

Minutes of the Special Joint meeting held between the Grady County Commissioners and Excise Board meeting on June 28, 2023

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, Gary Bray, and Zac Davis; Cindy Rice, David Richardson, and Jerry White.

The meeting was called to order and roll call: Kirk Painter, Gary Bray, and Zac Davis; Cindy Rice, and Jerry White. David Richardson came in after the meeting started.

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

Treasurer- Robin Burton stated that her budget included a 3% increase to employee's salaries, increases on employee's longevity and safety bonuses. Ms. Burton explained that this year we are paying ½ of our employee's family's insurance. Ms. Burton informed them that she increased her resale and explained that this is where she refunds tax payers.

District Attorney- Jason Hicks was present with his Estimate of Needs. He stated that his budget of \$65,000.00 was for ½ of the salary for the County ADA, Charles Sifers and \$5,000.00 was for the Law Library.

Emergency Management-Amanda Wilkerson stated their Estimate of Needs includes a 6% increase for a cost-of-living raise. Maintenance and Operation has an increase due to service fees and fuel going up. She stated that the new Heavy Communications Unit needs minor equipment when we receive it in December. Ms. Cindy Rice asked for more detail in their M & O budget and Commissioner Davis asked for more detail in their salary breakdowns.

County Clerk- Jill Locke informed the Board that her increase to her budget was due to 3% raise across the board and the employees' family ½ of insurance. She stated that the M & O was increased due to an increase in fees for Kellpro. She also told the Boards she would like to start a scanning and preservation project for the Commissioner's minutes. She explained that the Commissioner's minutes from 1907 to 1997 are not scanned and the older documents are beginning to see some damage. She stated that they are our history and we need to be taking care of them for future generations.

Election Board – Katrina Hughes stated that her Estimate of Needs has increased for the employee's 6% salary increase. Ms. Hughes stated that no one in her office would be taking the employee's family insurance benefit.

Court Clerk- Lisa Hannah stated that her increase in her Estimate of Needs includes a 6% for her 1st deputy and 4% for her other employees, and she had 3 employees paid by the state. She does have employees that are going to use the employee family insurance ½ benefit. She has one vacancy and needs to fill it because of the amount of work it is taking to get records scanned and moved. Ms. Hannah is putting \$10,000.00 into her M & O and \$50,000.00 into her Capital Outlay accounts. The addition to her M&O is for storage needs from old office furniture until she can dispose of them and the addition to her Capital Outlay is for shelving in the 3rd floor where she will be bringing down her records from the attic.

Assessor- Bari Firestone said her salary increase range was from 4% to 6%. She does have employees using the employee family insurance ½ benefit and she has increased the Safety Bonus. She is going to be going through some retirement/training overlap. Her M&O is being used for the new website host and mapping software. She has 13 employees and 1 part-time; 6 employees being paid out of the Assessor account.

Visual Inspection – 5 field employees, and will be adding another employee. She said she would be also needing another vehicle and has put that in her budget. The employees must go to training and must have 30 hours of continuing education every year. They have TASC who does their oil and gas evaluations.

OSU Extension – Liz Taylor is asking for \$500.00 more than last year. Shipping, travel, and reimbursement rate has all went up.

Sheriff- Gary Boggess stated that he is putting a School Resource Deputy in every school in the County. He is also starting the DARE program again. The reimbursement money he receives from each school will go back to General fund. He will need to obtain used vehicles for the School Resource Officers and for the 5 new field deputies he is needing he will also need vehicles. He has 42 employees enrolled in a gym membership and is expecting more to sign up. He stated that he uses a matrix of .15 cents an hour for his increases on employees raises. His employees are taking part in the employee's family insurance ½ benefit. He spoke to the Board about buying a Bearcat/Armed vehicle how it is important for his deputies to be safe. He has bought the deputies new vests and tasers, as the previous vest and tasers were far out of date and posed a safety hazard. He has also purchased all of his deputies the same hand gun so if a shoot out were to ever happen again the deputies would be able to switch out ammo with one another.

Excise Board- The Estimate of Needs for the Excise Board went down this year because they do not have any training this year.

The boards discussed the Estimate of Needs for the Charity, Juvenile Detention, General, County Audit, and Capital Improvement.

Charity- The Charity account is used on Paupers burials when they are needed.

Juvenile Detention – This account is being used for the housing of juveniles', and was decreased as there had been a slight trend down in the cost.

General – The Boards discussed the General Budget. It has an increase of 3% pay raise.

County Audit – was undetermined yet as our budget maker, Chris Angel figures this for us.

Capital Improvement – Funds are used for capital purchases and improvements to County Buildings.

After hearing all the budget requests, the two Boards discussed the 2023-2024 holiday schedule.

Kirk Painter made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Gary Bray. AYE: Kirk Painter, Gary Bray, and Zac Davis.

Jerry White made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Cindy Rice. AYE: Jerry White, David Richardson, and Cindy Rice.

Meeting Adjourned.

Passed and approved the 6th day of July 2023.

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The Grady County Excise Board

The Board of the Grady County Commissioners

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Kirk L. Painter

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Vice Chairman

Gary J. Bray

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Member

Zac Davis

Member

Attest:

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County Clerk

Jill Locke

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