

## NOVEMBER 12, 1976 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met for a Special Budget Hearing that was duly advertised for November 12, 1976, at 9:00 A. M.

Chairman Weeks called the meeting to order followed by praying the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Lloyd Weeks, District 4; Vice-Chairman Lawton Mathews, District 2; Commissioner Hughie Infinger, District 1; Commissioner Bob Anderson, District 3; Commissioner Freddy Bishop, District 5.

Mr. Otis Birge, District 3, appeared before the Board and inquired why there would be an increase in millage this year. Chairman Weeks advised Mr. Birge there was an error in the assessment last year. The assessment last year was \$240,000,000.00 but should have been \$230,000,000.00. The correction was made for this fiscal year causing part of the increase in the millage. Mr. Birge advised the Board they should take a closer look at in-county travel for all elected officials' budget. The Clerk advised Mr. Birge each office makes up their own budget request and after they are approved each office requisitions 1/12 of the total budget each month.

Mr. Birge asked what has been proposed to be reimbursed to the County for Hurricane and why the money is not shown on the 1976-77 budget. The Clerk advised the money was shown on the 1975-76 budget.

Mr. Birge advised the Board the budget needs to be tightened. Commissioner Anderson advised everything has gone up in price and the Board worked very hard to hold the millage down.

Mr. Birge asked for a break down of the Clerks budget. The Clerk advised he will give Mr. Birge the break down of the budget.

Mr. Spinks appeared before the Board to oppose any increase in millage. Mr. Spinks is on a fixed income and it is hard to keep up with the rising cost.

Mr. W. C. Echols appeared before the Board not to object to the millage increase, but would like to see an improvement in the care and construction of the roads.

Mr. Gary Engstrom was present at the meeting and stated there was only a 5% increase in the total budget from last year and knew the Board had really worked to keep the increase down.

Motion by Commissioner Mathews, second by Commissioner Bishop, to take the suggestions into consideration and give further study to the budget until the next meeting. Ayes 5, Naves 0.

Motion by Commissioner Mathews, second by Commissioner Bishop, to adjourn. Ayes 5, Naves 0.

ATTEST: Philip A. Anderson  
Philip A. Anderson, Clerk

APPROVED: Lloyd Weeks  
Lloyd Weeks, Chairman

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