

## BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, began budget workshops on July 16, 1982, to consider budget requests for the 1982-83 budget.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman W. L. "Billy" McLean, Vice-Chairman W. F. Miles, Commissioner Bob Anderson, and Commissioner Derward Owens. Commissioner Mathews was absent due to illness.

Chairman McLean called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Joan Roberts appeared before the Board representing the Walton-DeFuniak Library. Mrs. Roberts advised that the Library is seeking a commitment from the Board to fund the Library \$65,000.00 in the 1982-83 Budget. The Board advised that they would consider the request.

Mrs. Lorraine McFarland appeared before the Board representing the Humane Society. Mrs. McFarland advised that the Humane Society is requesting \$5,000 to be placed in the 1982-83 Budget. The Board advised that they would consider the request.

Sheriff Quinn McMillian appeared before the Board and presented the Sheriff's Department's budget request for 1982-83. The total budget request was \$985,264.71. Sheriff McMillian explained that the increase included 4 additional employees to staff the South Walton sub-station and 4 vehicles for each of the employees. Mr. McMillian stated that he plans to replace 6 vehicles.

Mr. McMillian and the Board discussed converting the upstairs of the jail into cells that would hold 20 people.

The Board advised that they would consider the budget request for the Sheriff's Department.

The Board recessed until July 19, 1982.

The Board reconvened on July 19, 1982 at 8:00 A.M.

The Board discussed 7% salary increases for all county employees except the Sheriff's Deputies.

The Board discussed the South Walton Ambulance Service becoming a county operated service.

The Board recessed until July 23, 1982.

The Board reconvened on July 23, 1982, at 8:00 A.M.

Ms. Judy Pena appeared before the Board representing COPE, and requested \$30,000.00 for the Chautauqua Offices of Psycho-Therapy and Evaluation in the 1982-83 Budget. The Board advised that they would consider the budget request.

Mr. Bob Miller appeared before the Board to request \$57,000.00 for the South Walton Emergency Services. The Board advised that they would consider the budget request.

Ms. Peggy Lea Smith representing Tri-County Community Council, Inc., appeared before the Board to request that \$10,000 be placed in the budget for the Canning Center and \$1,200 for the Retired Volunteer Senior Citizens Program. The Board advised that they would consider the budget request.

The Board received a budget request from the Walton County Hospital in the amount of \$519,251.25. Commissioner Owens asked Mr. Charles Ostien if the Board of Trustees had voted on the budget request. Mr. Ostien advised that the Board of Trustees authorized him to work with Mr. Dean Black to prepare a budget request to be presented to the Board.

After discussion about the Hospital Budget Request, Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mathews, to write a letter to Mr. Charles Ostien advising that effective July 23, 1982 his appointment to the Hospital Board of Trustees had been terminated due to the lack of communication. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Mathews Aye, Anderson Aye, Owens Aye, Miles

Aye, McLean Aye.

Chairman McLean stepped down and made a motion to place the hospital lease issue on the ballot and allow the voters of Walton County to decide if the hospital should be sold, leased or remain as it is now. The motion died for the lack of a second.

The Board recessed until July 27, 1982.

The Board reconvened on July 27, 1982 at 9:00 A.M.

Ms. Judy Pena representing COPE, appeared before the Board to request that the Board fund the \$30,000.00 in the 1982-83 Budget as requested.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Owens, to have the millage figured on the proposed budget and present it at the regular meeting later today, July 27, 1982.

The Board adjourned the Budget Workshop.

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

W. L. "Billy" McLean, Chairman

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

Catherine King, Clerk