

BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 22, 1988

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a workshop session on July 22, 1988, at 9:00 A.M., to discuss the proposed 1988-89 budget.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Joe R. Griffin, Vice-Chairman Sam Pridgen, Commissioner W.F. Miles, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present. Commissioner Edward D. Ambruster was absent due to a previous commitment out of town.

Chairman Griffin opened the workshop by calling for discussion on further budget-cuts. Commissioner Miles suggested that the amount budgeted for COPE (\$45,951.00) could be reduced by the amount of money spent in bonuses last year. The amount in bonuses was \$24,000.00. By deducting \$24,000.00, the proposed budget for COPE would be \$21,951.00. Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to reduce COPE's budget by \$24,000.00. Ayes 3, Nays 1. Fleet Nay, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye, Griffin Aye.

Discussion followed concerning the various programs and services furnished by the Council on Aging. Mr. Freddie Baker, Supervisor for the Council on Aging, had requested a budget of approximately \$54,000.00 for the 1988-89 fiscal year. At an earlier workshop, the Board had agreed to a budget of \$27,323.00 for the Council on Aging. Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Miles, to transfer the \$24,000.00 taken from COPE's budget into the Council on Aging's budget - making the Council's new proposed budget for 1988-89, \$51,323.00. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Fleet Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye, Griffin Aye.

Chairman Griffin suggested that the Board direct Mr. George R. Miller, County Attorney, to give his legal opinion on the Board's decision to reduce the monies budgeted for COPE.

There was further discussion regarding the proposed 1988-89 budget. The Board agreed to provide a 4% pay increase for County employees. The Board further agreed that no additional budget-cuts were apparent. Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet to tentatively adopt the proposed 1988-89 budget at a millage rate of 7.780

(an increase of .160 mills over the present budget). Ayes 4, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye, Griffin Aye. The millage rate of 7.780 results in the following dollar-amounts for each County fund:

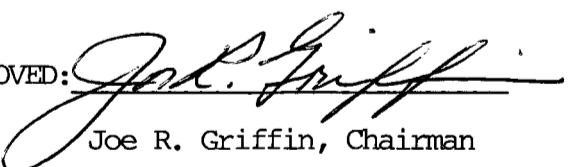
| MILLS        | FUND                        | DOLLAR AMOUNT   |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 4.400        | General Revenue             | \$6,432,503.63  |
| 1.830        | County Transportation Trust | 3,483,836.51    |
| 1.550        | Fine and Forfeiture         | 2,074,694.88    |
|              | Debt Service                | 883,195.00      |
|              | Mosquito Control State      | 7,881.93        |
|              | Capital Project             | 1,000.00        |
|              | Section 8 - Housing         | 1,215,739.14    |
|              | Tourist Development Tax     | 1,102,400.00    |
| TOTALS 7.780 |                             | \$15,201,251.09 |

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to tentatively adopt the proposed 1988-89 budget for the North Walton Mosquito Control at a millage rate of .682. Ayes 4, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye, Griffin Aye. The millage rate of .682 did not increase from the present budget's millage rate. The dollar amount of the .682 mills is \$129,613.53.

Mrs. Martha Walden, Deputy Clerk, advised the Board that the first Public Hearing on the adoption of the North Walton Mosquito Control budget and the Board of County Commissioners' budget will be advertised for September 7, 1988, and the second for September 12, 1988.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to adjourn. Ayes 4, Nayes 0. Fleet Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye, Griffin Aye.

APPROVED:

  
Joe R. Griffin, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Catherine King, Clerk