

BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017 AT 4:00 PM

The scheduled Budget Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 4:09 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Chairman Grady Thompson stated that the budget was balanced and there was no tax increase.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked if there were six (6) new positions budgeted in EMS. County Manager Jim Carter gave a brief explanation of how staffing was rearranged and ambulances utilized and stated that there are six (6) new positions in the budget. This will allow for five (5) ALS ambulances to run 24 hours a day. Commissioner Hughes asked about vehicles and equipment being leased by the County. Finance Director Leigh Jordan stated that the Sheriff's Office has some leased vehicles, the Road Department leases some equipment and all departments lease their copiers. Commissioner Hughes asked for the rate of the County Attorney. Rates were given by the Finance Director. Lastly, Commissioner Hughes inquired if the Judge asked for a supplement increase. The Finance Director said there was a supplement increase in the budget for the Judge.

Commissioner Robert Setters asked what enterprise funds are joint with the City of Tifton and how much revenue does the County collect from these funds. Finance Director Leigh Jordan stated that there are three (3) enterprise funds and the County collects no revenues from any of them. Commissioner Setters asked about 911 revenues. He asked if City of Tifton and ABAC were paying their fees. The Finance Director stated that neither were paying. Commissioner Setters asked how we were collecting on fines and forfeitures. The Finance Director stated that we were two (2) months behind on collecting the fines but should be within budget.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker asked how many vehicles the Sheriff's Department was requesting. Finance Director Leigh Jordan stated that they are requesting six (6) which will be purchased on a lease-purchase program. Commissioner Stalnaker asked if there was a console dedicated to City of Tifton at 911. County Manager Jim Carter stated that there was. Finance Director Leigh Jordan stated that no fee for 911 has been collected from City of Tifton since 2012.

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked if the airport was using all the \$50,000 that was budgeted. County Manager Jim Carter stated that they were.


County Manager Jim Carter addressed the request from the Accountability Courts for \$45,000 for each court. Mr. Carter stated that currently the DATE fund account had \$85,000. This fund is shared with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Carter recommended budgeting \$25,000 for each court which will cover the matching funds needed for their grant awards.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017 AT 4:00 PM**

Mr. Carter discussed the District Attorney supplements. Mr. Carter asked the Board's permission to send a letter to the District Attorneys about their supplements. Tift County will pay their portion and the District Attorneys will need to invoice the other County's for their portions.

Mr. Carter discussed the pretrial diversion program. This program started with a grant and will run out of money in December. Mr. Carter recommended not funding this program after the grant runs out in December. All those involved are aware of this recommendation.


There being no further discussion, Chairman Grady Thompson adjourned the Work Session at 5:05 pm.



Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7




Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

Not Present

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

July 10, 2017