

Minutes of the Emergency Joint meeting held between the Grady County Commissioners and Excise Board meeting on July 1, 2021

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

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

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

Treasurer- Robin Burton stated that "the difference in my budget from last year to this year is I hired a new employee, I increased 2 from 3rd deputy to a 2nd deputy, and 5% increase for my employees, and insurance increase, and I increased some of my out-of-pocket expenses. I always give back and will continue to do so.

District Attorney- Jason Hicks was present with his Estimate of Needs. He explained that \$65,000.00 was for the salary of a new ADA and \$5,000.00 was for the Law library. He informed the boards that he is not asking for an increase the state gave them an increase in by 2% benefits package only. Mr. Hicks said the ADA is needed and is used by both counties although Grady County is his home base. Mr. Hicks explained the McGirt case and Marijuana issues.

Emergency Management-Dale Thompson stated for his Estimate of Needs he is asking for his part-time employee to go to full-time as of today. Maintenance and Operation is close to the same as last year. He said that he is trying for a grant for the outside lighting and the cameras for the new Emergency Management warehouse, the building itself has been built with REAP money. The Excise Board had questions about the part time employee, the motor that he wanted to rebuild on the Communications Unit, Amazon purchase orders, and how many passports that are done each month.

County Clerk- Jill Locke shared with the Boards the project that is ongoing right now in her office. Ms. Locke stated that she has a 5% increase on her estimate of needs, she gave amounts on how much money she gave back to General and how much she has in each of her County Lien and Preservation accounts.

Election Board – Katrina Hughes stated that her Estimate of Needs is the same as last year. The only thing different is the 5% increase. She told them that there is only one statutory election next year. Postage is going up and redistricting could be costly for sending out notices.

Court Clerk- Lisa Hannah stated that her increase in her Estimate of Needs a 5% increase, increasing some salaries and adding a state employee to the County. The State may cut her budget and she would need help from the County to keep her employees from the State budget. The Excise Board wanted to know the figures exactly on what additional employee would cost and they wanted to know approximately when she would find out when her budget from the State would be released to know

about how many employees, she would know about how many employees she would have to move over. Ms. Hannah said she did have money left over because an employee left mid-year.

Assessor-Bari Firestone gave the Board the abstract values. She stated that her Estimate of Needs this year includes the 5% increase for the employees and for is a new computer software program. The Excise Board wanted to know if they get this new computer software would she still need the same number of employees. She then discussed because of the Marijuana grows there is more work on her office than usual. There was discussion on the Marijuana grows.

Assessor- Visual Inspection-Bari Firestone stated that the increase to her Estimate of Needs for Visual Inspection is the 5% increase for the employees. She stated that her budget has went up because of the lawyer fees that she is having to pay for the lawsuits on the oil and gas and the windmills this year, Ms. Firestone explained where they are at in this process.

Sheriff- Jim Weir asked the boards to consider his Estimate of Needs for a 5% increase in his employee's salaries. He stated that with all the investigations his office has been put under a lot of stress. In his Maintenance and Operation, he has ammuniton and fuel increases. His Capital Outlay needs an increase for more body cameras, as well as, his leases new cars. He stated that he is working on remodeling a room upstairs in the Sheriff's office for training. The Sheriff told the Board that the Grady County Criminal Justice Authority is doing great with their bonds. The Sheriff said that he has a new undersheriff who has lots of experience and is knowledgeable in grant writing.

OSU Extension - Liz Taylor told of how many employees she has and what she has planned for the future for more employees, her budget covers the employees that she is wanting. The Excise Board wanted to know the difference of what the County pays for and what the State pays for. Ms. Taylor explained what State pays for.

Excise Board- The Estimate of Needs for the Excise Board went up this year due to a Statutory increase in the Excise Board salaries.

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

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 Boards discussed the General Budget it is increased because of a 5% pay raise and the County hired a new 3rd maintenance employee. There was discussion on the new Rainy Day and Capital Reserves Funds.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

For more detail, please refer to the recording at Gradycountyok.com.

Passed and approved the 3rd day of August 2021.

Passed and approved the 19th day of July, 2021.

The Grady County Excise Board

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