

WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 11, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a regular workshop on Monday, December 11, 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 opened the workshop for discussion.

Joel Paul, new Executive Director of Tri-County, introduced himself to the Board and sat in during the meeting.

Latilda Verhine, County Planner, advised the Board that the Rosemary Beach final plat needs to be signed by the Commissioners.

Mrs. Verhine advised the Board that Barbara Watson is scheduled on the agenda tomorrow to request a public hearing for the Board to consider a land use change from transitional agriculture to neighborhood residential for an area located in Paxton.

Mrs. Verhine advised the Board that Hewitt Development is scheduled on the agenda tomorrow to request a public hearing for the Board to consider a land use change from coastal center to resort for an area located North of Old Highway 98.

Mrs. Verhine advised the Board that David and Robert Russell is scheduled on the agenda tomorrow to request a public hearing for the Board to consider a land use change from general agriculture to commercial for an area located in Oakwood Hills.

Mrs. Verhine advised the Board that the County Engineer has signed off on Seawinds and Seadunes Development.

Mrs. Verhine advised the Board of vacancies on the Planning Commission Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Mrs. Verhine suggested that Myra Wilson be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission Board and Hank Daniels, Anne Smith and Mickey Whitaker be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Zoning Board. The Board agreed with Mrs. Verhine's suggestions and agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised the Board that the Competency Board has revised the Competency Board Ordinance again.

The Board agreed to designate tomorrow, December 12, 1995, to begin collecting building permit fees again and December 15, 1995 to begin collecting landfill tipping fees due to the Hurricane Opal disaster being over. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that the advertisement sign at Beach Bums was destroyed by Hurricane Opal and the owner wishes to replace the sign. But, under the current moratorium of accepting sign applications, the owner can not submit an application to replace his sign. The Board agreed that due to the sign being destroyed by the hurricane, a new sign can be erected at Beach Bums. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that Holiday Inn Express was approved before the moratorium on accepting sign applications and their sign was approved in their plan. Now, they are ready to erect the sign but cannot submit an application due to the moratorium. The Board agreed to approve the erection of the sign due to the sign being approved with the project prior to the moratorium. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Williams advised the Board that due to the Building Department Office staff being shorthanded, the number of days that the South Walton office will be open will be limited during the month of December.

Mrs. Williams suggested that Walton County enter into an agreement and reciprocate with Okaloosa County regarding experienced, licensed contractors.

Burch Stotz, South Walton resident, advised the Board that he received a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection for scraping and restoring his property. Mr. Stotz asked Commissioner Cuchens why he stopped shoring up individuals houses on the beach and why his was not done when he has a permit from DEP. Commissioner Cuchens advised Mr. Stotz that DEP stopped him from completing the work. The Board assured Mr. Stotz that they would proceed with contacting the necessary people to try to begin the work again.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, stated that the DEP application form for 1996-97 is a seventy-five percent match for a long range beach restoration.

The Board agreed to place an advertisement in the newspapers reminding the public that the cut-off date to pick up yard debris has expired. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to allow the landfill employees to recognize the same holidays as county employees. This item will be placed on the consent

agenda.

Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, stated that Dolphin Cove Road may be included in a paving bid of nearby roads located in District 4. The Board directed Mr. Hudson to research to see if Dolphin Cove Road has been accepted by the county.

The Board agreed to grant a request from Clyde Sadler to withdraw hours from the sick-leave pool. Mr. Sadler is due to return on December 31, 1995. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to grant a request from Leroy Griggs to withdraw hours from the sick-leave pool. Mr. Griggs is not sure when he will return. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to hold a waste tire amnesty day on December 22, 1995. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to rent office space across the Bay in South Walton to house a Property Appraiser employee for the month of January and February if the rent does not exceed \$350.00 per month. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that a five member American Disabilities Act/504 Advisory Committee needs to be appointed.

The Board reviewed the four proposals for the CDBG Grant to administer the Truck Stop facility grant.

The Board recessed for ten minutes. Vice-Chairman Pridgen left the meeting.

Chairman Porter called to order the advertised Workshop to discuss asphalt prices with representatives from local asphalt plants and the feasibility in the County purchasing an asphalt plant.

Several members of the audience spoke regarding this issue. Many asphalt and hauling companies were represented and voiced their views on the matter. No action from the Board was taken.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Matt Douglas, Ambulance Service Supervisor, stated that a current full-time employee has requested a leave of absence or to be placed on part-time status due to him moving to return to school. The Board agreed to place James D. Cannon on part-time status. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that the Department of Environmental Protection is no longer allowing the County to accept mercury containing

devices after January 1, 1996. Mr. Bell stated that he has found a place to recycle mercury containing devices for \$1.00 per bulb. The Board agreed to accept no more than ten light bulbs per month at the landfill. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bell reminded the Board of the materials needed to equip the six trailers for the six prison crews. Each district will have a crew and the sixth crew will be under Courthouse Maintenance.

The Board agreed to grant Bruce Ward's request to sponsor Jeremy McVay, AmeriCorps OWCC Member, and that the cost of \$1,489.15 to be taken from regular salary funds. The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Cuchens stated that Bobby Ammons measured Friday and needs to meet with Delta Exports regarding the square yard of debris hauled. The Board agreed to ask the County Attorney if the Board can pay 60 percent of the bills from Delta Exports.

The Board agreed to purchase a heater for the Shop Building for approximately \$5,000 from Lenan Corporation. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris advised that the highest bid for BCC 1861, Motor Grader, was from McAnear Equipment Company in the amount of \$115,000.00. The Board agreed to accept the bid and place this item on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Harris stated that more communication is needed between the five districts, the Shop, Landfill, Sheriff Department, and Ambulance Service with regard to vehicles being ready.

Commissioner Harris requested to purchase two CAT 140H Motor Graders with air conditioning for approximately \$122,500 each.

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on December 22, 1995, at 9:00 A.M. to approve the bills for payment.

Mr. Bell opened the sealed bid from Okaloosa Title and Abstract Company for the Eastman Kodak Microimage Machine from the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$50.00. Only one bid was received. The Board agreed to award Okaloosa Title and Abstract Company the bid. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Cuchens requested that all bids for the construction of the Legion Park restrooms be rejected and allow the Courthouse Maintenance Department construct the restrooms. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented a letter from the Fire Board requesting \$5,160.00 and to divide the remainder equally between the twelve fire departments. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to pay the county's portion of taxes on Walton Regional Hospital in the amount of \$7,276.62. The Hospital provides \$100,000 worth of indigent care in return. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board agreed to allow the Clerk's Office and the Road and Bridge Offices to roll over any unspent funds during fiscal year 1994-95 to the current fiscal year 1995-96. This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Chairman Porter stated that he told Jim Merley with DCA that he was not interested in accepting the \$250,000 Ecosystem Project Funds. Mr. Porter stated that Mr. Merley told him to rewrite the agreement as he wished.

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

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk