

WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 7, 1994

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, November 7, 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 Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, and the County's Attorney, Mr. George R. Miller, were also present.

Chairman Porter opened the Workshop for discussions.

Latilda Hughes, County Planner, reminded the Board of a Public Hearing to be held tonight at 5:30 P.M., to consider Don Gamble's request for a small-scale amendment from General Agriculture to Commercial.

The Board agreed to set a Public Hearing on December 27, 1994 at 5:30 P.M. to consider a request from Frank Masters for a small-scale amendment from General Agriculture to Rural Village.

The Board agreed to set a Public Hearing on December 27, 1994 at 6:00 P.M. to consider a request from Willa Hertwig for a small-scale amendment from Special Resource District to Coastal Center.

The Board agreed to approve the invoices received without purchase orders and place this item on the consent agenda.

Major Bill Chapman appeared before the Board to advise that the Department of Revenue has offered Walton County \$6,000.00 to be used toward Child Support Enforcement Cases. The contract is valid from December 1, 1994 through July 31, 1995. The Board agreed to approve the contract with the Department of Revenue and place this item on the consent agenda.

Alice Irwin, representing the Coastal Branch Library, appeared before the Board to discuss the progress of raising funds to place toward the new library in South Walton. Mrs. Irwin stated that the project has really taken off and they are doing very well.

Julian Webb, Grant Consultant, appeared before the Board to discuss the Truck Stop Project to be located in Mossy Head. Mr. Webb stated that the

site must have an archeologist to review the land. Chairman Porter stated that the owner of the proposed truck stop is in the process of negotiating a trade in land with Eglin and is so, the site may not need an archeological review.

The Board agreed to hold a Workshop on November 21, 1994, at 8:30 A.M., to review the engineering proposals for the Truck Stop Project.

The Board agreed to ratify Julian Webb's contract. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, advised the Board that the Contamination Assessment Report has been accepted by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Ammons stated that December 1, 1994 is the dead-line for the contamination clean-up.

Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor to the Board, presented a letter from Thomas Brantley, County Engineer Applicant, stating that the beginning salary of \$50,000.00 per year is sufficient but he requests deferred compensation of 7% of salary contributed by the employer. The Board did not agree with the deferred compensation and directed Mr. Bell to prepare a letter to Mr. Brantley rejecting his offer.

The Board agreed to extend the moratorium on Salvage Yards for six months. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, regarding the Florida Sesquicentennial Celebration and requests the Board to appoint, through a resolution, a Sesquicentennial Coordination Committee for Walton County. The committee will be charged with the primary responsibility of encouraging, sanctioning and coordinating local Sesquicentennial activities/events which take place within the county of jurisdiction.

The Board agreed to accept the boundary line changes for the Mossy Head/Oakwood Hills and the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department Districts and accept the revised maps. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Meeting on November 9, 1994, at 8:30 A.M., to repeal the MSBU Ordinance if the One Cent Small County Surtax passes in tomorrow's election.

Clayton Adkinson and David Green, representing Curtis Golden and the State Attorney's Office, appeared before the Board to discuss the Walton County Environmental Officers.

Mr. Adkinson and Mr. Green agreed that they feel the Environmental Officers

have no power to make arrest; therefore, the cases are not being prosecuted. Mr. Adkinson stated that the two Environmental Officers can be deputized by the Sheriff for the sole purpose of enforcing Environmental Laws or they could submit an affidavit to the Judge and present the warrants to the Sheriff's Office for service, then the cases could be prosecuted. Mr. Miller, County Attorney, stated that a Walton County Law Enforcement Ordinance has been drafted and the Board is prepared to adopt the Ordinance if the Sheriff will agreed to deputize the two Environmental Officers for the sole purpose of enforcing environmental laws. The Board agreed to take the case to court and have a Judge decide if the Environmental Officers have the authority to enforce environmental laws.

The Board discussed the County Wide Paving Crew employees. Nick Ramos stated that the "name calling" is no longer a problem. The Board agreed to take action on the matter in tomorrow's meeting.

Commissioner Moore stated that he located culverts to be donated to the Little League.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, advised the Board that he would be meeting with a representative from FEMA and asked the Board if they had any problems with projects relating to the flood or could foresee any delays.

Marvin Dickerson, representing the Florida League of Cities Worker's Compensation, appeared before the Board to discuss a Safety Program for Walton County.

The Board agreed to accept four warranty deeds from Gregory S. Permenter, William D. Permenter Jr., Robert D. Permenter, and William D. Permenter and Elizabeth A. Permenter for clay pits in District 3. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution proclaiming that November 12, 1994 be known as Neal McCormick Day in Walton County. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed accept the annual reports from the Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve request from John Stanley to extend his withdrawal from the sick-leave pool from October 29, 1994 through November 10, 1994. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to reappoint Commissioner Harris to serve on the Tri-County Community Council Board of Directors. This item will be placed on the

consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the request from Phil McMillian to purchase computer hardware in the amount of \$6,568.00. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine King, Clerk