

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

July 18, 2023, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on July 18, 2023, at 4:30 pm for a budget workshop meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, June Knight, Keith Moye, Phillip Drew, LaFaye Copeland, County Administrator Buddy Johnson, County Clerk John White, and County Finance Director Holly Murkerson Elkins were present.

Mr. Drew opened the meeting with the invocation and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mrs. Knight, second by Mrs. Copeland to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Budget Presentation:

Rodney Gordon – EMS Director: Mr. Gordon asked for one additional employee to have six employees on every shift. There is only one shift that has five employees on the shift. The cost would be \$90,400.00 to add the one person. This would provide the ability to run three ambulances on every shift and would also help them prepare for transport with the new Nursing Home.

Chris Dix – Shop Director: Mr. Dix is requesting a new AC machine at a cost of \$8,100.00 and a new storage building for tires at a cost of \$11,000.00. Mr. Dix is also requesting a new fuel truck at a cost of \$40,000.00.

Stanley Elkins – Roads and Bridges Superintendent – Mr. Elkins is requesting a new truck for the sign truck at the cost of \$50,000.00 and a new lowboy trailer at the cost of \$35,000.00. Mr. Elkins also requested two additional employees and those have already been included in the Budget.

Daniel Singletary – Sheriff Office: Mr. Singletary made the following request and provided the following information.

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| SHERIFF OFFICE:                                                                                             |                                                |              |                                                   |  |  |  |
| 1                                                                                                           | ADD 3 DEPUTIES AT \$17.00/HR:                  |              |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | 2 FT Patrol/SALARY BENEFITS                    | \$ 98,500.00 | \$17/HR                                           |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | 1 FT Courthouse/SAL & BEN                      | \$ 47,300.00 | \$17/HR                                           |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | 2 CARS FOR PATROL                              | \$ 88,800.00 | 2 FORDS                                           |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | OUTFITTING CARS                                | \$ 40,000.00 | COMPUTERS/CAGES/ETC.                              |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | GEAR FOR THREE DEPUTIES:                       |              |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | CELL PHONES/INTERNET FOR CAR/EMAILS            | \$ 270.00    | 3 X \$90                                          |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | UNIFORMS                                       | \$ 5,400.00  | 3 X \$1800                                        |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | BODY ARMOR/VESTS                               | \$ 2,400.00  | 3 X \$800                                         |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | MOBILE RADIOS                                  | \$ 15,000.00 | 3 X \$5000                                        |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | TASERS/BODY CAMERA/ANNUAL LICENSE              | \$ 15,000.00 | 3 X \$5000                                        |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | TRAINING                                       | \$ 1,500.00  | 3 X \$500                                         |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             |                                                | \$314,170.00 |                                                   |  |  |  |
| 1A                                                                                                          | CONTINGENT ON 1 ABOVE BEING APPROVED           |              |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | ELIMINATE 6 PT POSITIONS CURRENTLY BUDGETED AT | \$ 35,800    | BASED ON 2023 APPROVED BUDGET                     |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | DECREASE FT DEPUTY OT                          | \$ 25,000    | BASED ON 2023 APPROVED BUDGET                     |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             |                                                | \$ 60,800    |                                                   |  |  |  |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL TO 2024 BUDGET FOR THREE ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES                                               |                                                | \$253,370.00 |                                                   |  |  |  |
| OTHER ADDITIONAL REQUESTS NOT INCLUDING THE THREE NEW DEPUTIES ABOVE NOT INCLUDED IN 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET: |                                                |              |                                                   |  |  |  |
| 2                                                                                                           | IF ADD'L DEPUTIES APPROVED INCREASED BY \$1/HR | \$ 6,800.00  | 3 ADD'L DEPUTIES FROM #1 ABOVE                    |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | EXISTING FT POSITIONS INCREASED TO \$1/HR      | \$ 38,100.00 | 17 DEPUTIES/ ASSIST WITH RECRUITING AND RETENTION |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | EXPIRATION OF CURRENT BODY ARMOR/VESTS         | \$ 19,200.00 | 7 INV, 17 DEPUTIES (24 @ \$800 EACH)              |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | SOFTWARE FOR DRUG INVESTIGATORS                | \$ 3,000.00  |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | ADDITIONAL REPAIR BUDGET PER C. DIX/JUST TIRES | \$ 10,000.00 |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             |                                                | \$ 77,100.00 |                                                   |  |  |  |
| TOTAL REQUESTED INCREASE IN 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET                                                           |                                                | \$330,470.00 |                                                   |  |  |  |
| BUDGET CUTS INCLUDED IN THE 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET:                                                          |                                                |              |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | TRAINING                                       | \$ 10,000.00 | WILL RELY ON IN HOUSE TRAINING AS FEASIBLE        |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | TRAVEL                                         | \$ 1,600.00  |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | UNIFORMS FOR PT DEPUTIES                       | \$ 1,200.00  |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             | EQUIPMENT                                      | \$ 20,000.00 |                                                   |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                             |                                                | \$ 32,800.00 |                                                   |  |  |  |

Mr. Johnson stated that if everything were granted, it would increase the tentative budget by \$600,000.00.

Mr. Johnson stated the Tax Commissioners Office is working on the Tax Digest but would not meet the deadline. It is unknown at this time when the tax digest will be complete. It is anticipated that the tax revenue should be about the same as last year.

Budget Workshop

July 18, 2023, 4:30 PM

- I. Executive Duties
  - A. Call to Order – 4:30 PM
  - B. Invocation/Pledge
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Public Comments (3 Mins)
- II. Presentations
  - Budget Presentations
- III. Correspondence
- IV. Consent Items – (One motion)
- V. Formal Actions
  - None
- VI. New and unfinished Business
- VII. Executive Session
  - None
- VIII. Reports
  - a. Attorney’s Report
  - b.
  - c.

VIII. Adjournment

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The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Knight and second by Mr. Prince. The motion was approved.

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

PHILLIP DREW, CHAIR

June Knight, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

Keith Moye, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER

