

**TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PERRY, FLORIDA**

**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

**9:00 A.M.**

**201 E. GREEN STREET**

**TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**

**OLD POST OFFICE**

THE CHAIR CALLED THE FY 23/24 BUDGET WORK SESSION TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
1	CHAIR	JAMIE ENGLISH	IN PERSON	ALL
2		JIM MOODY	IN PERSON	ALL
3	V-CHAIR	MICHAEL NEWMAN	IN PERSON	ALL
4		PAM FEAGLE	IN PERSON	ABSENT
5		THOMAS DEMPS	IN PERSON	ALL

A QUORUM BOARD BEING PRESENT.

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
CO ADMINISTRATOR	LAWANDA PEMBERTON	IN PERSON	ALL
ASST CO ADMIN	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ATTORNEY	CONRAD BISHOP	IN PERSON	ABSENT
CO FINANCE DIR	DANNIELLE WELCH	IN PERSON	ALL

COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
CLERK OF COURT	GARY KNOWLES	IN PERSON	PARTIAL
DEPUTY CLERK	SALINA GRUBBS	IN PERSON	ALL

COMMISSIONER DEMPS LED THE BOARD IN PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

**THE CHAIRMAN READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE CALL-IN LINE.**

**4. THE BOARD CONTINUED DISCUSSION WITH REGARDS TO ALL ASPECTS OF FY 2023/2024 BUDGET PRIORTIES.**

DISCUSSION:

DANNIELL WELCH, COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH THE REQUESTED CHANGES FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BUDGET WORKSHOP, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>.

ATTACHMENT: OVERVIEW BUDGET CHANGE OUTLINE

CHAIR ENGLISH-WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER NOT DEPLETING THE FUNDS FOR FIRE STATION #2 THIS YEAR AND TO CONSIDER WAITING UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT THE BIDS WOULD COME IN AT, BUT \$1.2 MILLION WAS BUDGETED FOR THE PROJECT.

BOARD AGREED TO STAY THE COURSE WITH FIRE STATION #2 AND REVISIT THE PROJECT.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER**

CHAIR ENGLISH-WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER. NOT OPPOSED TO THE \$25,000 FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND REQUIRE THEM TO BRING AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF WHAT THE FUNDS WERE USED FOR.

COMMISSIONER MOODY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CITY OF PERRY TO THE SAME.

COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR, DANNIELLE WELCH- THE 4-H SUBMITS A PROFESSIONAL FINANCE STATEMENT WHICH COST THEM APPROX. \$2,000 FOR THE AUDIT.

BOARD AGREES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE \$25,000 A YEAR WITH A REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

FINANCE DIRECTOR, DANNIELLE WELCH- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAS REQUESTED A 3-YEAR INCREASE OF \$10, 470.00 FOR 2024. THE INCREASE IS FOR OVERALL MANAGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW IT COULD BE MORE WITH THE INFLATION.

BOARD AGREES WITH THE INCREASE.

## **COUNTY EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASE**

COMMISSIONER DEMPS- WITH AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF \$.50, THAT WOULD BE APPROX. \$240 MORE A MONTH.

COMMISSIONER MOODY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL \$1.00 FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN-WITH THE INCREASE, WOULD THE FIREFIGHTERS BE MORE COMPETITIVE WITH THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-WE WILL STILL BE THE LOWEST COUNTY.

BOARD AGREES WITH THE ADDITIONAL \$1.00 PER HOUR RAISE FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR A TOTAL OF \$2.00.

**TAYLOR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TCDA)**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- I HAVE REACHED OUT AND SPOKEN WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO HELP UTILIZE MRS. DAWN PEREZ WITH SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES FOR THE TCDA.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- IT LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE AN EXCESS IN THEIR SURPLUS.

COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR-THEY HAVE A FUND BALANCE OF \$277,695.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- I WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH FUNDING THE TCDA AS BEFORE. I DON'T SEE A DEMAND IN INCREASE WITH THE SURPLUS. NOT TRYING TO UNDERCUT THEIR BUDGET, BUT THEY HAVE THE MEANS TO FUND A DIRECTOR.

BOARD AGREED TO REMAIN WITH THE CURRENT FUNDING OF \$100,000.

**MILLAGE RATE**

COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR-MONDAY AT 9 A.M., JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING IS TO SET THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN REQUEST THE MEETING TIME TO CHANGE TO 5 P.M. INSTEAD OF 9 A.M.

BOARD AGREED TO CHANGE JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- IS THERE ANY ROOM TO CONSIDER A ROLLBACK IN THE MILLAGE RATE?

COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR- WE CAN LOOK AT IT AND BRING BACK TO THE BOARD ON MONDAY.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

5. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DISCUSS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-SEVERAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE REACHED OUT AND REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THE SICK TIME POLICY PAYOUT. I WILL LOOK AT THIS WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.

CLERK OF COURT, GARY KNOWLES- COMPENSATED ABSENCES ARE BUDGETED. OUR OFFICE HAS A CAP PAYOUT OF \$7,500.

THE BOARD CANCELLED THE JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> BUDGET WORKSHOP AND THE REGULAR WORKSHOP ON JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> AS THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO DISCUSS.

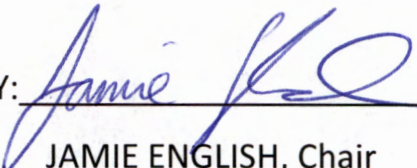
CLERK OF COURT- APPRECIATES THE BOARD.

CHAIR ENGLISH- APPRECIATE THE STAFF FOR WORKING HARD ON THE BUDGET.

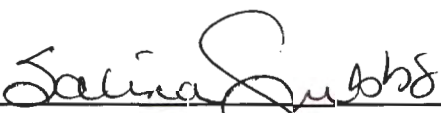
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-GRATEFUL FOR STAFF AND CLERK OF COURT FOR WORKING TOGETHER. IT MAKES THE PROCESS SMOOTHER.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION THIS DATE, THE MEETING WAS CONTINUED TO A DATE AND TIME CERTAIN OF MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
JAMIE ENGLISH, Chair

ATTEST:

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
SALINA GRUBBS, D.C. for  
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk