

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND EXCISE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 24, 2020

The Board of the Grady County Commissioners and the Excise Board met on this day for a special meeting with the following board members: Kirk Painter, Ralph Beard, and Mike Walker; Cindy Rice, David Richardson, and Jerry White.

The meeting was called to order and roll call: Kirk Painter, Ralph Beard and Mike Walker; Cindy Rice, David Richardson, and Jerry White.

Discussion and Requests of Estimate of Needs from the various county offices:

All offices have asked for a 5 percent raise for their employees.

Emergency Management-Dale Thompson stated for his Estimate of Needs he is asking for \$16,000.00 Capital Outlay expenditure for a repeater for Bridge Creek Fire Department. He also stated he would not be doing a grant with the state for the generators this year due to a budget shortfall with the state.

Sheriff- Jim Weir asked the boards to consider his Estimate of Needs because with everything that is happening right now, he wants to add emphasis on public support. He has researched some ways to make the deputies more accountable. He feels that with the items he is requesting will help reassure the public that they are taking every step to help our County be safe and his department be transparent. He explained one of the expenditure increases is the GEO Safe Program, it lets him know where all deputies are at all times. The cost for the GEO Safe Program is approximately \$36,000.00 for servicing all I-pads and phones for his deputies. The next item was \$143,612.00 expenditure for lease vehicles. The Sheriff also brought to the boards attention that he does replace \$126,000.00 of his budget monies with school contracts for resource officers from three different schools.

Treasurer- Robin Burton stated that her Estimate of Needs went down this year because she had an employee move to another office and she is not planning on replacing her at this time. She also pays for half of the warrant deputy's salary.

The boards discussed the Estimate of Needs for the Excise Board, Charity, Juvenile Detention, and General.

Excise Board- The Estimate of Needs for the Excise Board went up this year due to the Excise Board needing mandatory classes.

Charity- The Charity account is used on Pauper's burials if they are needed.

Juvenile Detention – This Account is being used for the housing of Juvenile's.

General - The Estimate of Needs for this account is for 2 employees. The General Budget was also increased by \$400,000.00 to pay for Workman's Comp out of one account this year.

OSU Extension - Liz Taylor stated her Estimate of Needs has gone up. She stated that is looking at a new part-time employee for Family Consumer Sciences who would work ½ of their time in Grady County and ½ their time in Caddo County.

Election Board – Katrina Hughes stated that her Estimate of Needs has gone up due to the November Election; for the increased need of postage and other expenditures related to the Presidential election. Her Capital Outlay request is for a new telephone system and new furniture they will need for the addition of an extra room to their office.

District Attorney- Jason Hicks was present with his Estimate of Needs. He explained that he was requesting \$70,000.00 in his budget this year. He was asking for \$65,000.00 from Grady County and \$65,000.00 from Stephens County, this would be used for the new ADA salary. The new ADA's salary will cost more than \$110,000.00 including benefits cost and matching taxes. Any remaining money would be used to help with some of the other staff's payroll. \$5,000.00 was for the Law library. He informed the boards that the state took a 4% cut in their budget and they could be looking at more cuts by the end of the year. He also informed the board that he has hired a new ADA to take Stephanie Robinson's place and he will start August 1st. He is also looking into hiring an investigator for his office.

Court Clerk- Lisa Hannah stated that her increase in her Estimate of Needs is all due to payroll, she is going to have one employee retire next year so she would like to hire someone to start training but feels that it is best to wait to see what the state budget is going to look like.

Assessor-Bari Firestone stated that her Estimate of Needs has went down because she had an employee retire and she replaced that employee last year. She pays this employee out of both accounts, her General and Visual Inspection.

County Clerk- Jill Locke stated that the reason her Estimate of Needs has went up is because of payroll and she told the board that she also needs to get three of her employees their certification with the OSU program, therefore her travel had increased.

Ralph Beard made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Meeting Adjourned.

Passed and approved the 7th day of July 2020.
The Grady County Excise Board

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Member

Attest:

County Clerk

Passed and approved the 29th day of June 2020.
The Board of the Grady County Commissioners

Ralph Beard

Chairman

Paul L. Painter

Vice Chairman

Member

Attest:

Gene Locke

County Clerk

