

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a budget work session on April 29, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Wilson Shoals Conference Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. Chairman Milton Dalton was absent due to sickness.

### **Mapping Department**

Administrative Officer Randy Failyer stated that he had created the mapping department like the commissioners had requested.

### **Recreation**

Commissioners wanted to cut temporary employees to \$12,500 and get the lights that are out at the ballfields replaced out of FY2009 budget. Mr. Failyer stated that Horse Arena had been created as a line item as Chairman Dalton has requested. Commissioners took recreation equipment to \$41,000 and field maintenance to \$12,000.

### **Historic Building**

Commissioners said to leave historic buildings at \$15,000 even though the Historical Society has requested \$18,500.

### **NCRS**

No changes.

### **Library**

The requested did not request any additional funds.

### **Building Inspection**

Mr. Failyer stated that the building department brought down travel, technical, training and books.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Mr. Failyer stated that salary would stay the same. Professional was decreased to \$1,500, training was decreased \$200 and supplies was decreased to \$1,000.

### **Economic Development**

Mr. Failyer stated that the economic development line items that had been decreased were professional to \$7,500, legal fees to \$500, travel to \$500, education and training to \$0 and general supplies to \$3,000.

### **Hotel/Motel**

#### ***Chamber of Commerce***

Mr. Failyer stated that the Chamber of Commerce requested \$42,216 but he recommended leaving it as is. The commissioners requested Mr. Failyer to get an itemized budget from the Chamber.

### ***CVB***

Mr. Failyer stated that the hotel motel tax trend had been running at \$125,000 and that is what was budgeted.

### **Public Utilities**

#### ***Sewer***

Mr. Failyer stated that Utilities Director Steve Reece had requested adding a trainee and the commissioners said there was a hiring freeze. Commissioners want to decrease building by \$300 and leave the plant equipment as is because they are going to have to replace pumps. Mr. Failyer stated they are going to decrease education and training because the supervisor has all his certification. They are also going to decrease supplies.

#### ***Water Administration***

Mr. Failyer stated that Mr. Reece had requested an increase since he was recertified and he also requested adding another meter reader. The commissioners stated there were not going to be any increases this year

and they could not hire another meter reader. Louie Dean is retiring in June and Steven Louis is taking his place. Mr. Reece is asking for an increase for Mr. Louis. Comm. Cain and Vice Chairman Barefoot stated there would be no increases given this year. The commissioners stated that professional was too high because last year it wasn't all used and this year it should be reduced by to \$10,000 unless Mr. Reece has an explanation. Mr. Failyer stated that the areas that had been decreased from last year were vehicle/equipment, advertising, education and training and license. Office expense and telephone were figured on trend.

***Water Purification***

Mr. Failyer stated that there were two vacant operator positions at the water plant. Comm. Cain said one position could be filled by having Director Steve Reece and Quality Control Steven Louis be on rotation. Personnel Officer Judy Greer stated that you have to have a Class I Operators License to run the plant alone. Comm. Cain and Vice Chairman Barefoot stated that Keith Robinson from Water Distribution could be moved to the other position at the water plant since he has his operators license.

***Water Distribution***

Comm. Cain stated that he wants to restructure water distribution. Ms. Greer stated now would be a good time since they are short two men. Comm. Cain doesn't think there are enough to do to keep five people busy. He wants to keep Robin Thomas and Felix Findley as service men and move Keith Robinson to water purification.

***Adjournment***

Comm. Cain wants to finalize the budget next time the commissioners meet and want Chairman Dalton to be present.

Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded the motion. Two aye votes and the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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