

BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 25, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, July 25, 1989, at 1:30 P.M., to discuss the proposed 1989-90 budget.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman W.F. Miles, Commissioner Wilson Holley, Commissioner Robert G. Fleet, and Commissioner Donald D. Brown. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen called the workshop to order.

The Board agreed to tentatively allocate \$220,000.00 to the Walton County Health Department with \$4,000.00 being designated for X-ray services at the Hospital.

The Board agreed to tentatively allocate \$5,000.00 to Title 20 Child Care.

Vice-Chairman Miles stated that he regrets having to raise the millage of the County, but attention must be given to numerous County roads in need of resurfacing or paving. The Board continued to discuss road surfacing and resurfacing needs.

Mr. Van Ness Butler appeared before the Board to advise that Ms. Judy Murphy, Director of COPE Center, has pledged that no County funds will be used to fund employee merit increases. The County funds will be used for only Emergency Services and Case Management. Mr. Butler further advised that COPE representatives will be approaching the Walton County School Board to request funding for the various school programs provided by COPE.

Vice-Chairman Miles stated that he was informed that no one was able to view the bids received for the construction of the Alcohol and Drug Intervention Center. Mr. Mark Carter, President of the COPE Board of Directors, advised that copies of all bids were mailed to those companies who submitted bids after the decision to award the bid was made. No bids were concealed. Discussion continued regarding the services provided by COPE and the need for County funding.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Brown, to tentatively allocate \$35,167.00 to COPE for Emergency Services and Case

Management. Ayes 2, Naves 3. Brown Aye, Fleet Aye, Holley Nay, Miles Nay, Pridgen Nay.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Fleet, to tentatively allocate \$21,951.00 to COPE for Emergency Services and Case Management. Ayes 4, Naves 1. Brown Aye, Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Miles Nay, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles to direct Mrs. Martha Ingle, Deputy Clerk, to figure the 1989-90 budget and millage based on the figures presently in the proposed budget. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Brown suggested that allocations for the Volunteer Fire Departments be increased. No action was taken. Commissioner Brown expressed his appreciation for the commendable efforts being made by each volunteer fire department. The Board agreed.

Mrs. Ingle advised that if any of the Districts have funds to be carried over into the upcoming budget year, she must have the figures as soon as possible. Chairman Pridgen advised that he will have \$9,000.00 to carry forward into Machinery and Equipment. Commissioner Fleet directed Mrs. Ingle to contact Mr. Tom Henry, District 5 Road Foreman, for any amount to be carried forward.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to place \$200,000.00 in the Road Materials and Supplies account in the County Transportation Trust Fund budget. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Brown Aye, Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Commissioner Brown suggested that each Commissioner justify his own budget requests when the 1990-91 budget is set. He stated that he feels it would be helpful to both the Commissioners as well as the public.

Commissioner Brown recommended that an in-depth traffic circulation study be conducted and that a five-year road plan be implemented and updated yearly.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to direct Mrs. Ingle to figure the budgets and millage for the County based on the amounts in each account of the proposed 1989-90 budget. Ayes 5, Naves 0. Brown Aye, Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Miles Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Chairman Pridgen advised that the Board will meet in a Budget Workshop on July 26, 1989, at 1:00 P.M. to tentatively set the budget and millage rate.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED:

Sam Pridgen

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Catherine King

Catherine King, Clerk