

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 11, 2011**

The Budget Workshop of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 11, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens
Comm. Ryan Bell
Comm. Chad Johnson
Comm. Marsha Drew

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody
Assistant to the County Coordinator – Dick Tummond

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

Mrs. Rees reported to the Board the amounts provided to them were the same as before with the exception of a couple of line item changes. The amounts included the estimated transfers from General Revenue into EMS, Fire, Technology and the Water Department's budget was reduced as requested by Mr. Tummond. The difference of \$4,168,991 is a reflection of Revenues to Expenditures. The estimated cash forward amount is \$2,750,000, which means \$1,418,991 is needed to balance the General Fund budget. The amounts are calculated using the current millage rate of 7.4212 and the rolled back rate is 8.0614. Mrs. Rees stated 1 mill is equal to \$1,731,342.

PROPERTY APPRAISER - Mr. Barker stated he has cut his budget by 14.6%.

CLERK OF COURT - Ann Moody presented the budget for the Clerk of Court and stated it had been reduced by almost 6%.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - Sheriff Smith stated the original budget submitted was \$10,831,058. The budget was then reduced by \$375,998 to bring it to a total of \$10,455,060 for a 3.5% reduction. It was requested of Sheriff Smith to reduce his budget by an additional 4%.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Rick Bloom asked the Board for approval to proceed with application for the Fire Act Grant. The Commissioners stated Mr. Bloom could proceed with application for the Grant as soon as it becomes available.

Mr. Moody spoke regarding Nature Coast Business Development/EZDA.

Budgets were presented by Directors of the following departments:

Animal Control - David Weatherford
Construction/Maintenance - Jimmy Jones
University Oaks/Manatee Water - Jimmy Jones and Dick Tummond
Building & Zoning - Rob Corbitt
Parks & Recreation/Mosquito Control - Matt Weldon
EMS - Paige Holt
Attorney - Anne Bast Brown
Planning - Shenley Neely
Veterans Services - Robert Lowyns
Road Department - Bruce Greenlee
Tourist Development - Carol McQueen

The Commissioners discussed:

Recreation Fund amounts allotted for each Commissioner.
Reducing funding for Meridian Behavioral Healthcare.
Funding for LARC and the Community Action Agency.

Possibility of eliminating funding to Nature Coast Business Development for the Director position until this position is filled.

Mrs. Rees asked the Commissioners to set the next budget hearing dates. She suggested the tentative budget be set on September 8th at 6:30 P.M. and to set the final budget on September 19th.

The tentative millage has to be set by August 4th. The Commissioners agreed to set the tentative millage at the regular Board Meeting on August 2nd.

The Commissioners asked for any changes to their budget be submitted to the Board office by this Thursday no later than 4:30 P.M.

The next budget workshop was set for July 19th at 5:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE BUDGET WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 11:24 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens