

BUDGET, FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

June 19, 2014

5:30 P.M.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

Members Present:

Comm. Charlie Baum
Comm. Joe Frank Jernigan
Comm. Will Jordan
Comm. Robert Peay
Comm. Steve Sandlin
Comm. Doug Shafer
Comm. Joyce Ealy, Chair

Others Present:

Ernest Burgess
Lisa Nolen
Mark Tucker
Jeff Sandvig
Jeff Davidson
Susan Allen

Chairman Ealy presided and called the meeting to order with all members being present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Shafer moved, seconded by Comm. Peay to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 and June 5, 2014 Budget Committee meetings as presented.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Comm. Ealy began the review of the June 17, 2014 public hearing by asking Director Nolen to discuss the debt load of the county compared to the number of building and roads that debt has been issued for. Director Nolen reviewed the last ten years of school projects which amounted to 22 projects. She next reviewed the General Fund projects which amounted to 10 projects. Director Nolen also noted that the projects are being paid for over 20 years, but will last over 40 years.

Comm. Shafer noted that the County is building schools for a lower cost per square foot than surrounding counties.

Mayor Burgess noted that after borrowing \$150 million dollars over the last eight years, our debt is lower than it was eight years ago.

Comm. Baum noted that the comments made during the public hearing concerning the amount of debt the County owes versus the comment of removing the portables from schools seem to contradict themselves. He stated that the County tries to find a balance of debt and capital items.

Comm. Ealy next noted that another comment was made during the public hearing concerning the dry cleaning request in the Sheriff's Department budget. Mayor Burgess noted that the comment stated \$43,000 was budgeted for dry cleaning, but that amount was cut by \$9,000 during budget review.

Comm. Sandlin stated that uniforms and dry cleaning was one of the things that he had heard the most about during the budget process.

Comm. Peay stated that several different types of uniforms have been purchased over the last few years and noted that he was not a fan of continually trying out different styles.

Comm. Jordan stated that he would like to have someone from the Sheriff's Department at the next meeting to answer some of the questions that have been brought up.

2014-2015 BUDGET REVIEW:

Director Nolen presented three items that need to be changed in the General Fund proposed budget. The roof for the Lane Agri Park building was bid and the low bid was slightly more than

what was originally put in budget resulting in the need to add \$10,000 for that line item. Also, two grants will have funds to carry over to the proposed budget. The 2013 Homeland Security grant and the HOME grant will carry over \$31,341 and \$120,000, respectively for both revenues and appropriations.

Comm. Jordan moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to increase the amounts as noted in the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Director Nolen next presented a revenue increase to the Other State Revenue line item for the General Purpose School Fund of \$183,715.

Comm. Sandlin moved, seconded by Comm. Buam to increase the revenue of the General Purpose School Fund as noted in the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be presented, Chairman Ealy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

Mark Tucker, Secretary