

BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 31, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, July 31, 1990, at 1:00 P.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 W.F. Miles, Commissioner Wilson Holley, and Commissioner Robert G. Fleet. The County's Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Pridgen opened the workshop for discussions.

Mr. Gordon Williams, North Walton Mosquito Control Director, appeared before the Board to further discuss his budget requests.

The Board agreed to adjust 51262.64 to \$6,000.00 and adjust the Building account to \$15,000.00.

Commissioner Holley stated that the cities of Paxton and Freeport should pay for the services of the North Walton Mosquito Control District just as the city of DeFuniak Springs. The Board directed Mr. Bell to discuss this matter with the Mayors of each city.

Sheriff Quinn McMillian appeared before the Board to advise of further cuts in his budget in order to help in lowering the millage rate. Motion by Commissioner Holley, second by Commissioner Miles, to eliminate the full-time bailiff's position from the Sheriff's Department budget. Ayes 2, Nays 3. Fleet Nay, Holley Aye, Miles Aye, Brown Nay, Pridgen Nay.

The Board recessed until 2:30 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Holley, second by Commissioner Miles, to make the Courthouse bailiff's position part-time. The motion and second were withdrawn and the Board Members listened to a presentation of Circuit Judge Laura Melvin

regarding a typical day's proceedings in the Courtroom and in her chambers. She advised that Courthouse security is an almost constant need.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Holley to approve \$2,528,141.57 as the total budget for Fine and Forfeiture (1.350 mills). The motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Fleet, to set the millage rate for Fine and Forfeiture the same as it was in 1989-90. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the Fine and Forfeiture budget.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Brown to set the total Fine and Forfeiture budget at \$2,528,141.57 and keep the millage rate the same as it was in 1989-90. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Miles to set the total true budget for Fine and Forfeiture at \$2,441,872.90. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Miles, to set the Fine and Forfeiture budget at 6% over \$2,433,150.20. Ayes 2, Nays 3. Fleet Aye, Holley Nay, Miles Aye, Brown Nay, Pridgen Nay.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Miles, set the Fine and Forfeiture budget at 6.38% over the 1989-90 budget of \$2,441,872.90. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Fleet, second by Commissioner Holley, to set the salaries for the Property Appraiser's budget at \$316,526.00. Ayes 3, Nays 2. Fleet Aye, Holley Aye, Miles Nay, Brown Aye, Pridgen Nay.

Sheriff McMillian was asked several other questions regarding his budget requests.

Discussion followed regarding the Property Appraiser's budget.

General discussion regarding the use of reserve funds followed.

The Board agreed to set 50241.53 at \$1,127,000.00, 50241.46 at \$170,000.00, and 50241.31 at \$30,000.00.

The Board agreed to accept the proposal from the Ambulance Billing Clerk on a trial basis for six months with a contract which clearly specifies each party's responsibilities. Discussion continued.

Motion by Commissioner Holley, second by Vice-Chairman Brown to delete the Other Salaries and Wages from the County Transportation Trust budget. The motion and second were withdrawn.

The Board agreed to adjust 50241.53 to \$1,012,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Holley, second by Vice-Chairman Brown, to eliminate the line item from which contract labor is paid. Ayes 2, Nays 3. Fleet Nay, Holley Aye, Miles Nay, Brown Aye, Pridgen Nay.

The next Budget Workshop was scheduled for August 1, 1990, at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Pridgen adjourned the workshop.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine King, Clerk