

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 – BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Budget Hearing on September 21, 2015 at 5:01 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Bill Imfeld, Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner W. N. (Bill) Chapman; and Commissioner Cecilia Jones. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; and Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney; were also present.

Chairman Imfeld called the meeting to order and read the following statement: “This is the second of two Public Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget. The purpose of this meeting is to set a final millage rate and a final budget. At the first Public Hearing held September 14, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Tentative Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; the law requires that prior to consideration of the Final Budget, an explanation of the “Rolled Back Rate” be provided and entered into the records; the “Rolled Back Rate” is a computed millage rate that would essentially generate the same ad valorem tax dollars as the prior Fiscal Year. The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board on September 14, 2015, are as follows: 3.6363 mills for the County-wide millage, applied to the General, County Transportation, and Fine and Forfeiture funds. This is the same as the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 rate. 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District, which is the same as the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 rate. In aggregate, this is a .17% decrease over the Rolled Back Rate.”

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, Second by Commissioner Jones, to open the Public Hearing to consider a resolution adopting the final millage rate and a resolution adopting the final budget. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, Second by Commissioner Comander, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, Second by Commissioner Chapman, to adopt **Resolution 2015-84** setting a final millage rate of 3.6363 for County-Wide operations (applied to the General, County Transportation, and Fine and Forfeiture funds) and a millage rate of 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District operations. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, Second by Commissioner Jones, to adopt **Resolution 2015-85** approving the final FY 2015-2016 Budget in the amount of \$127,229,944 for county government, of which \$603,511 would be for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, Second by Commissioner Chapman, to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 5:03 p.m. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Imfeld Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Jones Aye.

Approved: 
Bill Imfeld, Chairman

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller