

BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 8, 1992

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, July 8, 1992 at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Board room of the Walton County Courthouse.

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

Chairman Pridgen opened the Workshop for discussion.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented the Board with the Comptroller and the Clerk of Courts proposed 1992-93 budget.

Circuit Court Judge Laura Melvin, appeared before the Board and presented her proposed 1992-93 budget. No increases were shown.

County Court Judge Robert Lindsey presented his proposed 1992-93 budget to the Board. Judge Lindsey advised the Board that the Courtroom does not have an adequate speaker system due to the new air conditioning unit.

Colleen Anderson, Court Reporter, presented her proposed 1992-93 budget to the Board.

Ms. Marilyn Coe, Director of the Walton-DeFuniak Library, presented her proposed 1992-93 budget. The Board discussed setting the Library's budget as last year at \$100,305.00.

Mr. Bill Fountain, County Property Appraiser, presented his proposed 1992-93 budget to the Board for review. Walton County is responsible for 94.4818 percent of the Property Appraiser's budget. Other taxing entities are responsible for the remainder. The Board's portion is \$454,500.00 although the Board must approve the total budget amount of \$480,951.00.

Mrs. Shirl Williams presented the Planning Department's proposed 1992-93 budget. The Planning Department's budget decreased a total of \$10,035.00.

Mr. Ronnie Bell presented the County Administrator's proposed 1992-93 budget to the Board for review.

The Board discussed the Ambulance Service's proposed 1992-93

budget. Overtime has increased \$20,000.00. The Board discussed Angela Lindsey, a county employee who is working at Tri-County Community Council. Mrs. Lindsey's salary is presently funded from the Ambulance budget.

The Board recessed briefly.

Mr. Mike Barker, Director of Emergency Management, advised that he could purchase more advanced Emergency 911 equipment at a much lower price.

Sheriff Quinn McMillian appeared before the Board and presented his proposed 1992-93 budget for review. The Sheriff's budget is broken down into three categories: Drug Task Force, Emergency 911, and the regular budget.

The Board discussed the Sheriff's budget at length.

Sheriff McMillian and Mr. Barker agreed to transfer the Emergency 911 budget to Emergency Management and allow Mr. Barker to be the Coordinator while Sheriff McMillian is the direct supervisor over the dispatchers due to the dispatchers being housed in the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Robert Bowers, County Probation officer, presented his proposed 1992-93 budget to the Board for review. The travel account has increased by \$1,000.00.

The Board discussed the Fire Department's proposed 1992-93 budget and reduced it to total \$119,115.00.

Attorney Allan Ramey, president of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board and requested \$28,000.00. The Board agreed to donate \$25,000.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for the fiscal year 1992-93.

Mrs. Lorraine MacFarlin, representing the Walton County Humane Society, advised the Board that the donations for the Humane Society have dropped drastically. The Board agreed to donate \$18,500.00 to the Humane Society during the fiscal year 1992-93.

Mr. Phil McMillian presented the Veteran Service's proposed 1992-93 budget to the Board for review. The expense for books has increased \$300.00.

Mr. J. W. Adkinson, representing the Economic Development Council (EDC), presented the Board with a brief up-date of the EDC's projects. The City of DeFuniak Springs contributes \$2,800.00, Freeport

contributes \$500.00, and Paxton does not contribute. At present, there are seventy-two members of the EDC. The membership fee is \$100.00 and \$500.00 for a seat on the Board of Directors.

The Board agreed to schedule another Budget Workshop on Friday, July 10, 1992, at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the Workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk