

WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 29, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida met in a regular Workshop session on Monday, November 29, 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 E. Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the meeting to order.

Mr. Bell presented the Grievance Board's recommendation regarding James Ward. The Grievance Committee suggested that the action of September 29, 1993 by District Road Foreman, Gene Hurley, be modified to state that James Ward was laid off due to economic conditions with the automatic right of reinstatement upon the opening of a job for which he is qualified in District 3. The Grievance Committee also recommended that four additional members be appointed on the committee to total nine members.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board that the public hearing on the MSBUs is December 28, 1993.

Mr. Bell stated that the Homeowners of Driftwood Estates is requesting a MSBU for the streets, water, and sewer. The public hearing will be held on December 28, 1993.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that he received a letter from Lisa Minshew who represents Vista Florida Corporation.

Mr. Bell advised the Board of the following bid results:

Bid 93-119: (1) four wheel drive pick-up truck

Orville Beckford Ford Mercury	\$14,400.00
Gary Smith Ford, Inc.	15,164.10
Triangle Chevrolet	16,799.75

Bid 93-120: (1) 4-door sedan car

Tommy Thomas Chevrolet	\$13,298.74
(this bid did not comply)	
Orville Beckford Ford Mercury	13,600.00
Walton Dodge Motors	16,838.00
(this bid was incomplete)	
Triangle Chevrolet	no bid

Bid 93-121: (1) low profile tilt cab truck

Coffman International	\$19,979.00
Brown Diesel Center	22,725.00

Bid 93-122: (1) paint striping machine

M & B Company Inc.	\$18,664.89
Linear Dynamics	\$18,727.00

Bid 93-123: (1) diesel tractor

Tractor & Equipment Company	No Bid
J.D. Swearingten Equipment Company	\$ 8,495.00
J.D. Swearingten Equipment Company	10,773.00
Pensacola Ford Tractor, Inc.	12,200.00

Bid 93-124: (1) hydraulic track type excavator

Joe Money Machinery Company	\$69,950.00
Beard Equipment Company	86,990.00
Tractor & Equipment Company	83,636.00
Thompson Tractor Company	89,266.00
Coastal Machinery Company, Inc.	99,999.00
Cowing Equipment Company	115,609.00

The Board discussed the bids and agreed to place bid numbers 93-119 through 93-123 on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell stated that according to the Quit-Claim Deed, the Concerned Christian Fathers owns more than just the old Tivoli Gym. A portion of the parking area is included in the deed. Commissioner Cuchens suggested that Mr. Eddie Buck Williams contact the School Board for assistance.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that David M. Griffith and Associates will be at the Workshop on December 13, 1993 to present their report.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that Glory Ann Brown, previous purchasing agent for the county, is appealing her grievance case to the circuit court.

Mr. Bell stated that Mrs. King is very pleased with Angela Lindsey's performance in the Clerk's Office. Mr. Bell stated that he has checked with all the County Offices regarding a position for Mrs. Lindsey. No positions were available at this time.

Mr. Jim Keeler appeared before the Board to discuss Walton County implementing a Food Stamp Work Fare Program.

Mrs. Harriet Simmons, representing the Walton County 4-H Program, appeared before the Board to request assistance in the amount of \$50.00 per month for the water and electric bill at the 4-H field off Highway 90 East. Mrs. Simmons presented the Board with certificates of appreciation.

Mr. Jim Pratt appeared before the Board to solicit support for a Cultural Resources Survey of the lower Choctawhatchee River basin. Mr. Pratt stated that grants are allocated each year by the Florida State Division of Historical Resources to fund such projects. The Board agreed to prepare a letter of support to apply for a grant to fund a survey on the lower Choctawhatchee River basin. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to raise Mike Whiddon's salary to \$6.00 per hour.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris stated that the County Shop is short handed due to Larry Redmon having back surgery. Rusty Henderson, Assistant Shop Foreman, appeared before the Board to inquire on the status of the RYDER Proposal. The Board informed Mr. Henderson that a decision has not been made regarding RYDER.

The Board agreed to place the bills received without purchase orders on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented the Board with the Sheriff's Annual Report for review.

The Board agreed to approve the hiring of Steven Peterson, Bessie Brown, Edna Adams, and Jane Fleet and place this item on the consent agenda. Commissioner Cuchens suggested that only the permanent positions come before the Board for approval.

The Board agreed that Rusty Floyd, Landfill Supervisor, should be earning a supervisor's salary. The Board agreed to adjust Rusty Floyd's salary to \$9.83 per hour and place this item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Beth Folta, representing Seaside Community Development, appeared before the Board requesting a letter of support to be addressed to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection stating the Board's approval of the construction of a handicap public access beach pavilion. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director, advised the Board that the Landfill is in need of a new truck. The truck that was donated by Environmental Waste Services needs repair.

The Board reviewed a video tape introducing Samsung Excavators. The demonstration will be at the Rock Hill Pit at 1:00 P.M. this afternoon.

Mr. Jim Parrish, representing the Florida Counties Foundation, appeared before the Board to interview each Commissioner regarding the long and short term needs of Walton County.

There being no further business, Chairman Pridgen, adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk