

WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 9, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a Workshop on December 9, 1996 at 8:30 A.M.

The following Board members were present: Chairman William Young, Commissioner Joel Paul, Jr., Commissioner Van Ness Butler, Jr., Commissioner Randall Infinger, and Commissioner Gordon Porter. Also present was Ronnie Bell, Administrative Supervisor.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Mr. Thomas Stephens, North Walton Mosquito Control Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the operations of his department. Mr. Stephens also asked permission to publish an ad in the DeFuniak Springs Herald concerning waste tire removal. Mr. Stephens also explained to the Board the danger of a vehicle that his department is now using and that there are funds available for the purchase of a new vehicle. He requested that the Board go forward with bids for a new vehicle for his department and to go forward with bids to sell a 1988 Ford truck from his department.

The Board placed on the consent agenda to advertise for bids to sell the 1988 Ford truck and for bids to purchase a new truck.

Mrs. Laverne Camacho appeared before the Board on behalf of the South Walton Fire Board requesting that the Board put in writing that the fire district is a special district, and to delete the words "with approval of County Commissioners" from Ordinance 92-11, and also to authorize the fire district to levy ad valorem tax against real property.

Ms. Nancy James, Friends of the Coastal Branch Library President, appeared before the Board inquiring on how a site is to be selected for a library in South Walton. Ms. James also requested that the Board appoint a liason between the county and the library. The Board appointed Tom Blackshear to serve as the liason.

Chairman Young recommended that the Board go ahead and proceed with the grant application for the new library to be located in South Walton County.

Mr. Chuck Lawson came before the Board with the suggestion that the Board use retired citizens to help with observations of different projects.

Mr. Walter Fletcher appeared before the Board requesting that they contact the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make a right turn lane on Highway 98 West on Mack Bayou Road.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Chairman Young informed the Board that Outreach Church of Christ in Darlington requested dirt be delivered to correct a drainage problem. This issue will be presented tomorrow at the Board meeting for discussion.

Chairman Young also informed the Board that he was requested by a citizen to deliver dirt on private property and he informed them that was against county policy.

Commissioner Porter informed the Board that they were requested by Thomas Copeland to donate sod for the Pat Covell Ballpark.

Mike Dombrowski appeared before the Board and discussed the possible opportunity to receive recovery funds from Hurricane Opal for beach restoration. The county would need to apply for the grant.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda the approval to apply for grants for beach restoration from DEP and to proceed with the beach restoration when the grant is received.

Ms. Shirl Williams brought to the Board's attention that Policy R-3.3.1 of the Comprehensive Plan requires the County to appoint a Greenways Advisory Committee. Ms. Williams informed the Board that she had received a list of recommendations submitted by Celeste Cobena, Chairperson of the Beach to Bay Connection and also a letter from Elton Stephens volunteering to serve.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to continue Kassy Keyes' contract with the County to allow her to continue working on the Ecosystem Plan through March 10, 1997.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to approve the request by Pete Slatcoff with ONYX to pay the partial payment of \$9,000.00 for digitizing and converting the Future Land Use Maps.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to approve the signing of a title over to the Walton Correctional Institute for a van in the amount of \$1.00. The van is to be used to transport prisoners to and from the landfill. If the prison ceases to use the van for that purpose, the van will then be returned to the County.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to approve the paving of the road leading to the Freeport Truss Company. The funds will be taken from the County Transportation Trust Contingencies.

Chairman Young informed the Board that he had received a letter from Mr. John Townsend, attorney for Mr. Cordell Harrison, stating that Mr. Harrison would settle for three units on each four acre lot. Ms. Shirl

Williams and Mr. George Ralph Miller related to the Board that they would contact Mr. Townsend to try and resolve this matter concerning Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Ronnie Bell reviewed the EEO/Affirmative Action Plan with the Board.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda the approval of the EEO/Affirmative Action Plan.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to approve payment of an invoice to Public Safety received from Motorola in the amount of \$23,740.00 for replacement of equipment damaged by lightning at the EOC Building.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to approve to increase the purchasing cap for Mossy Head Fire Department from \$500 to \$1,000.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs for the Recycling Grant.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to approve the employment of Robert B. Griffith, Mark E. Deits, and Mark A. Olwick as part-time EMT's and Tanya B. Reynolds as a part-time Paramedic.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda to write a letter in support for the City of DeFuniak to make a grant application to renovate the CSX Depot in DeFuniak Springs.

Mr. J.W. Adkinson appeared before the Board on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to request that the Board to submit a letter to DEP in reference to the property they have been looking at for the new Chamber location and asked for the Board's approval.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda for approval of Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, to attend the Florida Emergency Management Conference on January 22-24, 1997.

The Board agreed to place on the consent agenda for approval for Van Ness Butler, Jr. to attend the Beach Restoration Conference on January 22-24, 1997.

The Board placed the appointment of Commissioner Infinger to serve on the Tri-County Board on the consent agenda.

The Board placed the appointment of Commissioner Infinger to serve on the West Florida Regional Planning Council on the consent agenda.

The Board placed on the consent agenda to employ Linda Potter in the Planning and Zoning Department to work until September 30, 1997. There was

also a recommendation by Mr. Ronnie Bell to pay Ms. Potter \$6.00 an hour.

The Board placed on the consent agenda to approve the lease of a new Pitney Bowes Postage Meter.

The Board recessed at 5:20 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

William A. Young, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk