

WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 10, 1994

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop on Monday, October 10, 1994, 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, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Charles McMillan, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, requested that Michael Smith and Dennie Andrews, presently on contract labor, be placed on full-time. Mr. McMillan also requested a raise for Millie Ward to \$6.00 per hour and Gary Cook to \$6.09 per hour. The Board agreed to place these items on the consent agenda.

Jerry Schnitzius, president of Environmental Waste Systems, appeared before the Board and stated that the disposal fee on garbage will be reduced by \$5.00, from \$15.00 per month to \$10.00 per month, with twice a week pick-up, if the one cent sales tax passes. Mr. Schnitzius also stated that the cost will be reduced an additional \$1.50 if the customer did not have to be billed. Mr. Schnitzius suggested to remove the green boxes and supply garbage pick-up for all the residents in Walton County if the one cent sales tax referendum passes. The Board agreed to look into the cost involved in maintaining the green boxes.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board that positions for an Assistant Building Official and a County Planner are budgeted in the 1994-95 budget and the positions must be advertised. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams also stated that Kenneth Wilkerson passed an electrical exam and is requesting a 25¢ raise as allowed in the budget when an exam is passed. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that the residents of Bay Bridge Landing requested that Buddy Wilkinson, County Engineer, and Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, investigate a drainage problem within the subdivision.

Mrs. Williams and Chairman Porter agreed to meet to discuss a site plan

and survey for the Choctaw Beach Park.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that Dana Beach Phase IV and Paradise by the Sea final plats are scheduled on the agenda for tomorrow. Mrs. Williams stated that she has not received a firm commitment from Regional Utilities for water and sewer. The Board agreed that the water and sewer commitment is a requirement which must be met before the plats can be approved.

Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, advised the Board that since October 1, 1994 the garbage has increased tremendously and the one new truck can not keep up. The Board agreed to run the old truck as needed and authorize Mr. Ammons, Ronnie Hudson, or Rusty Floyd to lease a truck if necessary.

Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, stated that he has received several calls regarding locating a garbage box in the Choctaw Beach and Villa Tasso area.

Bob Berglund, representing the Mossy Head Fire Department, addressed the Board regarding appointing a five member Mossy Head Fire Board as required by the MSBU.

Chairman Porter stated that someone has dumped garbage on County, Mossy Head Fire Department and George Harrison's property illegally. Chairman Porter also stated that a joint meeting with the Liberty Fire Chief, Mossy Head Fire Chief, and Mike Barker, Public Safety Director must be scheduled to discuss the Mossy Head Fire District lines.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of a Small County Coalition meeting to be held on October 17, 1994 in Tallahassee.

Mr. Bell advised that he received a letter from Sara Bleakley with Nabors, Giblin, and Nickerson regarding the one cent sales tax. Mrs. Bleakley stated that the Board could legally advertise their support of the tax.

The Board agreed to allow Commissioners Harris, Cuchens and Ronnie Bell to be the three designated members from Walton County for the Small County Coalition.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Chris Johnson of Amnex, would like to service the pay phones within the county, giving the county twenty percent of the line usage. Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that presently Centel is servicing the phones and the county only receives a portion from the coins placed in the phones. There are only two pay phones for which the

county is responsible. The Board agreed to allow Chris Johnson from Amnex service the pay phones in the county. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell opened the three bids received for BCC 1115, District 1 grader, as follows:

HOSS Equipment	\$ 78,591.00
La Coure Heavy Equipment	\$ 72,556.60
OAC Equipment Corporation	\$ 73,501.00

The Board agreed to award the bid to the highest bidder, HOSS Equipment, in the amount of \$78,591.00. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to grant Mr. Dewey Wilson's request and replace Mike Stanley, who resigned, with Gene Wesley to serve on the Florida Community Services Board of Directors. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Cuchens requested to transfer Willard Alford, District 5 employee, from contract labor to full-time. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Moore requested that Charlotte Mathews, Purchasing Department employee, be transferred from contract labor to full-time. The Board agreed to speak with Mr. Miller, County Attorney, regarding the pending case with the Purchasing Agent.

Commissioner Harris requested to transfer Rusty Roark, District 1 employee, from contract labor to full-time. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to distribute the allocation of \$143,369.16 for the 1994-95 budget year to support the Walton County volunteer fire departments as follows:

\$11,517.43 to each of the 12 county fire departments
\$ 5,160.00 to the fire board for training and supplies

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to grant the request of Nellie Thompson, Supervisor of Elections, to adjust the personal services account to reflect an increase of \$2,973.00 due to the fact that she did not receive an estimated county salary list from the state for the budget year 1994-95. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the Operation and Maintenance agreements between the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of

Agriculture, and Walton County for the following projects: C-192 Bridge, Andy Avenue Gully, Kiser Branch, Corbin Gainey Road, and Long Road North. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the permit for emergency watershed protection (EWP) for the above mentioned projects. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve a salary increase for Ruth Evans, District Clerk, Choctawhatchee River Soil & Water Conservation District, from \$16,702.00 to \$21,776.00. The Board agreed to approve a salary increase for Tommy Hinote, County Technician, Choctawhatchee River Soil & Water Conservation District, from \$18,116.00 to \$21,074.00. These items will be placed on the consent agenda.

Herman Chrishon, resident of District 1, requested the Board replace the culvert located on Pervy Campbell Road with a bridge similar to the one replaced by the culvert due to the culvert not handling the water drainage. Mr. Webster McKinnon advised the Board that the road has been impassable on several occasions due to the culvert washing out. Commissioner Harris stated that he would check into the matter and possibly insert a larger culvert or place two culverts on the road to solve the problem.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk