REGULAR WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 10, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular workshop session on Monday, September 10, 1990, at 8:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman Donald D. Brown, Commissioner W.F. Miles, Commissioner Wilson Holley, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Dec Currie, Purchasing Agent, advised that bids were opened for a hauling contract in District 5 with the low bid of $1.90 per cubic yard being submitted by Anderson and Fleshman. Commissioner Fleet stated that the money for the hauling contract will be paid from the Impact Fee Account.

Mr. Currie further advised that bids were received from Panhandle Asphalt and Okaloosa Asphalt on the resurfacing/paving of Highway 30A and paving Nursery Road. The low bid for each project was submitted by Panhandle but their public entity crimes affidavits had no signatures. Mr. George R. Miller, County Attorney, advised that the Panhandle bids should be rejected because the affidavit must be submitted as part of the bid package. Okaloosa Asphalt's bid was $33.00 per ton. Commissioner Fleet stated that he felt the bid was high and recommended that all bids on Highway 30A be rejected and that the Nursery Road project be rebid.

The Bid reviewed items on the agenda of the regular meeting of September 11, 1990.

Mr. Bell stated that the Soil Conservation Service may be able to perform some of the work required for the detailed site plans of the Courthouse and old
jail as requested by the firm of Sherlock, Smith, and Adams.

Chairman Pridgen advised that the City of Paxton wants to keep the garbage boxes and pay $22.00 per ton to the County. Mr. Leroy Day, of Dayco Disposal, stated that he has an exclusive franchise with the City of Paxton and that franchise will be violated if they follow that proposed course of action.

Mr. Jerry Schnitzius, General Manager of Environmental Waste Systems (EWS), proposed that three or four garbage boxes be left at certain sites in the County; that individuals (possibly those with farms and/or "country stores") would agree to supervise the boxes and sell tags for the bags in order to make a small profit while still covering the cost of the franchise hauler's pulling the garbage box(es) to the Landfill. Discussion followed regarding Mr. Schnitzius' proposal and possible alternatives.

Commissioner Miles stated that he believes the removal of the garbage boxes should be postponed until January 1, 1991, in order to formulate a more definite and feasible plan.

Commissioner Fleet recommended advertising to determine who may be interested in "subcontracting" with the franchise haulers in the manner proposed by Mr. Schnitzius.

Mrs. Shirl Williams, Assistant Administrative Supervisor, advised of a resolution to accept the roads within Indian Bay Subdivision.

Commissioner Fleet stated that he is aware that the developer wants to pave Boyd Avenue. Commissioner Fleet is agreeable.

Mrs. Williams stated that the letter of credit for Jasmine Dunes can be released.

Commissioner Fleet advised that the owner of the building across from Freeport City Hall has offered the space for rent for satellite office for the
Walton County Health Department for $400.00 per month. The City of Freeport would pay $150.00 toward the monthly rent with the County paying the remaining $250.00 per month.

Commissioner Fleet suggested that when the double-wide mobile home from HRS becomes available (around July, 1991) the County should place it beside the South Walton Building Department annex and consider utilizing it as a Courthouse annex.

Commissioner Miles stated that he would prefer to purchase a mobile home for use by the Health Department for a Freeport satellite office.

Commissioner Fleet advised that, if necessary, he will pay for the 4250.00 per month out of his budget.

Commissioner Holley stated that the City of Defuniak has requested assistance in hauling clay to the airport for the construction of a new hangar. Commissioners Fleet and Miles offered the use of several of their trucks if needed.

Commissioner Miles requested that the paving crew patch/repair a portion of Missing Link Road as soon as possible. Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, stated that he will see if District 2 can release the paving crew for several days to work on the area mentioned by Commissioner Miles.

Vice-Chairman Brown advised that it is the recommendation of the Farmer's Market Committee that the Board of Directors consist of five members: Mr. Curt Clauson, Mr. Joe Dugger, Mr. Don Harrison, Mr. Odon Russell, and Mr. Roy Burgess. Mr. Joe Griffin resigned his position on the board due to his health problems. The Committee also recommended that an advisory committee be established consisting of, but not limited to a representative from the Walton County Art League, the Agricultural Agent, the County's Administrative Supervisor, and a representative from the Canning Center. In addition, the
Farmer's Market Committee is willing to establish policies governing the use of the Farmer's Market and to supervise the use of the Market.

Discussion followed regarding a bookkeeping error resulting in Walton Regional Hospital's being approximately $200,000.00 "in the hole" regarding Medicaid payments.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised representatives of Dayco and EWS that the County's auditor needs the number of commercial and residential accounts serviced by the companies.

Mrs. Ingle advised that the North Walton Mosquito Control truck servicing agreement with South Walton Mosquito Control must be renewed for the period October 1, 1990, through March 31, 1991.

The Veteran's Service officers are requesting permission to attend the annual Veteran's Service Conference.

Lightening hit and "knocked out" the electronic security system of the County jail. The cost is $38, 900.00 and must be paid when the repair company invoices the County. However, the insurance company will reimburse the County except for the required $1,000.00 deductible.

The Board must accept the easements involved in the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) projects of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

Discussion followed regarding the recent census. Discrepancies were found by Mr. Bell and Mrs. Williams. Each District should make a "house count" this week, if possible. The information on which the County has based its challenge to the census count must be on the document to be returned to the Census Bureau within 15 working days. Vice-Chairman Brown recommended that Mr. Miller be consulted to determine if a time-extension can be acquired in order to allow thorough documentation of the County's position concerning the population of the County.
Commissioner Fleet recommended that the Building Department keep a "running" count of all building permits issued County-wide and by District.

Bids for the metal building to be located at the Landfill will be opened at 10:00 A.M., September 11, 1990. Brief discussion followed.

Brief discussion followed regarding long-distance charges between telephone exchange areas: particularly in the South Walton area.

Commissioner Miles recommended adopting a resolution supporting Okaloosa County's efforts to acquire a Veteran's Home.

Commissioner Holley shared another example of seemingly unreasonable State mandates involving Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and the church's well breaking down. The church must pay for someone to monitor the well - a costly service for a small, rural church.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED:______________________________

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST:______________________________

Catherine King, Clerk