

August 3, 2016  
Budget Workshop  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Workshop on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Mickey Locke, Commissioner David Whitaker, Commissioner William Parish, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, and Commissioner Danny Powell, Chairman of the Board.

Attorney Jeff Goodman was present.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes. The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, gave an overview of the 2016-17 budget book.

Joey Marsh, Interim County Coordinator, advised that he has met with several departments and recommended the following cuts to the 2016-17 proposed budget:

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| Emergency Medical Services | Repair & Maintenance                | ( 9,700) |
|                            | Capital Outlay-Equipment            | (30,427) |
| Fire Control               | All Depts. To Current Year          | (54,500) |
| Development Commission     | Salary & Benefits Funded at 50%     | (10,827) |
| Library                    | Capital Outlay-Equipment            | ( 5,000) |
|                            | Capital Outlay-Books                | ( 2,000) |
| Parks                      | Capital Outlay-Equipment            | ( 6,900) |
| Health                     | Baker Act                           | ( 8,500) |
|                            | BayCares                            | ( 5,000) |
| Miscellaneous              | Tri County Airport                  | (10,000) |
|                            | TCCC – Disadvantaged Transportation | ( 1,500) |
|                            | Development Commission              | (65,813) |
|                            | Chamber of Commerce                 | ( 1,500) |
|                            | TCCC-Community Services             | ( 1,500) |
|                            | TCCC-Head Start                     | ( 1,800) |
|                            | Chemical Addictions Recovery        | (10,000) |
|                            | Early Learning Coalition            | ( 3,500) |
|                            | HC Historical Society               | ( 3,000) |
| Transportation Trust       | Operating Supplies-Inmate           | ( 9,000) |
|                            | Bridge Materials                    | (50,000) |
|                            | Bonifay Road & Bridge               | (45,000) |

Mr. Marsh also discussed the following:

- Jail – Request of \$4,500 for an air conditioning system for the Trustee Pod
- Extension Service – New part-time position for 4-H

Mr. Marsh advised that Emergency Medical Services is currently using two stretchers that are 19 and 11 years old and is requesting funds to purchase two new ones. He stated that after discussion, the EMS Director has agreed to purchase one this year under his current budget. He also advised that he tentatively agreed for the Board to obligate funds to purchase the additional stretcher in the 2017-18 budget.

Mr. Marsh advised that Washington County is withdrawing from the Panhandle Public Library Cooperative Service (PPLCS). He stated that he has met with Washington County's

Administrator and reached an agreement that allows Holmes County residents to continue to use their library card at both libraries and also reduced the cost of a new card from \$20 to \$5.

Mr. Marsh also discussed Hicks Bridge which is currently closed. He advised that the Department of Transportation (DOT) is working on two bridges in the same area and would like to use Hicks Bridge as the detour route. Since the bridge is closed, DOT will attempt to obtain funding to replace the bridge or will help us with driving the pilings. He advised that he will notify the Board at a later date as to which option DOT will offer.

Mr. Marsh discussed the request from the Tax Collector for \$17,000 to pay one-half of the cost for a new computer system that is shared with the Property Appraiser. He advised that he plans to meet and offer the option to re-budget any funds returned to us at the end of the year towards this purchase. He also advised that their fees should increase next year due to the sale of concealed weapon permits which begins this month.

Attorney Goodman discussed the lease between the County and Plum Creek Timber Company for one acre at Lake Cassidy. He advised that the property has been sold and that the lease will be terminated unless a new lease can be implemented with the new owner with significant monetary contribution from the County. He asked the Board to begin considering what they will do monetarily if interested in negotiating a new lease. He also advised he has contacted the State to see if they are interested in purchasing the property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman