

WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 8, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida met in a regular workshop session on Monday, November 8, 1993 at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman Gordon Porter, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore, and Commissioner Rosier Cuchens. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussion.

Mrs. Lel Czeck, Director of Comprehensive Planning for the West Florida Regional Planning Council, appeared before the Board to present the following recommendation for the Board's approval:

1. Approve the submittal of a HOME application, in
the amount of \$250,000.00, to the Florida
Housing Finance Agency to further expand the
County's affordable housing preservation program
through rehabilitation of homeowner-occupied
housing units. The non-refundable application
fee is \$350.00.
2. Authorize the Chairman to execute the
Certification page of the application and
any other related documents required for
submission of the application.
3. Authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement
Council to with the West Florida Regional Planning
Program, if administer and implement the HOME
funds are awarded.

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

The Board discussed the retirees insurance. Mrs. Rhonda Messer, Deputy Clerk, conducted a poll of the County retirees asking them how they felt if the County began paying an insurance subsidy of \$3.00 per year of service to the retirees to help purchase a health insurance of their choice. This is the same policy as the State Division of Retirement. There is a total of 49 county retirees, out of these 49, 34 were polled. A total of 27 retirees were in favor of the Board's suggestion and 7 were against. The Board discussed the possibility of separating the retirees who are presently on the county's insurance from the ones who are not on the insurance. The Board

agreed to speak with Mr. Miller, County Attorney, regarding the matter.

Mr. Wash Currington, resident of District 1, appeared before the Board to discuss the driveway leading to his property. Mr. Currington stated that the County, District 1, removed the culvert from his driveway when his house burned. The County previously graded the driveway. Now, Mr. Currington wants the culvert returned and the driveway repaired. Commissioner Harris agreed to meet with Mr. Currington at 1:00 this afternoon to discuss the matter.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Angela Lindsey did very well on her typing test and he is still in the process of locating a position for her. For the next two weeks she will be working in the Clerk's Office at the Courthouse.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Carlan Consulting Group, Inc. requesting the Board accept Cell #1 for usage and maintenance and release the remainder of the monies due the contractor.

Mr. Bell submitted the results for the number of fires the Red Bay, Argyle, and Ponce De Leon Fire Department responded to in Walton County. A total of 67 fire calls were received by the Argyle Volunteer Fire Department from 10/1/92 through 9/30/93. Of these 67 total calls, twelve calls were in Holmes County. The area in Holmes County that they responded to was the Bridge Creek Community, Baker Manning Road and Interstate 10. A total of 31 fire calls were received by the Red Bay Volunteer Fire Department from 10/1/92 through 9/30/93. Of these 31 total calls, none were into Holmes County. A total of 62 fire calls were received by the Ponce De Leon Volunteer Fire Department from 10/1/92 through 9/30/93. Of these 62 total calls, ten calls were into Walton County.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board of the public hearing scheduled for tomorrow at 1:00 P.M. regarding the Blue Mountain Beach Resort. Mr. Bell also reminded the Board of the meeting on November 29, 1993 at 9:30 A.M. with Jim Parish of the Florida Foundation. Mr. Parish will be interviewing each Commissioner individually regarding the needs of Walton County.

Mr. Bell presented the recommendation of the Grievance Committee regarding Glory Ann Brown's appeal. The recommendation was by a 2 to 1 vote, that based upon the substantial competent evidence submitted, the County's actions should be upheld.

Commissioner Harris advised the Board that the County, District 1, constructed a road leading to Mrs. Ann Bray's home years ago. Mrs. Bray is

requesting that the road be maintained.

The Board discussed the request of the Concerned Christian Fathers to pave the parking area around the old Tivoli Gym.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented the proposed 1994 holidays as follows:

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| December 31 | New Year's Day |
| January 17 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| September 5 | Labor Day |
| November 11 | Veterans Day |
| November 24 and 25 | Thanksgiving Holidays |
| December 23 and 26 | Christmas Holidays |

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

The Board agreed to place the following pay increases on the consent agenda:

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| Allen Vestal | \$1.00 per hour |
| Woody Via | .50 per hour |
| Allen Brown | .50 per hour |
| Elvis Brown | .50 per hour |

Mr. Bell presented a bill which was submitted to the Public Works Office by Mr. Bill Yearwood for an engine and labor on the search and rescue vehicle from Driver Mower Service.

The Board agreed to grant the Chairman authority to sign the needed paperwork at the closing of the recently purchased forty acres located off Highway 2 and place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to approve the annual reports submitted by the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser and place these items on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to accept the warranty deed from Mr. Glen Chesser and place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to reappoint Commissioner Charles Harris to serve on the Tri-County Community Council Board and place this item on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution proclaiming December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month and place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that the Board only suggested that courthouse and annex employees utilize the east parking lot. The Board agreed to install more lighting in the parking area.

There being no further business, Chairman Pridgen adjourned the

Workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk