

Okaloosa County News Release

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Budget Policy & Recreation Cooperative Workshops Tuesday *Island Golf Property Workshop Postponed*

The Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners will hold public workshops to discuss a Recreation Cooperative idea, and the first of several budget discussions. The Island Golf Property Workshop, originally scheduled for May 13, has been postponed until fall. Budget Policy and the Recreation Cooperative workshops will be held in the Commission Conference room (3rd floor), at 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd., in Ft. Walton Beach, on April 22.

The Recreation Cooperative Workshop, scheduled for 5:00 p.m., will explore ideas on how cities and citizens in Okaloosa County can work together to ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate in recreation opportunities and improve recreation overall. “The Okaloosa County Library Cooperative has worked very well; libraries are improved and everyone can take advantage of free library services – I just wanted to see if we could do the same for recreation, and make it available to everyone, and local cities agreed,” said Commission Chair James Campbell. “Our kids are the future; and recreation for all kids is something that is important to me, because I feel it provides confidence, guidance, challenges, improved abilities and better futures for themselves and the community as a whole – I believe this.”

The Budget Policy Workshop will follow at 6:00 p.m. The Okaloosa County Finance Department will present the Budget Policy, which is an annual report consisting of economic information, an overview of county revenue, expenditures and capital projects. During this workshop, the Board of County Commissioners set guiding policies for departments, encompassing staffing, compensation, capital projects and the overall FY08-09 budget. Departmental Reviews will follow up in July, after Budget Policy is set, followed by tentative millage set by the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners. There will be several budget workshops and public hearings, which are all open to the public for comment before millage and budget is finalized.

Residents are encouraged to review the Budget Policy document online, present ideas, ask questions and attend all Okaloosa County workshops. The Island Golf Property Workshop was postponed until the budget could be finalized. For more information, visit www.okaloosaf.com or call 850-651-7105.

-Workshop Schedule follows-

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Okaloosa County Public Workshops, Hearings & Meetings Schedule

*Crestview meetings will be held in the Crestview City Council Chambers, 198 N. Wilson St.
Fort Walton Beach meetings are held in the 3rd floor Commission Conference Room, 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd.*

Recreation Cooperative Workshop

April 22, 5:00 PM, Ft. Walton Beach

Budget Policy Workshop, 6:00 PM

May & June Okaloosa County Public Meeting Schedule:

May 6, 6 PM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Crestview

May 20, 8:30 AM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Ft. Walton Beach

June 3, 8:30 AM, Board of County Commission, Crestview

June 17, 6:00 PM, Board of County Commission, Ft. Walton Beach

July Okaloosa County Public Meeting Schedule:

July 1, 6 PM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Crestview

July 15, 8:30 AM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Ft. Walton Beach

Budget Review: *July 15, 1 PM, Ft. Walton Beach*

Budget Review: *July 22, 9 AM, Crestview*

Budget Review: *July 31, 1 PM, Ft. Walton Beach*

August Okaloosa County Public Meeting Schedule:

August 5, 8:30 AM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Crestview

Budget Review: *August 5, 1 PM, Crestview*

Budget Review: *August 12, 6 PM, Ft. Walton Beach*

August 19, 6:00 PM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Ft. Walton Beach

September Okaloosa County Public Meeting Schedule:

September 2, 6 PM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Crestview

FY08-09 Budget Hearing: *September 9, 6 PM, Crestview*

September 16, 8:30 AM, Board of County Commission Meeting, Ft. Walton Beach

FY08-09 Final Budget Hearing: *September 23, 6 PM – Ft. Walton Beach*

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