

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a work session on April 27, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Banks County Courthouse in order to discuss FY2008 budgets. Present were Chairman Gene Hart and Commissioner Joe Barefoot. Commissioner Rickey Cain was absent.

***Chamber of Commerce – Tara Fulcher Director and Helen Hewell Vice President***

Ms. Fulcher said the Chamber of Commerce was asking for a \$2500 increase for personnel, this is an increase of \$208 a month. Ms. Fulcher said membership was up to 178 members. Ch. Hart said they would take this request into consideration.

***Registrars – Fred Wendt***

Mr. Wendt said there were not many changes in the budget. They needed to increase office expense and they added a line item for temporary employees which worked during advanced voting. Mr. Wendt said there were two elections this year.

***Public Health***

The health department is asking for a \$35,000 increase. Ch. Hart stated that they hadn't increased their budget in three years because of a surplus in their fund balance. The \$35,000 increase includes a \$17,000 vehicle and \$18,000 for expenses.

***Planning-Zoning Officer Keith Covington***

Officer Covington stated that they needed to up the scrape tire item. He also stated that he was going to need tires for his truck this year. Comm. Barefoot stated that since Officer Covington was not totally trained in animal control was it economically feasible to contract out animal control. Officer Covington stated that in the past that had been done and it was not any more economical.

***Magistrate-Judge Ivan Mote***

Judge Mote said that his budget was not changing that much. He is asking for \$3,000 in capital for a new computer if needed because his current computer lease is running out. Ms. Gailey also told Judge Mote that his copier lease was going to be taken out of office and a copier lease line item added.

***Public Utilities – Steve Reece Director***

***Sewer***

Mr. Reece is raising sewer testing to \$8,000 because there will be more treatment ponds in operation this year. Education and professional development is being raised because Jeremy Carlan was going to get certified. In capital Mr. Reece was asking for a computer for the sewer department to fill out their daily forms they had to send in to EPD. He said that was one of the things EPD wrote in their report was that the forms needed to be submitted electronically instead of hand written. They also need a mobile generator and bush hog in order to keep the new spray fields cut.

***Water Administration***

Mr. Reece stated that engineering was going up simply because of the work being done in the County. He said small equipment was added because of the need to purchase a handheld for meter reading. He also stated that he needed to add some additional education and licensing because Louie Dean was being moved to Water Admin instead of Treatment. The capital item is a computer for Louie Dean and a Colorado 2WD for admin and Mr. Reece is moving the F-150 to the water plant.

***Water Treatment Plant***

Mr. Reece is requesting two new operators. He stated that technical included a computer program from JK Duren. Building included the renovation of piping that is badly in need of upgrade. Small Equipment includes weed eaters and lawnmowers because the water plant is going to start doing the lawn maintenance around the water tanks and plant themselves. Mr. Reece stated that ponds included pumping sludge from another pond next year and infrastructure is to replace the old turbidimeters, overhaul a high service pump, Ross valve and the raw water controller.

***Distribution***

Mr. Reece wants to add one new position to distribution and wants to have an on call pay instead of overtime for on call employees. In vehicle equipment lease he wants to add one mini excavator and in capital he wants to purchase one additional mole, a Chevy 5500 4X4 because the cost of repairs on one of the trucks they have now is very expensive. Also in machinery they are requesting two new trailers and an air compressor.

***Historical Society – Corin Lee***

Ms. Lee stated the total request for the historical society is \$21,800 which includes three projects. These projects are \$9800 for the Historic Courthouse, \$9000 for the Historic Jail and \$3,000 for the “Blind Suzy Covered Bridge”.

***Emergency Communications – Deidra Moore – Director***

Ms. Moore stated that she wants to move Toni her assistant to a different pay grade. She is now in the grade with a clerk but she is on call when Ms. Moore is absent and she is a dispatch supervisor. Ms. Moore is also requesting two power shift positions. Building maintenance includes repairs to the stucco on the building, two motors for the air units and to replace a steel back door. In capital she is asking for an additional vehicle for addressing and a redundant repeater so in the case of an emergency if the generator goes down when the center is out of power there is still a way emergency services can communicate with E911. The fire services and E911 are applying for a grant for the repeater. Also in capital she is going to purchase new chairs for the consoles and Gumby is going to install a console for a 4<sup>th</sup> position.

The work session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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