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Okaloosa County Commissioners Budget Overview Online

Commission Meeting & Budget Reviews Begin Tuesday

The Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners will hold their next public Board Meeting on **Tuesday, July 15, at 8:30 a.m.**, at the Ft. Walton Beach Water and Sewer building, 3rd Floor, 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard. A budget review is scheduled for **Tuesday also, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Ft. Walton Beach Water and Sewer building. The public is encouraged to attend. The budget policy and overview has been placed online for review, and can be accessed from the County Connection section of the homepage initially, and from the Board of County Commissioner home page at any time.

The budget process begins tomorrow and hearings run through August in order to present a balanced budget in September to Okaloosa County. Budgets to be reviewed on Tuesday from 1:00 until 3:30 p.m. include Tax Collector, 911 Coordinator, Road & Bridge Construction, Solid Waste, Inspections, Airports, Tourist Development, Conference Center and Water and Sewer Department.

The 08-09 Budget highlights include a cut by \$9,238,023, a reduction of 49 positions, and an annual debt service reduction from \$3 million per year to \$1.5 million on the Shalimar Courthouse Annex Extension. For more information, call 850-651-7105 or 689-5030 or visit www.co.okaloosafl.com.

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