

## WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a Workshop on November 18, 1985, at 10:00 A.M., to discuss the proposed ordinance that would require all new development to install utilities underground whenever feasible.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman W. F. Miles, Vice-Chairman Raymond Hall, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Joe Griffin, and Commissioner Derward Owens.

Chairman Miles called the meeting order.

Mr. Gene Smith, General Manager of Choctawhatchee Electric Coop, Inc., appeared before the Board to request that two changes be made to the proposed ordinance. The changes were as follows:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, desires that all utilities be placed underground and the property owner and/or developer pay the additional cost for this service in all new developments whenever installation of underground facilities is feasible.

Section I: All utilities, including television cable, telephone, and distribution electrical systems shall be installed underground in any proposed new development whenever feasible.

Mr. Mike Richards, Choctawhatchee Electric Coop, Inc., asked the Board if the ordinance will include street lighting. Mr. Richards stated that the concrete poles used, when utilities are underground, are very expensive.

Gulf Power Company and Central Telephone Company were presented at the meeting.

After discussion, Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, for Mr. Dewey Wilson, Administrative Supervisor, Mike Richards, Choctawhatchee Electric Coop, Inc., George Holland, Gulf Power Company, and Miles Epstine, Central Telephone, to conduct a workshop to discuss the ordinance and present the final draft at the Board Meeting on December 10, 1985. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

The Board went into Special Session to reorganize.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Pridgen, for Commissioner Miles to remain Chairman and Commissioner Hall to remain

Vice-Chairman for 1986. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Mr. Charles Ostien, resident of DeFuniak Springs, recommended to the Board that Commissioner Joe Griffin be appointed Chairman. Mr. Ostien stated that the County needs new and different ideas.

Motion by Commissioner Owens, second by Commissioner Griffin, to retain Mr. George R. Miller as the Board's Attorney for 1986. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Griffin, to adjourn. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye.

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

*W. F. Miles*

W. F. Miles, Chairman

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

*Catherine King*

Catherine King, Clerk