

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 – BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Budget Hearing on September 24, 2018 at 5:01 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following board members were present: Commissioner W. N. (Bill) Chapman, Chairman; Commissioner Tony Anderson, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander, Commissioner Cecilia Jones, and Commissioner Melanie Nipper. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; and Attorney Sidney Noyes, County Attorney; were also present.

Chairman Chapman called to order the Public Hearing to consider a resolution adopting the Final Millage Rate and a resolution adopting the Final Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Jones, to open the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Anderson Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Nipper Aye.

Ms. Amy Heavilin, Finance Director, read the following statement into the record:

“This is the second of two Public Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. The purpose of this meeting is to set a Final Millage Rate and a Final Budget.

At the first Public Hearing held September 10, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the tentative millage rates and budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; 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 10, 2018, 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 2017-2018 rate; 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District, which is the same as the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 rate.

In aggregate this is a 6.45% increase over the Rolled Back Rate.”

There was no public comment.

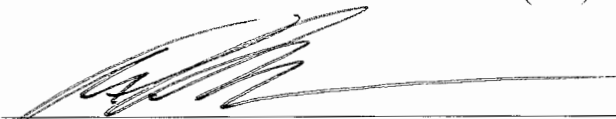
Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt **Resolution 2018-78** setting the Final Millage Rate of 3.6363 mills for the County-wide millage and 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Chapman Aye, Anderson Aye, Comander Aye, Nipper Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Nipper, to adopt **Resolution 2017-79** setting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$183,096,543.00 for county government of which \$636,949.00 is designated for North Walton Mosquito Control District. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Jones Aye, Chapman Aye, Anderson Aye, Comander Aye, Nipper Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Comander, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Anderson Aye, Comander Aye, Jones Aye, Nipper Aye.

There being no further items to present, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Approved: 
W. N. (Bill) Chapman, Chairman

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller