

WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 13, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular workshop on Monday, November 13, 1995, 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 Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Matt Douglass, Ambulance Supervisor, presented the Board with one application submitted for the position of full-time paramedic. The applicant was Jeff Claudio. Mr. Douglass stated that Mr. Claudio was qualified for the position and he recommended approval. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Douglass presented the Board with five applications received for three vacant part-time EMT positions and one part-time paramedic position. Mr. Douglass recommended the following applicants: Christian Elaine Faulkenberry as part-time Paramedic, David Paul Horn, Christopher Dean Tieck and Sharon Whitehead Baio as part-time EMT's. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Jim Taylor appeared before the Board and presented a petition from the owners of Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 in the Ray's Multi Mountain Estates. These property owners petition the Board to erect appropriate signage on the East border of these properties to disallow all motorized vehicular traffic on the beach fronting these properties and to enforce this prohibition as necessary. The Board agreed to discuss this matter tomorrow when the County Attorney was present.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, responded to a letter written by the Walton County Fire Board regarding a safety inspector and fire codes.

Letha Cosson, member of the Contractor Competency Board, suggested to amend the Competency Board Ordinance to include that roofing and underground utility contractors be required to show competency to the Competency Board before a county license is issued. Mrs. Cosson stated that they must be state registered before they can operate anyway.

Beth Folta, representing Seaside, appeared before the Board to discuss signage along County Road 30A due to the construction to the road. Mrs Folta stated that more signs are needed stating the detours and where the businesses are located so that the tourist can find their destination. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, suggested to schedule a meeting with a representative from the Department of Transportation and Metric Engineers to discuss an appropriate location for such signs.

The Board agreed to designate Patsy Register and Scott Wheeler as agents for the purpose of enforcing animal control laws in Walton County. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, presented a request from Nassau County urging Walton County to adopt a resolution requesting that the State Insurance Commissioner delay the implementation of the ISO insurance rating system. The Board agreed to adopt such a resolution and place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell stated that the roof at the Liberty Community Center needs to be replaced. Mr. Bell stated that the Community Center also serves as a polling place; therefore, the Supervisor of Elections may be able to contribute to the repairs. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$300. The Board agreed to repair the roof and contact Nellie Thompson to help with the cost. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a resolution supporting November as National Hospice Month. The Board agreed to adopt the resolution and place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter from Gregory R. McKenzie regarding the future of Walton Regional Hospital. Mr. McKenzie submitted a resume' for future reference.

Mr. Bell presented the bid results from Bid 95-10, paving projects in District 5, and 95-124, Tandem Tilt Trailer for District 1. Commissioner Cuchens agreed to go with the lowest bidder for the paving projects. The Board agreed to award bid 95-10 to Panhandle Grading and Paving in the amount of \$367,575. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board discussed purchasing an asphalt plant. Mr. Bell advised the Board that the plant in North Carolina has been sold. The Board agreed to hold a workshop on November 27, 1995 at 10:00 A.M. and invite representatives from area asphalt companies to discuss the prices of asphalt and purchasing an asphalt plant.

Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board that the South Walton Annex trailer was purchased out of General Fund in the amount of \$6609.75.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, advised the Board that the transmission has gone out on Bobby Ammons's vehicle and there is no money in the budget for repairs.

Commissioner Harris agreed to award bid 95-124, Tandem Tilt Trailer, to Crosley Trailers, Inc. in the amount of \$8956. Crosley Trailers was the highest bid but has the best product. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris presented a proposal from Wally Bair, member of the South Walton Community Council. Mr. Bair presented suggestions for two county supported initiatives: 1. that the Walton County Board of Commissioners initiate and appoint an Emergency Management Study and Recommendation Panel and 2. develop a specific C30A Comprehensive Plan Code as mandated in the South Walton Conservation and Development Trust.

Chairman Porter stated that the five year emergency plan needs to be completed as stated by the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Chairman Porter called to order the scheduled Public Hearing to consider a small scale amendment to the Comprehensive Plan as requested by Jerry Byrd. Mr. Byrd wishes to rezone a two acre parcel located on Highway 331 South from Rural Village to Commercial to accommodate an underground utility construction office. No opposition from the audience was voiced.

Motion by Commissioner Harris, second by Commissioner Moore, to grant Mr. Byrd's request for a small scale amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to rezone a parcel of property located on Highway 331 South from Rural Village to Commercial. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Cuchens Aye, Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Chairman Porter adjourned the Public Hearing.

The Board agreed to approve two bills from Sadler Construction Company in the amount of \$48,280 and \$12,500 for grinding and cleaning debris from Hurricane Opal. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Chairman Porter stated that the Department of Environmental Protection stopped District 5 from scraping sand on the beach but did not stop everyone. Mr. Porter stated that if one is stopped, they all need to be stopped. The County is responsible for issuing the permits.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution supporting the Friends of the

Coastal Branch Library in applying for a grant for matching funds from the State of Florida in order to locate a library in South Walton County. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to pay Hot Mix Transportation \$223,209 for work performed due to Hurricane Opal. This amount is totally refundable from the Federal Highway Administration. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris stated that Tony Campbell, Transportation Coordinator for Tri-County Community Council, stated that due to inadequate resources, he can no longer pick-up less than three clients on one run unless the Transportation Coordinator sees necessary.

Kassie Keyes presented a status report on the South Walton Ecosystem Demonstration Project.

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

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

Gordon Porter, Chairman

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

Catherine King, Clerk