

WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 23, 1998

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Regular Workshop on Monday, November 23, 1998, at 8:30 a.m., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Joel Paul, Jr., Vice-Chairman Van Ness Butler, Jr., Commissioner Herman Walker, Commissioner Randall Infinger, and Commissioner Gene Ryan. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor, was also present.

Vice-Chairman Butler called the meeting to order followed by pledging allegiance to the American Flag and prayer.

Mrs. Suedelle Wilkerson, Finance Supervisor, presented the Expenditure Approval List for review.

The Board approved final payment to Chadbourne Construction in the amount of \$68,468.03 for project completion of the Jolly Bay road and \$335,490.26 for project completion of the Black Creek Blvd./CR 3280, District 1. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved payment to Carey, O'Mally, Whitaker and Manson in the amount of \$19,188.29 for legal fees regarding WRP's lawsuit. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved payment to Carey, O'Mally, Whitaker and Manson in the amount of \$2,629.17 regarding WRP's lawsuit. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved payment to Adirondack in the amount of \$1,126.00 for a Fire King file cabinet for the Human Resource Office. The purchase of the cabinet was previously approved at a cost of \$995.00, the additional cost resulted from shipping charges. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Captain Tom Pagels, Director of the Walton County Emergency Operations Center, appeared before the Commissioners and informed them that the 911 map books are in final production. Captain Pagels stated that approximately 400 books need to be purchased at an estimated cost of \$75.00 each. The Sheriff agreed to pay the cost of the 140 books needed for his department. Mr. Pagels stated that the books are revised every two years and the cost of printing was not budgeted. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Pagels survey each department and emergency service for a total number of books required and

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present a budget amendment request to cover the cost of the books.

Captain Pagels also requested a letter of support from the Commissioners for a grant application. The Board approved to submit a letter of support approving Emergency Management's grant application. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Captain Pagels advised the Commissioners that Walton County will be the distribution center during emergencies for Region I in the State's Emergency Management five year plan.

Mrs. Laray Kelly appeared before the Commissioners and expressed her concern with the loud noise from Bailey's Restaurant/Bar. Mrs. Kelly stated that she lives in the general vicinity of Bailey's and the noise continues until the early morning hours, which is becoming a nuisance. The Board approved to send a warning letter to Ms. Connie Bailey regarding the loud noise from her business establishment, and request the Department of Alcohol & Beverage to investigate the possible abuse of her liquor license. This item will be placed on the consent agenda. The Commissioners feel that a county wide noise ordinance should be addressed again.

The Commissioners recessed briefly.

Dr. Susan Turner, Walton County Health Department, appeared before the Commissioners and presented a fee schedule proposal for expanded preventative services. Dr. Turner explained the State funding process and the intentions for additional charges for the expanded services. Dr. Turner stated that she would like to retain the option to waive fees in indigent cases. The Board approved the proposed expanded fee schedule for the Walton County Health Department and placed this item on the consent agenda.

The Board approved for the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for 2000 gallons of chemicals for the Mosquito Control Department. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Jerry Fountain, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Commissioners and advised that bids will be opened for fuel on Wednesday, November 24, therefore requesting approval to award the low bid due to the need to fill the District 1 fuel tank for testing purposes. Mr. Fountain stated that the Board will not meet again in time to award the bid before the testing needs to be completed. The Board granted prior approval for Mr. Fountain to award bid 98-137, fuel purchase, to the low bidder upon opening of the bids due to time constraints and placed this item on the consent agenda.

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The Commissioners approved additional charges in the amount of \$149.90 for the purchase of the District 3 pick-up truck totaling \$20,299.90, from Gary Smith Ford. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Human Resource Officer to change the job title of the North Walton Building Department Permit Clerk to Assistant Officer Manager/Inspection and Permit Clerk. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ms. Lynda Robinson, Human Resource Officer, appeared before the Commissioners and explained that because of the hurricane, several employees have accrued annual leave in excess of 200 hours and will be unable to use it before the end of the year, therefore losing the excess hours according to policy. Mrs. Robinson requested that the Board extend the maximum annual leave accrual to 350 hours for one year, through 1999, for those employees who were unable to take time off during 1998 due to required repairs caused from flooding and hurricane damage. The Board agreed and placed this on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Robinson presented a letter from Mrs. Angela Lindsey requesting that her salary be placed in line with the pay/wage scale for her number of years of service. The Board recommended that the Personnel Committee review Mrs. Lindsey's pay scale and job description and present a recommendation back at the next Board meeting.

The Board approved to extend Stephanie Petty's employment at Public Works for an additional 60 days as contract labor. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Malcolm Patterson, Executive Director of the South Walton Tourist Development Council (TDC), appeared before the Commissioners and answered questions regarding expenditures for flower baskets by the TDC and explained that the expenditures were within the limitations of their policies.

Mr. Patterson gave a brief overview of the Santa Clara beach access issue for the new Commissioners.

Mr. Patterson requested approval for the TDC to purchase a beach rake from Quick Silver Welding Service in the amount of \$1,183.92 after explaining that Quick Silver is the company who created the design and drawings for the construction of the original rake. Commissioner Infinger suggested for Mr. Patterson to contact the County Shop employees because they may have the capabilities to construct the rake. The Board approved for the TDC to

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purchase the rake from Quick Silver Welding Service and placed this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Patterson presented the following three quotes for the purchase of 5,000 invitational cards: Curry Printing-\$1,869.00; Boyd Brothers-\$2,350.00; Armstrong Printing-\$2,514.00. The Board approved to award the quote to the low bidder, Curry Printing. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Patterson explained to the Commissioners that the beach walkover at Beachwood Villas Subdivision is too narrow, therefore a new design has been created for a wider walkover. Mr. Patterson requested approval to purchase the necessary materials to construct a new walkover at an estimated cost of \$11,000.00. The Board approved the purchase of the materials for the walkover and placed this item on the consent agenda.

The Board approved a credit card payment in the amount of \$68.90 for the Tourist Development Council, to be paid by November 27, 1998. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented information to the Commissioners regarding the grievance hearing for Mr. Larry Rushing and advised that Mr. Rushing and Ms. Polson, Attorney for Mr. Rushing, has rejected the recommendation.

Mr. Bell advised that new appointments of the Commissioners need to be made to various Board's. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this issue further tomorrow.

The Board approved a right-of-entry form for William H. Howard, District 3, for the purpose of cleaning out a drain. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved for the State Attorney's Office to purchase a voice-mail system in the amount of \$3,475.00 from New-Tel Communications. The cost will be paid by the State Attorney's Office. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Commissioners approved to accept miscellaneous office equipment and furniture from the Clerk of Court's Office and declare it as surplus equipment. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter for the Commissioner's review from Mr. Nick Nicholson, Chairman of the Regional Utility Authority, regarding the RUA meeting and requesting that a Commissioner be appointed to replace Mr. William Young.

The Board approved a request from Captain Tom Pagels to declare a

camper trailer as surplus and donate it to Holmes County Emergency Management. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell presented a letter for the Commissioner's review from Mayor Marse of the City of Freeport, regarding the operations of the Walton County Library system.

The Board approved the annual report for the Supervisor of Election's Office and accepted \$36,870.00 of surplus revenues to return to the General Fund Account. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved the Expenditure Approval List consisting of the following payments, contingent upon further review:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 62,843.23	
COUNTY TRANS. TRUST		33,582.52
MOSQUITO CONTROL		3,734.00
LIBRARY		2,021.64
RECREATION PLAT FEE		1,585.00
SOLID WASTE		422.31
MOSSY HEAD VFD		1,787.95
DARLINGTON VFD		226.51
LIBERTY VFD		9.63
RED BAY VFD		227.16
SHIP		14,294.00
SECTION 8		23.40
TDC AMSOUTH		15,772.81
SECTION 8-CERTIFICATES		77,357.46
SECTION 8-FSS		9,499.00
SECTION 8-VOUCHERS		26,126.94

Mr. Bell advised the Commissioners that Walton County has been approved to receive a \$750,000 CDBG Road Paving Grant. Mr. Bell stated that this is the first in-house grant that Mrs. Angie Biddle, Grants Coordinator, applied for. The Commissioners commended Mrs. Biddle for her diligence in obtaining this grant for Walton County.

The Board approved to amend the consent agenda of October 26, 1998, to include approval to administer the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in-house. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved the purchase of three (3) 800 mhz radios from Southern Linc totaling \$1,972.53 for the Code Enforcement Officers. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board approved payment to Ozell Dawkins Construction Company in the amount of \$2,500.00 for SHIP housing rehabilitation. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Commissioners approved for all county work crews, working 4-day work weeks, to take their Thanksgiving Holiday on Wednesday, November 25, 1998. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

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Discussion was held regarding the 30 day response time to respond to the auditor's findings. The Commissioners directed Mr. Bell to contact the State Auditor's Office to request an extension.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

APPROVED: _____

Joel Paul, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Dan Bodiford, Clerk