

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 – BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a budget hearing on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 5:03 p.m., at the South Walton Courthouse Annex.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Scott Brannon, Chairman; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Larry Jones; Commissioner Sara Comander; and Commissioner Cecilia Jones. Ms. Toni Craig, County Attorney; Mr. Gerry Demers, Interim County Administrator; and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Chairman Brannon called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gerry Demers, Interim County Administrator, provided a brief update to the budget which included adding the funds for the \$45,000 radio improvements to the Rescue Budget, and adding one FTE to the TDC Code Enforcement.

Commissioner C. Jones questioned if the budget includes a 3% COLA raise for all employees. Mr. Demers clarified it did.

Chairman Brannon read aloud the following statement into the record: The purpose of this meeting is to set a tentative millage rate and a tentative budget. The proposed Walton County Board of County Commissioners county-wide millage rate is 3.5563 mills, and 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. In aggregate, this is a 1.28% decrease below the Rolled Back Rate. The Rolled Back Rate is the rate that would essentially generate the same ad valorem tax revenues as last year. The county-wide 3.5563 mills (which are applied to the General, County Transportation, and Fine and Forfeiture) is the same as the fiscal year 2011-2012 rate, which was 3.5563 mills. The 0.4912 millage rate for the North Walton Mosquito Control District is the same as fiscal year 2011-2012 rate, which was 0.4912.

Chairman Brannon asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to adopt the tentative millage rates of 3.5563 for county-wide and 0.4912 for North Walton Mosquito Control District for FY 2012-2013. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to adopt the tentative budget of \$97,067,253 for FY 2012-2013. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, Comander Aye, C. Jones Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

ATTEST Martha Ingle
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts

APPROVED Scott G. Brannon
Scott Brannon, Chairman