

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 – BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Budget Hearing on September 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

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

Commissioner C. Jones led the invocation and the pledge to the American flag. Chairman Brannon called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gerry Demers, Interim County Administrator, presented a resolution **(2012-55)** to adopt the millage rate of 3.5563 mills for county government operations, and a millage rate of 0.4192 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013. The aggregate millage rate for county wide is 3.6018 mills which is less than the rolled back rate of 3.6486 mills by 1.28%.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to adopt **Resolution 2012-55** approving the millage rate of 3.5563 mills for operations, and 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District for FY 2012-2013. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Demers presented for adoption a resolution **(2012-56)** setting the Walton County Budget for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$97,067,253, which includes \$959,513 for the North Walton County Mosquito Control Budget.

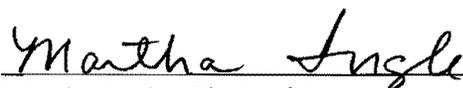
Ms. Carla Hunt, Library Board member, expressed concern regarding the public library budget. Mr. Demers stated that the library system budget was increased with no change in personnel. He reported that the materials budget item had also been increased to allow for more books and materials to be purchased this year. Discussion continued on library funding.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to adopt **Resolution 2012-56** setting the Walton County Budget for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$97,067,253, which includes \$959,513 for the North Walton County Mosquito Control Budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, L. Jones Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

There being no further items to present, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Scott Brannon, Chairman



Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court