

Board of County Commissioners
Workshop: First Budget Workshop 2010/2011
March 4, 2010

The Board of County Commissioners in and for Wakulla County met for a Workshop on Thursday, March 4, 2010 with Chairman Howard Kessler presiding. Present were Commissioners Mike Stewart, Lynn Artz, Alan Brock, and George Green. Also, present were County Administrator Ben Pingree, County Attorney Heather Encinosa and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

5:00 p.m. Workshop called to order by Commissioner Kessler.

This is the first workshop in the development of the FY2010/2011 budget and the Board provided direction in preparation of the FY2010/2011 budget as well as reviewing the alternative revenue options available to fund critical services and infrastructure needs.

The four primary objectives that are to be accomplished at this workshop:

1. Provide a big picture analysis of major revenues and State projections
2. Update cost containment activities
3. Big picture challenges for policy direction
4. Provide analysis of initiatives to pursue in the next few months to provide balanced and efficient budget plan.

On March 2, 2010 there was a budget kick-off meeting with the Constitutional Officers and they have a due date of May 1, 2010 for their budgets.

The Board would like to look at ways to cut Health Care costs and cut out all non-essential travel & training. Also, to look at the possibility of bringing people in on a contract basis to work with Grants and the comment that a different structure is needed for the Grants Department.

There was some discussion about budgeting for the Lobbyists and increasing the MSBU at this time.

The Board would like to see all budgets submitted with a 10% reduction, to include Constitutional Offices.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.