

WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 28, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular workshop on Monday, October 28, 1996, 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 Virginia D. Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Gerald Wilkerson, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie Bell, was also present.

Monica Flickenger, representing the United Way, appeared before the Board to request a letter of support for the United Way 1996 Campaign. The Board agreed to place this on the consent agenda.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, submitted a letter from the State approving the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (five year strategic plan).

Mr. Barker presented the call statistics for 1994 through 1997.

Mr. Barker stated that Harold Bigham has completed the Americorp Program and he would now like to hire Mr. Bigham full-time to perform the database updates. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

George R. Miller, County Attorney, advised of a check for the first installment on the D/H Oil Truck Stop. The Board advised Mr. Miller to return the check in the amount of \$21,815 to Wayne Montgomery, Comptroller for D/H Oil Company. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Tom Powell, Economic Development Director, requested the Board's assistance in estimating the cost to construct a road leading to Blue Ridge Company located in Freeport. The Board directed Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, to comprise an estimate for the job and the criteria required.

Chairman Porter stated that the high bidder on a District 4 International BCC 1442 withdrew their bid. Chairman Porter stated that Holmes County offered \$24,000 for the truck. The Board agreed to allow Holmes County to purchase the truck. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, opened the advertised bids as follows:

Bid 96-115: District 5 paving of West Hewett Road
Florida Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	2150 tons @ \$39.20 ton	\$84,280.00
primer	4000 gals @ \$ 1.50 gal	\$ 6,000.00
Total bid		\$90,280.00

Panhandle Grading

S-1 Asphalt	2150 tons @ \$40.50 ton	\$87,075.00
primer	4000 gals @ \$ 1.80 gal	\$ 7,200.00
Total bid		\$94,275.00

Gulf Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	2150 tons @ \$48.50 ton	\$104,275.00
primer	4000 gals @ \$ 2.44 gal	\$ 9,760.00
Total bid		\$114,035.00

Okaloosa Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	2150 tons @ \$38.50 ton	\$82,775.00
primer	4000 gals @ \$ 1.00 gal	\$ 4,000.00
Total bid		\$86,775.00

Bid 96-117: District 5 paving of Laird Road, Sparkleberry
Road and Carol Drive

Gulf Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	1218 tons @ \$47.60 ton	\$57,976.80
primer	2224 gals @ \$ 5.60 gal	\$12,454.40
Total bid		\$70,431.20

Florida Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	1218 tons @ \$41.20 ton	\$50,131.60
primer	2224 gals @ \$ 1.50 gal	\$ 3,336.00
Total bid		\$53,517.60

Panhandle Grading

S-1 Asphalt	1218 tons @ \$42.50 tons	\$51,765.00
primer	2224 gals @ \$ 2.20 gal	\$ 4,892.80
Total bid		\$56,657.80

Okaloosa Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	1218 tons @ \$37.50 tons	\$45,675.00
primer	2224 gals @ \$ 1.00 gal	\$ 2,224.00
Total bid		\$47,899.00

Bid 96-114: District 3 leveling and resurfacing of Walton
Road and turn lanes

Panhandle Grading

S-1 Asphalt	2100 tons @ \$39.50 ton	\$82,950.00
tack	3000 gals @ \$ 1.40 gal	\$ 4,200.00
Total bid		\$87,150.00

Gulf Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	2100 tons @ \$47.44 ton	\$ 99,624.00
tack	3000 gals @ \$ 3.00 gal	\$ 9,000.00
Total bid		\$108,624.00

Okaloosa Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	2100 tons @ \$37.50 ton	\$78,750.00
tack	3000 gals @ \$ 1.00 gal	\$ 3,000.00
Total bid		\$81,750.00

Florida Asphalt

S-1 Asphalt	2100 tons @ \$48.20 ton	\$101,220.00
tack	3000 gals @ \$ 1.50 gal	\$ 4,500.00
Total bid		\$105,720.00

Mr. Bell stated that only one bid was submitted for the CDBG road improvements bid. Nine sets of the bid specifications were sent out.

Commissioner Wilkerson advised of a request from Vince Bruner for the county to haul a load of dirt onto his driveway to fill in a bog area. Commissioner Wilkerson will bring this item up tomorrow in the presence of Attorney Miller.

Julian Webb advised that the one bid for the CDBG road improvements grant can be opened. The bid was from Okaloosa Asphalt in the amount of \$783,660.75. The engineers and contractor will now work with the alternates

to negotiate the price below the budgeted amount for the project.

Mr. Webb gave an update on the truck stop.

Mr. Bell presented the six proposals for the Request for Qualifications for county engineering firms as follows:

Preble-Rish, Inc.
Metric Engineering, Inc.
Polyengineering, Inc.
Hartman & Associates, Inc.
Peters Municipal Associates
Carlan Consulting Group, Inc.

The Board will review the proposals.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised that Joyce Coleman has requested that funds from the HOME Program be utilized within the city limits. The City is utilizing their funds for road paving. The Board agreed to extend the use of HOME Program funds into the city limits of DeFuniak Springs. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Brenda Chunn appeared before the Board to request that the Board reconsider the decision to reject her bid of \$200 for Lot 18, Block 234, Town of Santa Rosa. Ms. Chunn gave a brief history of the reason she needs the lot to use for medication with the Department of Community Affairs. The Board agreed to speak with Attorney Miller regarding this matter.

Vice-Chairman Pridgen advised of a letter from the City of Paxton requesting the County's assistance in constructing a walking track. Vice-Chairman Pridgen suggested that the newly elected commissioner address this matter.

Commissioner Harris presented a right-of-entry agreement from Lewis Weatherford to correct a drainage problem on his property. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to allow District 5 to rent a backhoe from October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997 from Thompson Tractor Company in the amount of \$8250. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Motion by Chairman Porter, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to enter into special session. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Cuchens Aye, Wilkerson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Chairman Porter, second by Commissioner Wilkerson, to sell BCC 1442, District 4 International Dump Truck, to Holmes County for \$24,000. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Cuchens Aye, Wilkerson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Vice-Chairman Pridgen, to close special session. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Cuchens Aye, Wilkerson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Commissioner Harris advised that Jeff Anderson, Charles Davis and Robin Allen has received two certificates each for classes attended for further training. Commissioner Harris stated that he would speak with Ernie Montgomery, Shop Foreman, to determine who authorized the training.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, presented three quotes for surveying 110 acres at the Landfill to establish concrete property corners as required by the Department of Environmental Protection. The quotes are as follows:

Guston & Tucker	\$10,520.00
Jenkins & Associates	\$ 9,500.00
George & Tooke	\$ 4,900.00

Chairman Porter stated that he would look into the matter.

Greg Wise, representing BSI, presented the negotiated health insurance options with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The Board agreed to approve health insurance renewal with BCBS at the same deductible, \$300, with an 80/70 PPO coverage and generic medicine at 100%. This plan will reflect a 2.3% increase in the County's premium instead of the original 9% increase. The Board agreed to make this plan effective January 1, 1997. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Hudson advised that the South Walton Fire District wishes to borrow 30 traffic cones for approximately 3 weeks. The Board approved of the request.

The Board agreed to allow Kenny Garrett, District 5 employee, to combine his years of employment with the County to receive the maximum leave time available. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the fee schedule, see attachment A, from the Walton County Public Health Department. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to release \$24,500 to the Humane Society as budgeted. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, presented a letter from the Department of Transportation announcing a public hearing on improvements to U.S. 331 from US 98 to I-10. The meeting will be held on November 19, 1996, at Freeport Elementary School.

Mr. Bell advised of a complaint from Ricky Rookis regarding cable service provided in South Walton by Cablevision.

The Board agreed to approve the job description for the planning technician/code enforcement officer. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the full-time position of Bob Berry as Certified Building Inspector and the requested raise of \$1.50 per hour for receipt of three certifications. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised that John Hazelton has requested an appeal of the Board of Adjustment/Code Enforcement Board's decision regarding the Blackmon fruit stand at the intersection of US 98 and CR 393. The meeting will be held on November 12, 1996 at 1:00 P.M.

The Board agreed to establish a cut-off date of November 1, 1996, at 4:30 P.M., to accept development order applications. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve an agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs for mosquito control services provided by the county within the city limits of DeFuniak Springs and an agreement concerning a portion of property behind the Walton County Public Health Unit that is being used for parking and storm water retention. These agreements will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Larry Arrington, Professor and District Director of the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service, regarding an award Mr. Bruce Ward received.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from John Mooneyham of the Public Defender's office regarding the condition of the building which the office is currently being housed.

Mr. Bell presented a draft copy of the September County Commission Newsletter for the Board's review.

Mr. Bell presented a copy of the advertisement for Request for Qualifications for engineering services for Walton County.

Mr. Bell presented a letter and a copy of the EMS County Awards grant that Walton County recently was awarded.

The Board agreed to grant the request from Andrew Ullman of Paramount Pictures to allow them to utilize the old bay bridge for filming of scenes for the Truman Show. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a copy of a resolution received from Hendry County requesting that the Board oppose Constitutional Amendments 4 and 5 on the November General Election ballot.

Mr. Bell advised that the Board recently was presented with a certificate from OWCC regarding the Board's participation in the Americorp Program.

Mr. Bell advised of a letter from Brice Nist, engineer with Connelly & Wicker, regarding a requested change order in the Driftwood Estates Project. Mr. Nist explained in his letter that a few of the driveways were located where the depth of the roadside swales were too shallow to use standard 15 inch diameter culverts. The second item in the proposed change order addresses the pressure sewer outfall. This outfall was originally designed to discharge into a manhole to be constructed within Sandestin at the end of a 10 inch diameter gravity sewer. During the construction of the Driftwood project, a separate construction project within Sandestin removed the 10 inch gravity sewer stub and a new road was constructed between the Driftwood project and the rest of the 10 inch gravity sewer; therefore, a bore under the new road and 50 additional feet of force main is required. The estimated additional cost is \$3,157. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Nist further stated in his letter that the contractor, Anderson and Fleshman, has requested a reduction in the amount of retainage. He has requested reduction to 0% on Area B-1 and reduction to 5% on Areas A and B. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Chris Cadenhead, attorney for White Construction, regarding the borrow pit site located near Clear Springs in North Walton County.

The Board agreed to approve the estimated cost for bridge decking. The estimate was approximately \$250 per load (two decks, 4' wide, 33' long, per load). The County will be responsible for unloading and will utilize the county lowboy to haul. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk