

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF THE WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Lanier Keene	Chairman
Alfonza Hall	Vice Chairman
Jowan Johnson	Commissioner
Mel Powell	Commissioner
Clay Reid	Commissioner
Paula J. Ball	County Manager/Clerk

Chairman Lanier Keene called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mel Powell gave the invocation.

Sheriff Robert Rodgers stated that the 2019-2020 Jail budget may go over slightly in the Benefits and Payroll line items due to a shortage of jailors. Sheriff Rodgers also stated that the jail budget was over in inmate housing as well but does not have a fix to the issue.

Sheriff Rodgers stated that the Sheriff's budget should finish under budget for 2019-2020 fiscal year. Repairs and Maintenance is over due to increased vehicle breakdowns/wrecks.

Sheriff Rodgers presented his 2020-2021 Budget Proposal. Sheriff Rodgers also requested a pay increase for the deputies of \$1.50 per hour per employee. This increase would raise their current pay of \$13.50 to \$15.00. The Sheriff stated that this increase was necessary to compete with surrounding counties in order to keep the Sheriff's Office staffed. Sheriff Rodgers also asked for an increase in the jailors salary as well. It would be a rough increase of \$16,000 increase for the Sheriff's Office and \$13,000 increase for the Jail. He states that if allowed by the Commissioners, he would hire a full-time ticket writer to combat the fatal car wrecks.

Sheriff Rodgers states that the maintenance and repairs is outrageous. Sheriff Rodgers proposed taking advantage of the Brannen Motor Company lease program using the SPOLST fund. Sheriff Rodgers would like to purchase 3 vehicles for roughly \$35,499 per year. Explorers, Tahoes, and F-150s were all roughly the same price.

Commissioner Clay Reid was in agreement with the lease program for vehicles but stated that the Commission Board would need to reconvene on the budget increases.

Elections Supervisor April Graham and Election Board Chairman Mike Sutton presented the 2020-2021 budget.

County Manager presented that the 2019-2020 budget was at %152 with over 2 months left in fiscal year. Elections severely under budgeted. Supervisor Graham requested an increase of \$32,000 in salaries, overtime, and general supplies.

Chairman Sutton questioned the salary line item. The County Manager said she would check into it and correct any errors.

Chairman Sutton also stated that LNA checks were charged a total of 4 times, but that Supervisor Graham and employee Miceala Johnson did not receive the fourth check. County Manager Ball provided Chairman Sutton with check stubs, vouchers, and reports that stated that all four LNA checks were cleared through their respective banks.

County Manager Paula Ball provided Chairman Sutton with payroll printouts for each employee.

With no further business, Commissioner Clay Reid made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Mel Powell seconded the motion that carried unanimously.



Lanier Keene, Chairman



Paula J. Ball, County Manager/Clerk