	\$13,449.00
Masters Farm Supply	\$28,900.00
Masters Farm Supply	\$14,850.00

Bid 95-122: Brush Chipper

Beard Equipment Co.	\$21,692.17
Southeastern Equipment	\$17,744.00
Southeastern Equipment	\$16,684.00
Vermeer	\$17,895.00
Vermeer (alternate)	\$19,095.00
Witch Marketing, Inc.	NO BID

Bid 95-123: Paving of Lakewood Cut-off Road
Paving of Blackberry Street
Paving of Thomas Drive

Okaloosa Asphalt			
S-1 Asphalt	1760 tons @	\$39.90 ton	\$ 70,224.00
Primer	3445 gals @	\$ 2.57 gal	\$ 8,853.65
Clay base	22985 sqyd @	\$ 1.25 sqyd	\$ 28,731.25
TOTAL			\$107,808.90

Florida Asphalt Paving Company			
S-1 Asphalt	1760 tons @	\$43.73 ton	\$ 76,964.80
Primer	3445 gals @	\$ 1.20 gal	\$ 4,134.00
Clay base	22985 sqyd @	\$ 1.75 sqyd	\$ 40,223.75
TOTAL			\$121,322.55

This concludes the bids for the above mentioned projects.

Annette Howell, representing Med Transport, appeared before the Board regarding the rumor that county employees have gone to the Walton Regional Hospital and the Convalescent Center asking them to stop calling Med Transport for non-emergency calls. Mrs. Howell advised the Board that guidelines must be drawn up regarding such matters. Mrs. Howell stated that Med Transport's runs have decreased from about fifteen a week to five a week. Mrs. Howell stated that it was her understanding that Med Transport would be called for the non-emergency calls which would free up the Walton County Ambulance Department to respond to the emergency calls. Mr. Bell advised the Board that a letter needs to be sent to the nursing home and the hospital requesting that they send all non-emergency calls to Med Transport. Mr. Bell

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agreed that everyone involved, Med Transport, 911 dispatchers and the Ambulance Department, need policies and procedures. The Board agreed to look into the matter.

Don Brown with 1st National Insurance appeared before the Board to discuss liability insurance. Ernie Yardborough, representative from TITAN Insurance, compared coverage with Florida Association of Counties Trust (FACT) and TITAN. The Board agreed to meet again tomorrow and have a representative from FACT present to compare the policies.

Annette Stewart with Tri-County Community Council appeared before the Board to discuss the progress of Tri-County Community Council. Darlene Paul, Director of Head Start, gave an update on the Head Start Program. The Transportation Director gave an update on the Transportation Department. An update was given on the Weatherization and Florida Fix Programs.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

Chairman Porter stated that a problem still exists on Eastern Drive in Choctaw Beach.

Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board that the Worker's Compensation premium has decreased. The Board authorized payment of one half the premium, \$201,894.50, to be released October 1, 1995. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to realign the Commissioner's travel checks to be paid the first Friday following the last Board Meeting in each month. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to increase the travel rate to 29 cents per mile, the same as the State, beginning October 1, 1995. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Malcolm Patterson, South Walton Tourist Development Council Director, presented the Board with a lease agreement from the State for the additional acre of land for the South Walton Welcome Center. The Board gave Mr. Patterson permission to record the deed. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to accept the Tax Collector Recapitulation of Taxroll for Walton County. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed a phone bill from the South Walton TRUST. One phone call on the bill was for 193 minutes, totalling \$117.29. The Board agreed to speak with someone on the TRUST regarding the bill.

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Tom Powell, Director of the Economic Development Council, appeared before the Board to discuss the possible location of a Juvenile Justice Center in Walton County. Mr. Powell stated that the Outward Bound Facility has located in another county.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the rezoning of the Hughes property has been approved by the City of DeFuniak.

The Board discussed acquiring additional property surrounding the Section 8 Housing Building.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution agreeing to make payment to Robert P. Jones & Associates for services associated with the Small County Coalition. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the purchase of a 1975 Ford C-8000 fire truck for the Mossy Head Fire Department. The cost of the truck will be \$38,500.00. This action will nullify previous action to purchase a fire truck for \$40,000.00. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to visit various office space available in the south end of Walton County today at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Cuchens requested to waive the bid procedure and purchase a rough terrain hydraulic excavator from Tractor and Equipment Company. Commissioner Cuchens stated that to his knowledge, Tractor and Equipment Company is the only company in the area that sells this type of excavator, with all the "extras". Commissioner Cuchens agreed to table this item until tomorrow.

The Board agreed to declare an air-conditioner from District 3 as surplus property and donate to Flowers View Community Center. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Moore requested permission to pave a walkway around the Children's Home Community Center. Commissioner Moore requested to utilize paving prices from the bids received for the District 2 paving projects.

Kassie Keyes presented draft material for an Ecosystem Management Program Meeting.

Mr. Bell presented a listing of the revenues from the one cent small county surtax from February through June, 1995.

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

APPROVED: _____

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Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk