

AUGUST 12, 1969 – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 1969 by Chairman Bishop who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. All Commissioners were present, together with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burgess and seconded by Commissioner Adair that the minutes of the meetings of June 10, 11, 26 and July 8, and 11 be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Fred Collinsworth, Courthouse Custodian, was present and requested a \$500.00 raise for the coming budget year. The Board took this request under advisement for future consideration.

Upon discussion of the resignation of Billie Simmons, dragline operator for the Road and Bridge Department, the Board agreed unanimously to replace him with Ed Brown.

The Board instructed the Clerk to notify each official to submit an itemized list and copy of any and all printed forms, warrants, records, etc. used by his office in order that the Board can advertise for bids on these in January when other bids are received.

The Clerk Circuit Court presented his estimate of expenditures and request for the forthcoming budget year. The Board accepted these for consideration when the entire budget is reviewed.

The Tax Collector was present with his estimate of expenditures of his office and requests for the New Year. These were reviewed and accepted by the Board for further consideration.

Mr. Henry Turney, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, was present to discuss with the Board its application for assistance in establishing and maintaining sanitary land

fills throughout the county. Upon motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Burgess, the Board unanimously voted to apply to the F.H.A. for a Loan in the amount of 125,000.00 for this purpose.

Mrs. Dykes was present to further discuss with the Board her need for access to her property in South Walton County. The Board advised her that if she could obtain the information for the necessary deeds giving right-of-way to the county for an access road that the Board will assist in grading and clearing for the road.

Honorable John Baldwin, School Superintendent, was present. He thanked the Board for services on the new road in front of the new High School and the new stadium. Mr. Baldwin requested the Board's help again in claying for temporary use a parking lot at the school. All members of the Board agreed to send the county trucks to help in this matter. Upon motion by Commissioner Adair, seconded by Commissioner Burgess, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution requesting Institutional monies for paving the parking area at the school, since it will be used by the Okaloosa Walton Junior College for Adult Studies:

WHEREAS, the construction of the new Walton High School is near completion, and
WHEREAS, part of the facilities at this institution will be utilized by Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, and
WHEREAS, certain parking facilities must be made available at the school, and
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation of the State of Florida is authorized in such situations to release certain institutional funds for the paving of such parking lots,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, to request the Department of Transportation of the State of Florida to release certain institutional funds necessary for the construction of parking lots at the new Walton High School in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

Honorable Odell O. Thompson, Judge of the Small Claims Court and Supervisor of Elections, was present to present his estimate of expenditures of his office for the coming year. He informed the Board of the recent legislation requiring one voting machine in each precinct for each 350 voters. The Board advised him that it was accepting all estimates and requests for study

when the whole budget is considered.

Mr. Robert Pentel was present and presented the following request that an alley between two rows of Lots in Block 104 in Santa Rosa, stating that he owns all the property on both sides of the alley. (See page 60 for copy of petition)

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson, the Board unanimously directed the following notice to be published:

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS TO CLOSE A CERTAIN ALLEY
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You will take notice that the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, upon petition of J.T. Williams, will at 10:00 a.m. on the 9th day of September, 1969, in the meeting room of the Board of County Commissioners, in the Court House of Walton, in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, consider and determine whether or not the County will vacate, abandon, discontinue and close and renounce and disclaim any right of the public in and to any land or interest therein acquired for alley purposes, which alley is in Walton County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

The 20" x 300" length of alley in Block 104, Santa Rosa, as per plat of Santa Rosa recorded in the Public Records of Walton County, Florida.

Persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place above specified.

Mr. Harry Shertmahn of the Florida Development Commission was present at the request of the Board to discuss general plans for Walton County Planning Commission. He reviewed the zoning laws, the County's Water Shed Legislation, and the Water and Sewer Comprehensive Study. He informed the Board of a Planning Session to be held in Port St. Joe with representatives of several Counties and the Board authorized Commissioner Martin to attend.

Mrs. Lonie Weeks, Commodity Center Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board her budget requests for the new fiscal year. After review of these requests, the Board advised her that all requests were being received at this time and when the Board had made its decisions she would be notified and if all the requests were not granted everyone would be given another opportunity to appear and discuss these.

Mr. Paul Thompson, County Prosecuting Attorney, was present to present his estimated expenses for the new fiscal year. Included in this request was an increase in the Prosecuting

Attorney's salary from \$300.00 per year to \$800.00 per year, pursuant to 1967 Fla. Stat., Chap. 34.11.

A written request was received from Mr. Douglas M. Andrews of Campbell & Andrews, Lawyers concerning the Board's Resolution dated August 25, 1969 which brought Walton County within the jurisdiction of the Florida Public Utilities Commission. The Board directed that he be advised that the previous resolution constituted the intent of the Board and the Peoples Water Service was not exempted from the jurisdiction of the Florida Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. W. Paul Thompson presented a statement for "back salary due County Prosecuting Attorney in the amount of \$1,041.66 from July 1, 1967 thru August 1, 1969 at \$500.00 per year pursuant to 1967 Florida Statutes Chapter 34.11." Upon motion by Commissioner Adair, seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson, the Board voted unanimously that the bill be paid.

Mr. Phil Harris and Mr. Peck Cawthon were present to review with the Board the County's Insurance program. The Board asked them to present written statements as to costs on Friday August 22 when the Board will again be in session.

Mrs. Hazel Daughette was present to discuss the Welfare Department's request for Child Foster Home Care in the next budget year.

Mr. John Creel and Mrs. Pat Potter were present. Mrs. Potter reviewed the budget request of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Creel reviewed the plans for the building of a District Welfare Building in Walton County. The Board advised him that it had obtained a cite and would endorse any plans for the building. Mr. Creel again requested funds from the Board for use in the building of the Multi-Purpose Community Center to be located at the old stock yard. He stated they would need approximately \$27,500.00 from the Board, to be paid in two years.

The Board's Attorney stated that in his opinion a donation from the Board toward the cost of this building would not be legal, but that perhaps it could be justified by an increase in the amount budgeted for the Chamber of Commerce for Publicity, since the Board can assess up to 2 mills for the Chamber of Commerce. The Board took all requests under advisement.

Upon motion by Commissioner Adair, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously that the following bills for the month of July, as vouchered, be paid:

General Revenue	vouchers	1888-1952	\$21,147.56
Fine & Forfeiture	vouchers	272- 282	14,867.47
Road and Bridge	vouchers	849- 883	16,895.35
Mosquito Control	vouchers	24- 26	1,504.60
Trust Fund	vouchers	70- 76	856.55

Upon motion by Commissioner Adair, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, voting precinct #20 is presently located at the City Auditorium in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, have been made aware of the deteriorating condition of said City Auditorium, and

WHEREAS, said City Auditorium is no longer suitable or practical as a voting precinct, and

WHEREAS, the Walton Junior High School Gym has been made available by the Board of Public Instruction of Walton County, Florida, for such purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida that the location of voting precinct #20 be and is hereby changed from the City Auditorium, DeFuniak Springs, Florida to the Walton Junior High School Gymnasium, and be it further resolved that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the Deed Records of Walton County, Florida, and be it further resolved that the notice of said change be published four (4) times in the DeFuniak Herald, commencing within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, and be it further resolved that notice of said change shall be published in not less than two (2) issues of the DeFuniak Herald, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than twenty (20) days prior to the holding of the next election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson that the Clerk have gummed seals printed for use of the Caretaker at Lake Juniper for identifying the vehicles and/or campers who have paid the required fees. The motion died for a lack of a second.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, with a special meeting being called for 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 1969 for the purpose of studying the budget requests received to-date.

PETITION TO CLOSE A CERTAIN ALLEY

(see page 58 – omitted)

The undersigned, J.T. Williams, owner of Lots 1-24, inclusive, of Block 104, Santa Rosa, according to plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Walton County, Florida, respectfully petitions the Walton County Board of County Commissioners to close, vacate and abandon the 20' x 300' length of alley lying therein.

Said alley is on paper only, and has never been constructed or used. Said Block 104 has been split diagonally by a ditch constructed by the South Walton County Mosquito Control District, with my approval.

The closing of said alley would be of mutual benefit to the County and myself.

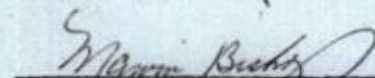
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ J.T. Williams

ATTEST:


Philip A. Anderson, Clerk

APPROVED:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA


Marvin Bishop, Chairman