

REGULAR WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 13, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop session on Monday, November 13, 1989, at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom in the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman W.F. Miles, Commissioner Wilson Holley, Commissioner Robert G. Fleet, and Commissioner Donald D. Brown. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the workshop to order.

Mr. Bell presented a video of the commons area in Bay Pine Shores Subdivision. Commissioner Fleet recommended that, rather than accepting this area for the public's use, the developer should pay the 5% Impact Fee. Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, stated that the Corps of Engineers has advised that nothing can be constructed on that area. Commissioner Fleet advised that the Impact Fee would be approximately \$7,000.00. The Board generally agreed to accept the 5% Impact Fee.

Mr. Bell advised that he has received two proposals to remove the antenna and tower from the roof of the Courthouse. S & S Electronics will remove the antenna and tower for \$300.00 and Quadratics, Inc. will perform the job for \$325.00. Mr. Mike Barker, Civil Defense Director, believes that both the antenna and tower can be used elsewhere.

Mr. Bell advised of a letter he received from Ms. JoAnn Thompson, resident of Sparkleberry Road in South Walton County. She is sending a formal complaint against Warner Cable.

Mr. Bell stated that he has received a quote of \$9,500.00 from Municipal Code Corporation to codify all County ordinances.

Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised that specifications for fencing to surround the Landfill compound have been prepared and the advertisement for bids have been mailed.

Commissioner Brown related an incident in Villa Tasso in which an elderly gentleman was threatened and almost attacked by a pit bulldog which is allowed to roam the neighborhood freely. Commissioner Brown stated that the older citizens and children of the County should not be

"terrorized" in this manner and should not be fearful for their lives when outside their homes. Commissioner Brown advised that some steps must be taken toward an animal control ordinance for at least certain areas of the County.

Commissioner Brown advised that, due to more recent heavy rains, there has been even further erosion to the dams in Teelinville Subdivision.

Commissioner Fleet thanked Mr. Bell and his office for their part in the removal of the barge at Hogtown Bayou. Commissioner Fleet stated that the barge is now completely gone.

Vice-Chairman Miles stated that the ferry barge needs to be sandblasted and rustproofed before it rusts beyond repair. Mr. Hudson advised that the barge should be moved to the Shop in order to be sandblasted and rustproofed. Commissioner Brown stated that he feels the barge should be sold and the money placed in escrow. Discussion continued briefly.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Deputy Clerk, advised that the Board allocated \$10,000.00 per District for contract labor employees. Five DCT students, two Tri-County bus drivers, and one worker at the Council on Aging are the only contract laborers paid out of the General Fund account. All others are paid from the Road and Bridge account.

Mrs. Williams advised that Mr. Bob Phillips, of Sadisco, has applied for a recycling salvage yard. Mr. Phillips has complied with the new Ordinance regarding salvage centers. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Williams reviewed the background of Fair Fax Condominium. The developer is requesting a second time extension. Mrs. Williams advised that the situation is similar to the situation of Aquarius Condo which was recently addressed by the Board.

There was brief discussion concerning motor graders.

Mrs. Ingle reviewed the letters to the Board on the agenda for November 14, 1989. She also advised of the annual reports from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Comptroller, and the Property Appraiser.

Ms. Glory Brown, Assistant Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Board requesting a pay increase. Ms. Brown advised that she has been offered a position with the State, but enjoys her job with the County

and would like to continue her employment with the County providing her salary is "competitive" with the State's offer. Commissioner Fleet stated that he feels her job performance justifies a salary increase. Commissioner Brown agreed with Commissioner Fleet and emphasized that job performance is the only factor on which he will base his vote and not on the threat that the County will lose an employee to the prison. Discussion followed regarding the need for updated personnel policies outlining pay increase procedures and guidelines.

Commissioner Holley questioned the authority of Commissioners to grant raises to employees outside his own department.

Vice-Chairman Miles advised that work has begun on the Douglass Crossroads project. The members of the Board agreed to help District 1 in the completion of this project.

Commissioner Holley recommended that a letter be written and mailed to Mr. Bernard Dyess, President of the Farmers' Market Producer's Association, advising Mr. Dyess that the Farmers' Market parking lot has not been paved because of the sporadic heavy rains. Mr. Hudson advised that \$8,000.00 had been appropriated in last year's budget for the paving. The Board directed Mr. Hudson to prepare a list of equipment needed to complete the paving project as well as the number of men needed to assist.

Chairman Pridgen recommended that signs be erected on the roads and around the green garbage boxes indicating a \$500.00 fine for littering.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Solid Waste Committee will be recommending that a slab and metal building be constructed at the Landfill for the purpose of recycling by means of "handpicking." The Correctional Facility Superintendent has agreed to allow inmates to provide the labor. Commissioner Brown stated that this is an inexpensive, short-term solution, but it will allow the recycling grant money to be committed. Discussion continued on the unsightly and unsanitary conditions of the green boxes in the County.

Commissioner Holley suggested that a pay telephone be installed on the first floor of the Courthouse. Mrs. Ingle advised that she will investigate that possibility.

Mrs. Ingle reviewed a letter from Levy County.

Vice-Chairman Miles suggested that each Commissioner should have the authority to borrow money from a lending institution to make a purchase for the District or to do paving if, by doing so, it would be less expensive than to wait another year to do the paving or purchase the piece of equipment.

Commissioner Fleet requested each Commissioner's help in acquiring pledges/donations to the United Way.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: Sam Pridgen  
Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: Catherine King  
Catherine King, Clerk