

WORKSHOP

October 23, 1985

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a Workshop with Representatives Sam Mitchell and James Ward on October 23, 1985, at 9:30 A.M.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman W. F. Miles, Vice-Chairman Raymond Hall, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Joe Griffin, and Commissioner Derward Owens.

Commissioner Griffin submitted to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Ward the plans for the proposed new canning center and vegetable market. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the project be named the agriculture processing center. Discussion followed on ways to improve the project.

Commissioner Griffin requested that the state reseed the Choctawhatchee Bay with oysters. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Ward pledged to see that the Bay is reseeded with oysters.

Mr. J. Lamar Ward, resident of Freeport, asked Mr. Mitchell about the Criminal Justice Act. Mr. Mitchell advised that the tax was available for one year, but the legislature may review an extension during the next session.

Mrs. Catherine King, Clerk, requested that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Ward consider legislation that will allow the clerks office to handle first offender cases that wish to plea guilty. Mrs. King advised that it will save money and relieve the court case load.

Mrs. King also requested that the Clerks be allowed to enforce the child support law. Mrs. King stated that at the present time the enforce is divided among several agencies.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Ward suggested that the Clerks Association submit these requests to the legislature. Mrs. King advised that the Clerks Association is in the progress of addressing these issues, but wanted to mention them today so that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Ward would be aware the needed changes.

Chairman Miles adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: W. F. Miles

W. F. Miles, Chairman

ATTEST: Catherine King

Catherine King, Clerk