

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 – BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Budget Hearing on September 22, 2014 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 Cindy Meadows, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander, Commissioner Bill Imfeld; and Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney; and Mr. Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller; were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Comander, to open the Public Hearing to consider a resolution adopting the final millage rate and a resolution adopting the final budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Melissa Thomason, Finance Manager, stated that this was the second of two Public Hearings for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Budget. The tentative millage rate and budget were adopted during the September 8, 2014 Public Hearing. She stated that Florida Statute requires an explanation of the rollback rate be entered into the record prior to the adoption of the final budget. The rollback rate is a computed millage rate that would essentially generate the same ad valorem tax dollars as the prior fiscal year. The millage rates which were tentatively approved at the September 8, 2014 meeting were: 1) County-wide millage rate of 3.6363 is applied to the general county transportation, fine and forfeiture, and capital projects infrastructure funds. The FY 2014-2015 millage is an increase over the FY 2013-2014 rate which was 3.5563 mills, and 2) North Walton Mosquito Control District millage rate of 0.4912 mills which is the same as FY

2013-2014 rate. Ms. Thomason stated that in aggregate this is an 8.55% increase over the rollback rate.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Thomason read into the record the resolution setting the millage rate for FY 2014-2015. She requested adoption of **Resolution 2014-90**.

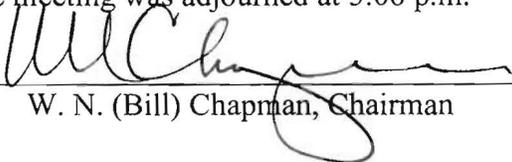
Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt **Resolution 2014-90** setting the final millage rate of 3.6363 for County-Wide operations and a millage rate of 0.4912 for the North Walton Mosquito Control District operations. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Ms. Thomason read for the record the resolution being presented approving the budget for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$123,936,505 for county government and \$622,444 for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. She requested adoption of **Resolution 2014-91**

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to adopt **Resolution 2014-91** approving the final budget for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$123,936,505 for county government and \$622,444 for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Meadows, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Meadows Aye, Comander Aye, Imfeld Aye, Pridgen Aye.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller