

BUDGET WORKSHOP

July 14, 1983

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a budget workshop on July 14, 1983 at 9:00 A.M.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Derward Owens, Vice-Chairman W. F. Miles, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Bob Anderson and Commissioner W. L. " Billy" McLean.

Chairman Owens called the workshop to order.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to tentatively approve the Sheriff's Budget Request in the amount of \$975,264.71 for 1983-84. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Property Appraiser's Budget Request in the amount of \$253,940.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to tentatively approve the Planning Budget request of \$35,315.27 plus the Showell Farms Grant and the Section 8 Housing Funds. Ayes 3, Nayes 2. McLean Aye, Anderson Naye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Naye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to tentatively approve the Tax Collector's Budget Request in the amount of \$159,000.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean to tentatively adopt the sanitation budget request in the amount of \$213,087.64. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Miles to cut the sanitation budget request by \$50,000. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Building Department Budget Request at \$56,963.58, cutting out the part-time position and granting a 7% salary increase to the building inspectors. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the County Judge's Budget Request in the amount of \$6,550.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to tentatively approve the State Attorney's Budget Request in the amount of \$11,600.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to tentatively approve the Jury Commissioner salary in the amount of \$1,575.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to tentatively approve the Court Reporter's Budget Request in the amount of \$8,221.82, a cut of \$380.27. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Supervisor of Elections' Budget Request as follows: Supervisor of Elections - \$54,481.16 and Elections - \$49,500.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Anderson, to notify

Mr. Harvell to prepare a budget request for county wide ambulance service except for the Paxton area. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Civil Defense Budget Request in the amount of \$22,735.26. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Anderson, to tentatively approve the Soil Conservation Service Budget Request in the amount of \$24,162.00. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Veteran's Services Budget Request in the amount of \$19,551.36. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to tentatively approve the Parks Budget Request in the amount of \$57,430.49. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Agricultural Center Budget in the amount of \$14,663.20. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to tentatively approve the Courthouse Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$106,447.65. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to tentatively approve the Fire Control Budget in the \$50,000.00.

Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles for all budgets to be set the same as 1982-83 except salaries. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Public Defender's Budget Request in the amount of \$7,060.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Anderson, to tentatively approve the Chamber of Commerce Budget Request in the amount of \$16,000.00. Ayes 3, Nayes 2. McLean Naye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Naye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Medicaid Budget in the amount of \$180,000.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to tentatively approve the Mental Health Budget in the amount of \$41,022.00 - C.O.P.E. would receive \$33,000. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to approve the following Budget Request: ARC - \$8,000.00, Library - \$34,566.69, Walton County Hospital Renovation Payment -\$265,625.00. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Anderson, to recess until July 19, 1983 at 9:00 A.M.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 A.M. on July 19, 1983. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Derward Owens, Vice-Chairman W. F. Miles, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, and Commissioner W. L. "Billy" McLean. Commissioner

Bob Anderson was out of town.

Mrs. Grady Clark appeared before the Board and advised that the Walton County Humane Society is not requesting any funds this year from the Board. However, the Humane Society needs land south of the Bay to open up shelter in that area. Mrs. Clark advised that it will be left up to the Board whether or not they would like to provide land or funds to purchase the land for the future humane society site.

Mrs. Ruby Rivard appeared before the Board and requested that the Board grant the full budget request submitted by the Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to tentatively approve \$20,000 for the Chamber of Commerce 1983-84 budget. Ayes 4, Nays 0. McLean Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Ms. Judy Pena appeared before the Board and requested that the full budget request be restored for the C.O.P.E. Center. Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to tentatively approve the \$45,951.00 as requested by the C.O.P.E. Center. Ayes 4, Nays 0. McLean Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to increase the Land and Well under Sanitation to \$35,000.00 in order to purchase the 40 acres north of the Central Landfill and land near Rock Hill. Ayes 3, Nays 1. McLean Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to place \$10,000.00 in the Mosquito Control Chemical Account. Ayes 4, Nays 0. McLean Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

The Board recessed at 10:10 A.M.

The Board reconvened at 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. DeLois Carroll appeared before the Board to present the Health

Department Budget Request. The following requests were made: \$95,000 allocation to operate the Health Department, floor covering be replaced throughout the existing Health Department Building, funds to replace the air conditioning system, and funds to establish a full time health department facility south of the Bay. No action was taken by the Board.

Motion by Commissioner McLean to place \$20,000.00 in the budget to purchase land south of the Bay. Chairman Owens stepped down and seconded the motion. Ayes 3, Nays 1. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Miles Naye - a public hearing should be held, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles to place \$50,000.00 in County Transportation Contract Labor. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner McLean to place \$30,000 in County Transportation Contract Labor. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to recess until July 22, 1983 at 1:00 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 P.M. on July 22, 1983.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Derward Owens, Vice-Chairman W. F. Miles, Commissioner Sam Pridgen and Commissioner W. L. McLean. Commissioner Bob Anderson was not present at the meeting.

Chairman Owens called the workshop to order.

Mr. Dale Harvell appeared before the Board to present the budget request for the Ambulance Service. The requests are as follows: DeFuniak and Freeport Services - \$221,736.43, DeFuniak, Freeport and South Walton Services - \$302,312.90, South Walton - \$68,000.00.

Mr. Mack Baker appeared before the Board to request that the Board fund a position for the Farmer's Home Administration Office. No action was taken on

the request.

The Board received a letter from Mr. Jim Patrick advising that he feels that the review fee charged to the developers when presenting plats or plans before the District 5 Planning Committee should be changed. Mr. Patrick recommended a minimum fee of \$100 or \$5.00 per unit with no maximum. Mr. Patrick also recommended that these funds be used to pay for a full time staff.

Mr. John Dixon appeared before the Board and asked what the Board intends to do after the Blue Mountain Landfill is closed. Commissioner McLean advised that 60 yard boxes would be required South of the Bay due to the amount of garbage that is carried to the Blue Mountain Landfill at the present time. Mr. Dixon advised that he would place two, one south of the Bay and one in Freeport, 30 yard roll-of containers and haul the garbage to the Central Landfill at a cost of \$25,480.00 per year to the County. No action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Vernon Bishop appeared before the Board to discuss the Mosquito Control Budget Request. Mr. Bishop advised that the \$42,309 is needed to provide the much needed mosquito control in North Walton County. After discussion, the Board placed \$15,000.00 in the Mosquito Control Fund.

Mr. Gene Kaugh appeared before and advised that the funds requested for the South Walton Ambulance are needed to have a good operation. Motion by Commissioner McLean to place the following amounts in the ambulance budgets:

DeFuniak and Freeport	-	\$220,312.90
Paxton	-	25,000.00
South Walton	-	70,000.00

The motion died for the lack of a second.

The Board discussed the Sanitation budget.

The Board recessed until Tuesday, July 26, 1983 at 9:00 A.M.

The Board reconvened on July 26, 1983 at 9:00 A.M.

The Board placed \$3,500 in the Other Salaries and Wages under the Board of County Commissioners Account.

The Board discussed the building mortgage payment for the South Walton Ambulance Service. The Board agreed to remove the mortgage payment from the budgeted amount leaving \$62,800 for the South Walton Ambulance Service.

Mr. Wayne Miller appeared before the Board representing the City of Freeport requesting assistance to construct a governmental center. The building would house the Freeport City Offices, Health Department and Council on Aging. After discussion the Board agreed to place \$50,000 into the contingencies fund to be used on the proposed building.

Mrs. Joan Roberts appeared before the Board and advised that the Library Board opened the bids on the proposed Library addition. The lowest bid was \$154,107.00. Mrs. Roberts advised that without the shelves the bid will be \$134,164.00. After discussion the Board placed \$60,166.29 in the Library Budget, the same as the present budget.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Anderson, to cut the lime item, land south of the Bay for county government offices, to \$10.00. Ayes 3, Naves 2. McLean Naye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Naye.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Miles, to cut the C.O.P.E. Center to \$38,000. Ayes 3, Naves 2. McLean Naye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Naye.

The Board placed \$50,000 in Contract Labor, County Transportation Trust Fund.

Commissioner McLean requested that the ferry operator be required to work 5 days per week, as other county employees.



The Board recessed.

The Board reconvened on July 29, 1983, at 1:00 P.M.

The Board received a letter from Edsel Thomaston, County Extension Director, advising that DeFuniak Springs Beautification Committee is requesting that the County Commissioners budget \$300,00 for 5,000 dogwood and \$50.00 for live oaks to be given to individuals to plant. Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Anderson, to table the request. Ayes 4, Nays 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Mr. Ed Latham advised the Board that the South Walton Ambulance would operate as long as the funds last.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, for Sheriff McMillian to work with Pat Blackshear and Mr. Dury and apply for a grant to construct a new jail. Ayes 4, Nays 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Mr. Mike Richards was present at the meeting and gave the Board a report on the industrial park. Mr. Richards advised that the county's economic development will be at it's peak and with the cut in the Chamber of Commerce budget request will effect the amount to be spent on advertising.

After further discussion about the South Walton Ambulance Service, Commissioner McLean made a motion to place \$70,000 in the their budget. Chairman Owens stepped down and seconded the motion. Ayes 2, Nays 2. McLean Aye, Anderson Naye, Miles Naye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Anderson, to budget \$95,000 for the Health Department for the 1983-84 Budget Year. Ayes 4, Nays 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to recess until August 3, 1983 at 1:00 P.M. Ayes 4, Nays 0. McLean Aye,

Anderson Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

The Board reconvened on August 3, 1983 at 1:00 P.M.

Judge Clyde Wells appeared before the Board and requested that the contract labor funds be placed in his budget in order to provide for a secretary to fill in when the regular secretary is on vacation or sick leave. The Board moved \$500 from Other Court Cost into the contract labor fund and cut \$200 from the Office Supplies Fund.

The Board cut the sanitation equipment fund to \$25,000.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Miles, to to place \$15,000 in the budget for a patrol officer. Ayes 4, Naves 1. McLean Aye, Anderson Naye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

Motion by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Owens, to set a tentative millage of 8.949 mills. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

The Board set the first budget public hearing for September 12, 1983 at 5:15 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner McLean, to adjourn. Ayes 5, Naves 0. McLean Aye, Anderson Aye, Pridgen Aye, Miles Aye, Owens Aye.

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

Derward Owens, Chairman

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

Catherine King, Clerk