

Minutes of the Special Joint meeting held between the Grady County Commissioners and Excise Board meeting on August 2, 2022

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

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

Chris Angel was present and had some updated figures. Mr. Angel stated that he is showing a 90% anticipated revenue for the FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$7,909,398.75.00 and a carryover balance of \$10,169,852.03 for a total available budget of \$18,079,240.78. He said that our current ad valorem collections were well below estimates which is due to a large delinquent exempt manufacturing tax and protested taxes, however; we have a larger prior tax collection amount, this is an ongoing problem in the County. He also stated that our estimated revenue for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is lower than it was for the 2021-2022 fiscal year due to the fact that we doubled up on prior year collections and have less expected prior year collections for the new fiscal year.

Jim Weir wanted to know the expected approval of the budget as he had new employees he needed to hire. Jill Locke stated you have to have the money available to pay for them and we do not get our entire approved budget until around October.

In the meeting it was discussed by all Officials an agreed that a 6% increase for employees was a good amount for this year. Chris Angel looked at the requested budget and stated that the requested budgets would work, however; we would be eating into the carryover money. He would like to see the new budget for the officials excluding the Capital Improvement Account to reflect the estimated collections for the new year.

Jerry White stated that he would like to trim the budget to reflect a balanced budget without needing to use the carryover money.

Jim Weir asked if his school resource officers reimbursement from the school district reflected in the estimated revenue. Chris Angel stated that he did not have the reimbursements broke down.

Jill Locke informed the Boards that eventually we will need to look at re-evaluating the employees' pay scales as we will not be able to do an across-the-board percentage increase. As eventually first deputies will be at the same pay as the elected officials and then eventually second deputies making the same as a first deputy, and so on. The Boards decided to do the 6% increase this year and then work on re-evaluating the pay scales for the for the next fiscal year. The Sheriff discussed their step raise increase and how it could be implemented throughout the County.

Ralph Beard made a motion to submit the 2022-2023 Estimate of Needs for the Grady County Excise Board and to give the employees a 6% raise. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

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 8th day of August 2022.

Passed and approved the 7th day of September, 2022.

The Grady County Excise Board

The Board of the Grady County Commissioners

Chairman

David Richardson

Vice Chairman

J. White

Member

Attest:

Jill Locke

County Clerk



Chairman

Ralph Beard

Vice Chairman

Kirk Painter

Member

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