REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 1991

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 1991, at 9:00 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman W. F. Miles, Commissioner Gordon Porter, Commissioner Wilson Holley, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, and the County's Attorney, Mr. George R. Miller, were also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the meeting to order followed by the praying of the Lord's Prayer and the pledging of allegiance to the American Flag.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Holley, to approve the minutes of January 22, January 28, and January 29, 1991, as distributed. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to approve the bills for payment. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to renew the contract with Certified Mechanical Contractors for three years at an annual cost of $30,000.00. All terms and conditions of the contract will remain the same.

Mr. Jimmy Skies, representing the Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights, appeared before the Board to express the organization's support of the Board's efforts opposing certain Land Development Regulation attempting to be imposed on Florida landowners by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) through the Comprehensive Plan. Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights was formed in order to protect traditional private property rights. The Board thanked Mr. Skies.

Chairman Pridgen called to order the advertised Public Hearing regarding the adoption of an ordinance establishing a $5.00 service charge on all dissolution of marriage proceedings in the First Judicial Circuit and establishing a $45.00 service charge on any petition for a modification of a final judgement of dissolution of marriage. These charges are to defray the cost of family mediation services. Mr. Miller advised that the Board can not adopted ordinances governing other Counties within the First
Judicial Circuit. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Fleet moved and Commissioner Porter seconded to adopted the ordinance with the following revisions: change "in the First Judicial Circuit" to "in Walton County." Ayes 4, Nayes 1. Fleet Aye, Holley Nay, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Mr. Miller will prepare the revised ordinance.

Mr. Buddy Cotton, Attorney and businessman, appeared before the Board to introduce Mr. Ocie Allen with Correctional Marketing Group. Mr. Allen reviewed the procedure by which a private correctional facility was brought to Gadsden County at no cost or liability to the County. Mr. Allen requested that the Board of County Commissioners endorse an effort to bring the same type of facility to Walton County. It would bring 300 to 350 jobs and an eight million dollar payroll to the County. The Board recommended that Mr. Allen meet with the County Executive Development Director, Mr. Rick Marcum. Mr. Marcum, Mr. Mike Standley, City Manager, and Commissioner Holley will meet with Mr. Cotton, Mr. Allen, and Attorney Miller.

Mr. Don Brown, Chairman of the Airport Authority, appeared before the Board to give an update on the airport site selection study. Mr. Brown advised of a public meeting with the airport site-selection consultant at 6:00 P.M. on February 28, 1991, at the Freeport City Hall. Applications for air space approval at Site B-1 is the next step. Vice-Chairman Miles requested that Public Meetings should be held for residents of the Bruce and Red Bay area. Discussion followed. Commissioner Fleet stated that the County should "keep the door open" for an airport in Walton County.

Mr. Jay Mitchell appeared before the Board to request that he be allowed to use yellow sand in the foundation of the restaurant he is building at Grayton Beach. County Engineer, Mr. Buddy Wilkinson, has submitted a letter to the Board stating his approval of the use of the sand in this case. On the basis of Mr. Wilkinson's recommendation and with the provision that all the yellow sand will be used under the slab, Commissioner Fleet moved to grant approval to Mr. Mitchell's request. Vice-Chairman Miles seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nayes 1. Fleet Aye, Holley Nay, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to adopt a resolution to obtain a fee simple title from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the following parcel of property:

That portion of Department of Transportation right-of-way under and adjacent to the highway 20
bridge from the west bank of the Choctawhatchee River to a point 1250 feet West to the service road entrance to Highway 20. Said parcel is located in Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 17 west, Walton County, Florida.

At a later date, the County will enter into a project agreement with the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission to allow the Commission to totally reconstruct the existing ramp at the Highway 20 bridge. The County has agreed to maintain the approach road, provide litter collection, and periodic law enforcement patrol. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Holley, to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of DeFuniak Springs for a joint application to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for funds. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Chairman Pridgen (who stepped down), second by Commissioner Fleet, to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Paxton agreeing to Administer Paxton’s Land Development Code. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to advertise for bids on an excavator as a trade-in and to draw up the sale for a two-year payment plan. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Holley, second by Commissioner Fleet, to accept the low bid of $40,133.25 from Okaloosa Asphalt on BID NO. 91-114 for five paving projects. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

George, Neilson, and Associates has submitted a proposal of $89,000.00 - $110,000.00 to complete the Health Department parking lot project.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to allow County employees to participate in a deferred compensation plan through Great Western Bank contingent upon Mr. Miller’s review and approval of the proposal. The benefit will be effective March 25, 1991. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised Commissioner Holley that the division of the use of revenue from the five cent local option gas
tax is as follows: 2/5 for paving, 2/5 for bridge repair, and 1/5 for administration.

Commissioner Porter recommended that the County require permits for fences. Several have been erected on right-of-ways within his district.

Mr. Miller will check into whether road surfaces can be accepted without accepting the dams underneath the surfaces. The dams specifically in question are the dams in Teelinville and Lake Sharon.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Porter, to direct Mr. Miller to write Dayco Disposal requesting the authority on which Mr. Leroy Day based his decision to place dumpsters at various sites throughout the County and set the charge per garbage bag placed in the dumpsters. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Vice-Chairman Miles, to appoint Mr. Donald J. McQuade to the South Walton County Tourist Development Council. A vacancy was created by the resignation of Council Member Ray Robins. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Vice-Chairman Miles, to appoint Mr. Allan McWilliams to fill one of the two vacancies on the Industrial Development Authority. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Porter, to adopt the resolution renaming "LaGrange Place" as "LaGrange Road" and formally naming that certain road commonly referred to as "Holly Point Road" as "Holly Point Road." Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Vice-Chairman Miles, to destroy the following described documents as previously authorized by the Director of the Division of Library and Information Services:

Box #53: Purchase Orders #13880 - 14750
Box #30: Purchase Orders #H16601 - H17483
Box #31: Purchase Orders #17484 - 18400
Box #32: Purchase Orders #18401 - 19199
Box #33: Purchase Orders #19200 - 19999
Box #34: Purchase Orders #H20789 - H21713
Box #35: Purchase Orders #6407 - 7395
Box #36: Purchase Orders #7396 - 8229
Box #37: Purchase Orders #9781 - 10580
Box #38: Purchase Orders #H8980 - H9780
Box #39: Purchase Orders #H8230 - H8978
Box #40: Purchase Orders #H013024 - H013879
Box #41: Purchase Orders #H12229 - H13023
Box #98: Purchase Orders #F13101 - F13900
Mr. Mike Barker, Civil Defense Director, requested that each Commissioner submit the name of two individuals to serve on the road naming/readdressing committee working in conjunction with the E-911 implementation.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Holley, to amend the Civil Defense budget by $10,088.01-- monies returned to the County by the federal government. These monies can in turn be used for additional matching grants. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to direct all fire departments within the County to come to the mutual aid of
all fire departments within the County should the need arise. Lengthy discussion followed. Vice-Chairman Miles withdrew the motion and Commissioner Fleet withdrew his second. Vice-Chairman Miles directed Mr. Barker to confer with all fire departments regarding this matter.

Ms. Judy Holley Hester appeared before the Board to request that they reinstate a Chrysler Avenue (a road) which the Board has previously abandoned on the petition of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Williams. Lengthy discussion followed. Commissioner Porter stated that he will visit the area along with Mr. Bobby Ammons, Assistant Public Works Director. Mr. Miller stated that perhaps Mr. Hester should pursue litigation against the petitioners if information was misrepresented. He further stated that a precedent may be set if, in this case, the County undertakes the expense of legally setting aside an abandonment. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to adjourn. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Porter Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

APPROVED:_____________________

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST:_____________________

Catherine King, Clerk