

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a work session on April 28, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Banks County Courthouse to discuss the FY2008 budgets. Present were Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Gailey, Financial Officer Randy Failyer and Administrative Officer Angela Sheppard.

Library – Stacy Krumnow

Ms. Krumnow stated that the library was requesting \$92,000 which is an increase of \$26,385. This increase will provide for an additional forty hour per week employee with benefits and would also provide the library and staff a sense of safety because just more than one employee will be there.

Senior Center- Janet Galloway

Ms. Galloway said that there was now real change to her budget. Ms. Gailey said that based on the trend, senior center services could be reduced to \$65,000.

Transportation – Janet Galloway

Ms. Galloway stated that she needed to have a substitute driver for the transportation van that would work about ten days a year at \$6.50 per hour. Ms. Galloway stated that she will be getting a new mini-van through a grant. Also she stated she needed to add education and training to this budget because there will be training they have to go to, to remain certified.

Coroner – Henry Galloway

Mr. Galloway said that he needs a new computer.

Mental Health

Mental Health has submitted a letter asking for an additional \$700 but no one came.

Jail Operations – Sheriff Charles Chapman

Sheriff Chapman stated that he would like to add four jailors because he only has four per shift. He stated that if he didn't get four more jailors he would have to increase overtime to \$35,000. He would start the new jailors at \$11.84 an hour plus benefits. He said he could decrease supplies for the jail to \$5,000 since most of the supplies are paid for out of the jail fund.

Sheriff Office – Sheriff Charles Chapman

Sheriff Chapman said that he would like to add an additional investigator. He said the investigators have opened 245 cases since January 1, 2007. Sheriff Chapman said he would also like to add six deputies and one additional school resource officer. He said that the school will reimburse the county \$75,000 for all three resource officers and the new school resource officer will be placed at the elementary school. He said now he has four deputies on shift to cover the whole county and would like to add one per shift. He is also requesting eight new patrol cars at a price of \$93,586 a year on a lease.

Adult Literacy

They said the enrollment was 108 students. They would like to increase their hours so they presented three different options to the commissioners to have more hours at the center. They felt that any of these options would benefit the County. Ch. Hart asked what Lanier Tech pays for and they said they pay for maintenance and utilities of the building, materials for the students, computer and electronic equipment, supplies, and office equipment.

Extension Service – Bob Waldorf – County Agent

Mr. Waldorf is requesting new carpet be put down in the building. The carpet had never been replaced since the building was built. He is asking for a full-time 4-H agent for Banks County at an additional cost of \$7450. He stated that the agent we have now currently works with Stephens and Banks Counties. He would also like to increase the amount of program assistant by \$2,000 so this amount would bring the program assistant up to what County employees make. In supplies he has budgeted \$2,500 each for two new computers. These computers will be laptops with docking stations. Mr. Waldorf has budgeted \$13,500 for a mini-bus and Ms. Gailey told him that last year the commissioners approved for \$13,500 to

be moved into the capital fund when a bus was ready to be purchased. Mr. Waldorf is also asking for a county truck which he estimates costing \$14,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
