

Board of County Commissioners
Workshop: 5th Budget Workshop to Discuss
The FY2010/2011 Tentative Budget
August 19, 2010

The Board of County Commissioners in and for Wakulla County, Florida met for a Workshop on Thursday, August 19, 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, Assistant County Attorney Bethany Burgess, and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

7:00 p.m. The 5th Budget Workshop was called to order.

This is the 5th Workshop in relation to the formulation of the FY2010/2011 Tentative Budget.

Board Members discussed the tentative budget and the majority of the Board does not want to see employee furloughs or insurance costs picked up by the employee. This would in essence be a pay cut.

The fire fighters in the past have been paid out of the General Budget and that has now been moved to the MSBU Fund.

Constitutional Officers present were provided an opportunity to speak about their budget and to ask questions and express concerns.

The Board invited all Department Heads to speak about their budget to see if they have been able to make any additional changes.

Three Citizens were present to provide input:

Ben Withers – asked that Recreation not be cut this year

Bill Russell – not to look at bottom line employees as they are already living on a shoe string

Charles Hickman – The County Administrator does the hiring and he should do the firing. Job descriptions need to be combined and the need to look into insurance deductibles

The Public Hearings for the budget are September 7, 2010 for the Tentative Budget and September 20, 2010 for the Final Budget Hearing.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.