

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 1990 -- SPECIAL SESSION

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

DONNELL WHITFIELD  
JAMES M. DILLARD  
ELLIS MELVIN  
WILLIE T. GRANT  
MONROE COX

PRESENT AND ACTING:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK OF COURT  
GAIL O'BRYAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM G. SMITH, SHERIFF  
FRANK STONE, PROPERTY APPRAISER  
MARTIN SEWELL, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Whitfield for the purpose of a workshop on the budget for FY 90-91.

Commissioner Cox stated that since this was a continuation of the last budget workshop he would like to discuss the Board's tentatively funding, at that workshop, the Mossey Pond Volunteer Fire Department an additional \$2,200.00. He said he did not have any problem with that, if money was available, but recommended that the other 4 volunteer fire departments be funded an additional \$2,200.00 each, so that no partiality is shown and all volunteer fire departments are treated the same. He noted, that when the budget is finalized, the amounts could be considerably less per department due to lack of funds, however, still felt they all should be funded at the same level. Commissioner Cox also stated, if the volunteer fire departments do not use the amount budgeted for their departments in the fiscal year, it does not carry over to the next year, but is returned to the General Fund.

After discussion, Commissioner Whitfield polled the Board regarding the funding of the volunteer fire departments at the same level.  
Grant: IN favor of funding all volunteer fire departments at same level.

Dillard: In favor of funding at same level.

Whitfield: In favor of funding at same level.

Cox: In favor of funding at same level.

Melvin: Objected to funding at the same level, due to the difference in the level of service provided by the departments.

Clerk Willie D. Wise presented the Board a contract to update the Altos Computer System that handles the Board's Accounting. Wise stated the present system had been in use for 6 years and had reached its limit of input. After discussion the Board agreed unanimously to enter into an agreement for the update.

The Board and Clerk reviewed the proposed expenditures of the General Fund. After a long and lengthy discussion on expenditures and lack of revenues, they discussed the possibility of placing a 5% pole tax on electricity in order to generate revenues for the following services: Public Safety, Fire Control and ambulance service.

The Board was polled and by a 4-1 concensus, decided to obtain an attorney to research the possibility of a proposed pole tax on electricity.

The Board recessed until 2:00 P.M., August 14, 1990.