

BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 1, 1998

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a budget workshop on Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman William A. Young, Vice-Chairman Van Ness Butler, Jr., Commissioner Joel Paul, Jr., Commissioner Randall Infinger and Commissioner Gordon Porter. Ronnie E. Bell, Administrative Supervisor, was also present.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Budget Officer, presented the budget requests for FY 1998/99. Mrs. Ingle stated that she has set up a new fund for the local option gas tax revenues and expenditures.

Discussion followed about the possibility of lowering the milage.

The Commissioners scheduled the next budget workshop for July 7, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Sue Carter, Tax Collector, appeared before the Board and stated that her staff is in need of additional space and requested that a wall be removed to allow the use of three additional rooms. Commissioner Porter questioned Mrs. Carter regarding her desire to relocate if a new building is constructed. Mrs. Carter stated that she would like for her office to remain at the present location. Commissioner Infinger stated that he wants to accommodate her needs, however, he would like for her to consider relocating into a new building and does not want to renovate the current office again in a few months if she does move.

Motion by Commissioner Porter, second by Commissioner Infinger, to enter into special session. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Porter Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye, Butler Aye, Young Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Porter, second by Vice-Chairman Butler, to allow the Maintenance Department to remove a wall in the Tax Collector's Office for added space. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Porter Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye, Butler Aye, Young Ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Porter, to approve payment to Gulf Coast Traffic Engineers in the amount of \$8,438.32 for paint stripping on CR 30A. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Porter Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye, Butler Aye, Young Aye.

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Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Paul, to send a letter to the Department of Transportation in Chipley requesting to lower the speed limit through Woodlawn from 55 to 45 at the request of the Woodlawn residents. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Porter Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye, Butler Aye, Young Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Infinger, second by Commissioner Porter, to close the special session. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Porter Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye, Butler Aye, Young Aye.

Mr. R.W. Collins, resident of Davis Lane, requested the Commissioners remove a tree from his property that has blown over and is in danger of falling on the right-of-way and injuring someone. Commissioner Porter stated that he will look into the situation on his private time since the tree is on private property.

Mrs. Ingle briefly reviewed the budget requests for each department and explained to the Commissioners the increases in each department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

William A. Young, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Bodiford, Clerk