

SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 – BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a budget hearing on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 5:01 p.m. at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Larry Jones, Chairman; Commissioner Scott Brannon, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Sara Comander; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen; and Commissioner Cecilia Jones. Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator; Mr. Gerry Demers, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Lynn Hoshihara, County Attorney; and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Commissioner Pridgen led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman L. Jones called the meeting to order.

Chairman L. Jones read the following statement into the record: The purpose of this meeting is to set a tentative millage rate and a tentative budget. The proposed Walton County Board of County Commissioners county-wide millage rate is 3.5563 mills, and 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. In aggregate, this is a 5.13% decrease below the Rolled Back Rate. The Rolled Back Rate is the rate that would essentially generate the same ad valorem tax revenues as last year. The county-wide 3.5563 mills (which are applied to the General, County Transportation, and Fine and Forfeiture) is the same as the fiscal year 2010-2011 rate, which was 3.5563 mills. The 0.4912 millage rate for the North Walton Mosquito Control District is the same as fiscal year 2010-2011 rate, which was 0.4912.

Mr. Kisela, County Administrator, briefly discussed the changes that were made to the budget since the July 11, 2011 Workshop. There was almost a \$700,000 reduction

made to the budget. This will require a dip in reserves for approximately \$1.5 million instead of \$2.2 million. He requested approval of the proposed budget of \$93,556,522, which includes the North Walton Mosquito Control District budget of \$645,105. The budget that was approved at the July workshop was \$94,255,863.

Chairman L. Jones asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.5563 county-wide and 0.4912 North Walton Mosquito Control District as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Comander Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to adopt the tentative budget of \$93,556,522 for FY 2011-2012 as presented. Ayes 5, Nays 0. L. Jones Aye, Brannon Aye, Comander Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Commissioner Comander expressed her appreciation for all those that worked together during this process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

APPROVED _____
Larry Jones, Chairman

ATTEST _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts