

Budget Workshop
June 20, 2023

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this date in a Budget Workshop in the Commission Chambers with the following members present:

Si Trujillo, Chairman
Mary Lou Kern, Vice-Chairman
Bret Wier, Member – Member

Also present: County Clerk Rayetta Trujillo, County Manager Monte Gore, and Financial Specialist Joana Apodaca.

Chairman Trujillo called the workshop to order at 9:40 a.m. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the Budget for FY 2023-2024.

Others in attendance: Sara Torres, Todd Tatum, Timothy Martinez, Virginia Strohm, Amadeo Soto, Tina Colangelo, Kristi Graham, Tammy Brandfas, Rob Morper, Glen Stevens, Leonard Baca and Jun Roh – Via an Electronic Device.

Discussion during the workshop included:

Joana Apodaca, Financial Specialist, presented a spreadsheet of salaries for various individuals showing the difference with the County picking up 75% of PERA and the County giving a 10% pay increase. Joana stated there is a small increase with the County picking up the PERA. Commissioner Wier stated he wanted to make it clear that the increase would only be about \$5.00 more in the employee's pocket. Joana stated with the 10% salary increase the take home would be from \$5.00 to \$30.00 per paycheck. Commissioner Wier stated no action could be taken as this is just a workshop. Chairman Trujillo stated he still supports the PERA, as the employees will see an increase in their check throughout the year and salaries can be reviewed next year. Joana stated she would prefer the County taking over the PERA, as she feels the employees would be receiving the benefit starting in July and she feels it is a huge benefit as the PERA will continue to increase for the next two years. Joana stated she has been asked by individuals about the County picking up the PERA and feels it will also be a great retention tool. Chairman Trujillo asked Commissioner Kern if she had any comments. Commissioner Kern stated she is still in support of the County picking up the 75% of the PERA and feels it will help with recruiting and retention of employees. Joana asked if Commission would like to have the proposed budget with the Salary or PERA as an action item at the next meeting. After discussion, it was decided that the Budget could not be put on the agenda for approval because the beginning cash balances would not be available.

After further discussion, Chairman Trujillo adjourned the Budget Workshop at 10:00 a.m.

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Chairman

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Member

Rayetta Trujillo
Clerk of the Board