

BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 27, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a Budget Workshop on Friday, July 27, 1990, at 8:30 A.M., in the County Commission Boardroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

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

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mrs. Martha Ingle, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised that with a 3% across-the-board pay increase for all County employees, the millage rates are as follows:

General Revenue	4.330 mills
County Transportation Trust	2.200 mills
Fine & Forfeiture	1.400 mills
Hospital Bond Payment	.245 mills
North Walton Mosquito Control	approximately .700 mills

The Board briefly discussed the budget requests of the NWMC district.

The Board requested that Mr. Bill Fountain, Property Appraiser, appear before the Board to discuss his budget requests.

After hearing a report from Mr. Ronnie Hudson, Public Works Director, the Board agreed to reduce 50127.52 by \$7,976.40 and 50127.46 by \$7,650.00. \$148,722.00 is the amount calculated for 50127.12 (3% pay raise is included).

The Board directed Mr. Bell to investigate the possibility of "staggering" shifts at the Landfill to insure that all refuse is adequately covered at day's end. Mr. Hudson stated that he is checking with nurseries regarding prices of fast-growing hedges to screen the Landfill.

General discussion of various budget items followed.

Mr. Jack Little, Tax Collector, requested a letter from the Board if the approved pay increase for County employees exceeds 3%. The Board agreed.

Line item 50106.12 was cut to \$25,000.00.

General discussion continued.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Brown, second by Commissioner Holley, to calculate County employees' pay increases at 6%. Discussion followed. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Mr. Fountain appeared before the Board. The Board requested more specific details on the Property Appraiser's budget requests and on actual expenditures for the present and the past budget years (1989-90 and 1988-89). Mr. Fountain agreed to collect the requested information and report back to the Board on Monday, July 30, 1990.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

The Board agreed to cut 50101.64 to \$50,000.00.

General discussion of various budget items followed.

The Board directed Mr. Bell to contact Mr. Bruce Ward, Agricultural Agent, and request that he appear before the Board to justify his budget requests and to review the services his office provides.

General discussion followed.

The Board agreed to return Library salary amounts to the 1989-90 figures and add 3%. Mrs. Ingle stated that she will attempt to acquire more information on line items 50140.31, 50140.44, and 50140.46.

There was further general discussion regarding the budget.

The Board agreed to set 50150.51 at \$5,700.00

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: _____

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Catherine King, Clerk