

BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 17, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a budget workshop on Monday, July 17, 1995 at 8:30 A.M., in the Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Gordon Porter, Vice-Chairman Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore, and Commissioner Rosier E. Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the South Walton Tourist Development Council budget and the Landfill budget.

Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised the Board that the health insurance will increase 2.8%, raising the single coverage by \$5.00 per month and the family coverage by \$10.97 per month.

Iva Starns with the South Walton Fire Department addressed the Board regarding the needs of the fire department. Mr. Starns stated that only two men are on duty at the Miramar Beach station as well as the Seagrove Beach station which is not adequate to handle the amount of calls in south Walton County. Mr. Starns stated that more stations and more personnel is needed. Laverne Camacho reiterated Mr. Starns request.

The Board agreed to hold a workshop to discuss the needs of the South Walton Fire Department on August 14 at 5:30 P.M. at the Santa Rosa Beach Fire Station.

Nellie Thompson, Supervisor of Elections, appeared before the Board to justify her 1995-96 budget request. Mrs. Thompson stated that due to the Federal Voters Act, her budget has increased. Mrs. Thompson further stated that due to the added work load, she is requesting an additional full-time employee.

Mike Barker, Public Safety Director, presented his 1995-96 budget request. Mr. Barker stated that the Trust budget is refunded totally by the State. Mr. Barker stated that in February 1994, 288 Emergency 911 calls were received and in June 1995, approximately 634 Emergency 911 calls were received. Mr. Barker stated that almost fifty percent of his budget is

refunded by various agencies.

The Board agreed to schedule another budget workshop for July 27, 1995
at 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED: _____

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk