

## MAY 24, 2012 – WORKSHOP

A public workshop was held on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 4:02 p.m., at the South Walton Courthouse Annex to discuss recycling.

The following were present: Commissioner Cecilia Jones; Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator; Mr. Gerry Demers, Assistant County Administrator; and Mr. Greg Graham, Public Works Engineer.

Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator, stated that representatives were present and encouraged any public comment and recommendations to enhance the recycling process in Walton County.

Mr. Greg Graham, Public Works Engineer, provided detailed information and discussed the following: why recycling is important, the Florida Law Recycling Program, money and energy savings, recycling trailers, neighboring county services, the current recycling operations, solid waste funding and preliminary pricing, and innovative recycling programs.

Mr. Craig Overstreet, sponsored by the University of Florida Agriculture Extension Office and the Master Gardeners, provided background information and discussed program success secrets. Recycling is a cultural change, the material is not trash but a commodity for sale. He stated that Walton County needs to develop a title, theme, mission statement, and business plan.

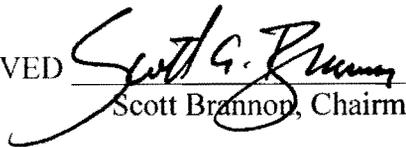
Several audience members discussed the need to manage rentals and condos more easily and determine a way to separate collection of the recyclables and regular household trash to prevent mixing the materials. Some recommended changes are as follows: 1) keep rental deposits if there is a large amount of trash or recycling rules are not followed, 2) place separate containers with clearly stated policies to follow. 3) the need for single stream recycling, 4) reusing some

materials such as glass for a road base. 5) extending the Landfill operating hours, 6) setting regulations for businesses, and 7) sending a quarterly reminder flyer to help encourage residents.

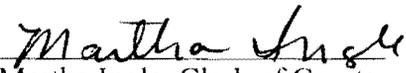
Mr. Kisela recommended starting the program in different neighborhoods, determine the best process and publicize those results, then move on to different neighborhoods.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

APPROVED

  
Scott Brannon, Chairman

ATTEST

  
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts