

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a work session on June 11, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room of the Banks County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. Also present was Jenni Gailey, County Clerk, Randy Failyer, Finance Officer and Angela Sheppard, Administrative Officer and Chris Bridges with the Banks County News.

#### **Commerce Public Library Request**

Ch. Hart stated that the Commerce Public Library came and spoke at a commissioner's meeting requesting \$75,000. He stated that we cut the Banks County Library budget and didn't think we should fund anyone else's budget. Comm. Cain made a motion to deny the Commerce Public Library's \$75,000 request. Comm. Barefoot made a second. Two aye votes and motion passed.

#### **Water Distribution**

Ch. Hart stated that he thought they should go ahead and buy the 550 truck for water distribution in the FY2007 budget. Comm. Cain stated that he thought that would be OK. Comm. Cain still wanted to check contracting meter and tap installation.

#### **E911**

Ms. Moore was concerned because she had heard everything she had requested for FY2008 budget year was denied and with the new deputies and emergency personnel increases she was afraid that E911 was not going to be able to keep up. Ms. Moore stated that she could make the one power shift position into two part-time power shift positions. Comm. Cain stated that Emergency Services was his priority and if we have to have it, we have to have it. Ch. Hart stated that Fire/EMS was looking into charging calls that were not an emergency. The commissioners added \$21,000 back to the E911 machinery budget for chairs and a backup repeater.

#### **Water Distribution & Distribution**

Ch. Hart stated that \$850,000 were there for ten miles of water lines and that amount could be reduced down to five miles of water lines and this amount would be taken down to \$425,000.

#### **Sewer**

Take the mowers and the generator out of equipment because it could be purchased out of the GEFA loan.

#### **Water Admin**

There were no changes to the Water Administration budget.

#### **Water Pumping and Purification**

The commissioners agreed to hire one new operator that could do maintenance around the water tank areas. Took out pond expense for \$45,000. Ch. Hart stated that testing was EPD requirements and the technical was upgrading the computers to EPD requirements. Chemical/Lab supplies included replacing original pumps. The water purchase line it includes buying water from City of Commerce and City of Toccoa.

#### **Water Distribution**

Cut infrastructure to \$150,000.

#### **Contingency**

Comm. Barefoot and Comm. Cain wanted to decrease contingency from \$100,000 to \$85,000.

#### **Governing Body**

No changes were made.

Ch. Hart talked about flex hours. The employees would work from 7 – 6 with an hour for lunch and rotate taking off one day during the week so the offices will remain open Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### **Registrars**

No changes to the budget.

### **Technology**

Ms. Sheppard asked since we were not going to hire an additional person but instead call in CMC were we going to build money into departments budget for the additional cost. Comm. Cain and Comm. Barefoot stated they would like to leave the budget like it was and use contingency if there were any problems.

### **Human Resources**

No changes

### **Tax Commissioner**

Ms. Ausburn is funding a part-time employee to scan in documents for her and Tim Harper, CSC.

### **Tax Assessors**

The commissioner's stated that since the clerk the assessor's office hired last year for a higher pay was suppose to be able to do appraisal work they were not going to hire another appraiser. Comm. Cain questioned the personal property audits. Mr. Whitman stated that the personal property audit is required by the state and is done by Traylor Business Systems. Bi-Tek is the appraisal system for valuing real property and manufactured housing. They are updating their system to windows to make the system more user-friendly. Flagship is for web hosting the map and any training and support. Win Gap is the personal property and evaluation system. The revaluation will cost \$45,000 and it incorporates an outside vendor coming in and doing consulting. GIS is \$16,500 for doing the conversion for parcel data from a CAD system to a GIS system. \$55,000 in technical is for a \$5,000 aerial photo, \$43,600 personal property appraisal is the remainder for the new software. The commissioners told Mr. Whitman to go ahead and purchase the digital camera, mapping computer and laser printer since there was money in the FY2007 budget.

### **Courthouse Buildings**

Take out furniture and fixtures for anticipation of moving into the new building. Take out payments to others.

### **Superior Court**

No changes.

### **Clerk of Court**

No changes

### **District Attorney**

Allie Mauldin is going to be the acting district attorney for the circuit. She stated that Banks County supplement was comparable to what other counties are paying. The commissioners cut the county supplement to \$3,000.

### **Magistrate**

The commissioners called Judge Mote down to take about Magistrate budget. Comm. Barefoot asked if the computer was necessary. Comm. Cain stated that since the computer was not torn up would it be OK to only have one computer if needed. Miscellaneous court cost was in supplies for \$2,000 and the commissioners deleted that cost.

### **Probate Court**

No changes

### **Probation**

No changes

### **Jail Operations**

Sheriff Chapman stated that the jail employee budget included one clerk, one jail administrator and twenty jailors that included two new jailors.

**Sheriff**

Sheriff Chapman stated that Sheriff Department budget included three clerks and five investigators plus a chief deputy.

**Fire/EMS**

Take 5,000 out of building maintenance. There are no new leases they are all current leases. Volunteer firefighters will now be paid through payroll. This budget is leaving the Hollingsworth station the same as it is.

**Highways and Streets**

The road paving maintenance is to cover contracts that we are current state contracts. The commissioners also added an F-150 to replace an 80's model truck.

**Extension Service**

Take the request for new carpeting and make building maintenance \$2,000. Make supplies \$4,600 since copier lease is its own line item.

**Senior Center**

No changes

**Transportation**

No changes

**Recreation**

No changes.

**Historic Building Maintenance**

Cut to \$15,200.

**Library**

Gave library administration \$85,600 plus Piedmont regional library for a total of \$90,600

**Planning and Zoning**

The Planning and Zoning budget consist of an updated comprehensive plan and a zoning revision which is a cost of \$100,000.

**Hotel/Motel**

No changes

**Total Budget.**

The budget is up 352,000 up from FT2007. Comm. Cain wanted to use the fund balance to fund the overage of FY2008 budget. Comm. Barefoot stated that he would like to utilize the fund balance in order not to raise taxes.

The work session ended at 1:10 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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