

BUDGET HEARING

SEPTEMBER 25, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met on Monday, September 25, 1995, at 6:00 P.M., in the Commission Boardroom at the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Gordon Porter, Vice-Chairman Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore, and Commissioner Rosier E. Cuchens, Jr. The Board's Administrative Supervisor, Ronnie E. Bell, was also present.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order and read the following statement into the record:

The proposed millage of 6.655, General Fund, County Transportation Trust and Fine and Forfeiture, and .690 for the North Walton Mosquito Control is 12.5% over the roll-back rate necessary to fund the budget for the 1995-96 fiscal year. The roll-back rate is a rate that would generate prior year tax revenues less allowances for new construction, additions and deletions. The proposed voted Debt Service millage is .155.

Chairman Porter asked for comments from the audience.

Several members of the audience spoke regarding the increase in property assessment and their taxes.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Harris, to close the public hearing. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Cuchens Aye, Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Harris, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to adopt a resolution adopting the millage rate of 6.655 for operations of the county government, a millage rate of .155 to serve the Voted Debt Service, Hospital Renovation Bond Issue, and a millage rate of .690 for operations of the North Walton Mosquito Control District for the tax year 1995-96. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Cuchens Aye, Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Harris, second by Commissioner Cuchens, to adopt a resolution adopting the Walton County Budget in the amount of \$27,184,897 Voted Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$274,860 and the North Walton Mosquito Control District Budget in the amount of \$226,311 for the fiscal year 1995-96. Ayes 5, Nayes 0. Cuchens Aye, Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Cuchens, second by Commissioner Harris, to enter into special session. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Cuchens Aye, Moore Aye, Pridgen Aye, Harris Aye, Porter Aye.

There being no further business, Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting.

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

Gordon Porter, Chairman

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

Catherine King, Clerk