

July 29, 1997

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County Florida, met in a Budget Workshop on July 29, 1997 at 2:00 P.M.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman William Young, Vice-Chairman Van Ness Butler Jr., Commissioner Joel Paul Jr., Commissioner Randall Infinger, and Commissioner Gordon Porter. Ronnie Bell, County Administrative Supervisor, was also present at the meeting.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order followed by pledging allegiance to the American Flag and Prayer.

Mr. Greg Wise, Benefits Solutions, Inc., appeared before the Board to discuss health insurance premiums for 1997-98. Mr. Wise explained to the Board that due to large claims filed in April, by county employees, Blue Cross/Blue Shield will have to increase the premiums approximately 20%. Mr. Wise advised the Board that if more of the county employees and retirees would participate in the Health Option the county would recognize a cost savings.

Mr. Wise recommended that the Board alter the present PPC plan to prevent the large increase in premiums. The recommendations were as follows:

1. Increase deductible to \$400 on PPC.
2. To modify the out of network services to 60%/40% co-pay.
3. Health Option remains the same.

After further discussion on ways to cut down on insurance costs the Board concurred to accept Mr. Wise's recommendation. Mr. Wise will return on August 11, 1997, at 8:30 A.M. to present the new contract.

Mr. Ronnie Bell advised the Board that Tri-County Community Council is willing to pay one half of Bessie Graham's salary. The Board agreed for Mrs. Graham to remain a Board employee and Tri-County Community Council will reimburse the Board for one half the salary.

Commissioner Porter advised the Board that some employees at the Landfill need to receive a salary increase. The Board will wait until the new budget year to look at salary increases.

Commissioner Infinger advised the Board that Lynda Robinson needs to be advised of comp hours earned by each county employee. Discussion followed on how hours are earned and when they should be taken. The Board asked Ronnie

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Bell to consult the labor attorney for a clarification on comp time.

Mr. Bell advised the Board that a Public Hearing needs to be set for the proposed MSBU for five fire departments. The Board agreed to set the Public Hearing for September 11, 1997 at 6:00 P.M.

The Board instructed Ronnie Bell to write a letter to each elected office holder, funded by the Board, requesting that they be present at the budget public hearings on September 8 and September 15, 1997 at 6:00 P.M. They should be present to answer any questions that the public might ask.

Motion by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt the following millage rate:

General Fund	3.203
County Transportation	1.693
Fine and Forfeiture	1.730
Debt Service	.117
North Walton Mosquito Control	<u>.650</u>
Total	7.393

Ayes 5, Nays 0. Porter Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye, Butler Aye, Young Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Butler, second by Commissioner Infinger, to adopt the following proposed budgets:

General Fund	\$17,727,984
County Transportation	12,565,851
Fine and Forfeiture	4,932,124
Debt Service	538,483
North Walton Mosquito Control	243,882
Multi Purpose Trust	350,000
Mosquito Control State	13,160
Section 8 Housing	3,470,482
Tourist Development	2,687,681
Library	278,410
Recreation Plat Fee	638,000
Solid Waste Enterprise	3,548,639
Mossy Head Fire District	<u>44,020</u>
Total	\$47,038,716

Ayes 5, Nays 0. Porter Aye, Infinger Aye, Paul Aye, Butler Aye, Young Aye.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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APPROVED:

William A. Young, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dan Bodiford, Clerk