

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JULY 16, 2007

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Budget Workshop** on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following member's present to-wit:

Commissioner Randy Durden, Chairman
Commissioner Tommy Langford, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas
Commissioner Sharon A. Langford
Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.

Others in Attendance

John McPherson, County Attorney, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, Patty McCagh, Board Secretary, Georgia Mills, Finance Department, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal, Ron Mills, Emergency Operations, Tim Bracewell, IT, Damon Leggett, Property Appraiser, Captain Tony Cruse, GCSO, Sheriff David Turner, Jeannine Pfannschmidt, GCSO, Molly Branning, GCSO, Connie Sanchez, Supervisor of Elections, Marilyn Bruce, Tax Collector, Gene Parrish and Joyce Ferrante.

Call to Order

Chairman Durden called this Budget Workshop to order at 1:08 p.m.

Clerk

Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, presented a 2008 Budget recap with Ad Valorem Tax Revenue based on 97%.

Tax Collector

Marilyn C. Bruce, Tax Collector, presented her budget request which includes 3.9% increase; seven (7) employees plus Tax Collector. The budget request included \$1,000.00 raise per employee. The Board requested Ms. Bruce to reduce salary increase to 2% and resubmit her budget.

Property Appraiser

Damon C. Leggett, Property Appraiser, presented his budget request which includes 2.45% increase. The budget request included a 2% salary increase; six (6) employees plus Property Appraiser.

Supervisor of Elections

Connie D. Sanchez, Supervisor of Elections, presented her budget request which includes \$1,000.00 per employee; two (2) employees plus SOE. The Board requested Ms. Sanchez to reduce salary increase to 2%.

Clerk of Court

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented his budget request which includes 2% salary increase; seventeen employees, one (1) part-time employee plus Clerk.

Sheriff

David P. Turner, Sheriff, presented his budget which includes a salary increase of 4% step.

- Law Enforcement: Requesting one (1) School Resource Officer. School Board has indicated they will increase their contribution to \$30,000 each School Resource Officer and increase the school crossing guard funding. Five (5) vehicles and one (1) computer were requested

The Board requested reducing salary increase to 2%.

- Communications: Requesting new dispatch position due to increase in service calls. Currently, eight (8) Dispatchers and two (2) Supervisors
- Corrections: No new positions
- Judicial: Requesting two (2) new Bailiff positions and two (2) new vehicles

The Board requested all salary increases to be reduced to 2% consistent with other Board Departments and Constitutional Officers

Proposed Millage Rates

Mr. Gilliam discussed the changes in the laws regarding millage rates and setting the proposed millage for the TRIM Notices and the DR420's.

Jail Funding

Ron McQueen, County Administrator and Randy Durden, BOCC Chairman, discussed funding for the jail project and the impact on the budget.

Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee met last week to discuss options. The Committee voted to

determine the actual conditions of the jail and the life/safety issues. Ron McQueen, County Administrator contacted Lee Mills, County Engineer, to get a report on the structure, plumbing, electrical and life safety issues. The cost was estimated between \$12,000 and \$15,000; estimated impact once the jail is completed, bond payment of \$600,000 and approximately \$400,000 for staffing.

Clerk of Court

Mr. Gilliam requested guidance as to which departments need to be present at the future workshops. The consensus was that if the department is asking for an increase, the department head needed to attend the workshop.

With no further business/discussion the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Approved:

Randy Durden, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk