

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 25, 2015 Budget Meeting - Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Alan Bush Chairman	Charles Kent	Charles Brock	Todd Abbott	Lynn Gothard Vice-Chair

I. PROCLAMATION – Sgt. Hagans

Present at the meeting were Chairman Bush, Commissioners Kent, Abbott, and Gothard. Commissioner Brock was available via polycom. Also attending the meeting were County Attorney Goodman, Clerk Bell, County Coordinator Corbin, and Deputy Clerk Odom and Brantley.

A. Call to Order – Chairman Bush

B. Invocation/Pledge – County Coordinator Corbin/Chairman Bush

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA –

Commissioner Abbott added Courthouse Committee to the agenda.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adopt the agenda.

Courthouse Committee – Commissioner Abbott expressed his appreciation for the courthouse committee.

The Board has been charged with building a courthouse within budget. It is his understanding the committee should consist of (5) from the courthouse as well as (5) from the county side. He suggested the courthouse committee be changed to charge the Board with being the committee. This would mean removing anybody from the county side that is not a Commissioner.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the funding agreement states the committee will include (5) from the judiciary. On the judicial side

includes (2) circuit Judges, Register, Jan Shadburn, and Amber Baggett.

If the Board is going to be the committee along with the judiciary the meeting will have to be noticed as special board meeting.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board that it has been confirmed that Washington County has to return \$750,000.00.

The purpose of the motion is to allow him to be involved in all decisions.

County Attorney Goodman clarified there is a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Kent seconded the motion for discussion.

Commissioner Kent advised the invitation is already open for the Board to attend and speak at the meetings.

Commissioner Kent advised he likes the process of the Board being presented with a recommendation.

Chairman Bush clarified the current members representing the Board as the Sheriff, Clerk Bell, County Coordinator Corbin, and himself.

Sheriff Haddock advised County Attorney Goodman was initially on the Board.

County Attorney Goodman advised he interjected in order to be able to disburse information between the members.

Bush expressed frustration about not being heard by some members on the committee.

Commissioner Brock advised that he is pleased with the works of the committee and suggested leaving the committee as is.

Chairman Bush advised the Clerk would remain on the committee.

County Attorney Goodman advised an alternative is to hold joint meetings between the Board and the Courthouse Committee. Ultimately the Board has the final say.

Sheriff Haddock advised the Board the committee was a checks and balance system and a way to bring less burden on the Board. The Board does have the final say.

All meetings should be held in Washington County.

Sheriff Haddock addressed the Board if the (2) are joined together and it is a special meeting that decisions are made at, there is no need to bring it back before the Board in regular session.

Commissioner Abbott disagreed.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board if it is a special meeting and the Board acts, it is a done deal.

Commissioner Abbott advised he would like to advertise the meetings as the committee meeting and not as the Board in regular session.

County Attorney Goodman read the funding formula.

Commissioner Abbott advised it was not his intent to remove anybody from

the committee. The motion was made to replace the members on the Board side because he did not know there could be more than (5) members on the Board side. His intent was for the Board members to be included on the committee.

Commissioner Abbott rescinded his previous motion of replacing the courthouse committee and adding on to the committee and Commissioner that would like to be a part of the courthouse committee. Commissioner Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Brock voting no.

The County Commissioners that would like to be on the committee include all Commissioners but Commissioner Brock.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board that he received a phone call from the Governor's Office advising the number is \$750,000.00.

- III. 2015-2016 Budget – Clerk Bell advised the Board that changes from the previous board workshop have been made:

Deputy Clerk Odom advised the changes that have been made are as follows:

Increase of 3% or \$2.00 cap

Sheriff's retirement correction

\$25,000.00 in contingency for Supervisor of Elections. This amount is included in the total of \$68,680.00

\$50,000.00 was removed from the Clerk's budget due to the server being purchased from the current budget

Ag Center Van will come out of 2014-2015 budget

Deputy Clerk Odom advised the contingency less the \$25,000.00 is \$43,680.00.

\$37,000.00 was transferred from court facility to cover the bailiff

Sheriff Haddock advised the Board that he has presented them with a 3% across the board scenario. The critical area is dispatch.

He advised that he is going to look at an additional \$10,000.00 in order to give them an additional \$1,000.00 as well as 3%. This would get them half way on the slide if the \$1,000.00 is available to be included.

The total cost for the 3% is \$136,192.64. This amount should be minus the retirement cost of \$42,052.61 which would mean \$94,140.03.

This includes bringing dispatch up 3%.

Sheriff Haddock explained to the Board in Law Enforcement Corrections those that attend (80) hours of school receive a \$20.00 a month raise, which is statutory. This is listed on the spreadsheet as incentive.

Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gothard to shift the Board's general contingency of \$68,680.00 to the Sheriff.

Chairman Bush clarified the motion is in order to move an initial amount to offset the Sheriff's deficiency of \$94,140.03.

Roll Call

Commissioner Gothard -	Yes
Commissioner Abbott -	No
Commissioner Bush-	Yes
Commissioner Kent -	No

Commissioner Brock - Yes

The motion carried 3 to 2.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion to not fund the line item Fire Coordinator, using those funds to add the \$25,000.00 back for the Supervisor of Elections and transfer the additional amount to the Sheriff and the remaining balance should be moved to contingency. Commissioner Kent seconded the motion.

Commissioner Abbott advised the line item is \$60,033.00

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Chairman that she would like to speak under discussion.

Commissioner Gothard suggested the Board be careful on this vote. She advised the Board that Commissioner Abbott threatened her (3) months prior that if she does not do what he says, he is going to fire the Fire Coordinator.

Commissioner Abbott denied the claim.

Commissioner Gothard advised that she is not going to put up with it.

Commissioner Abbott advised the position was approved for (1) year.

Commissioner Brock addressed Chairman Bush to allow (1) to talk at a time. The Chairman has the authority of controlling the meeting.

Chairman Bush clarified there is a motion and a second to move \$63,000.00 from fire control to general fund contingency, \$25,000.00 back to the Supervisor of Elections, and the funds needed for the Sheriff's budget.

Roll Call

Commissioner Gothard - No
Commissioner Abbott - Yes
Commissioner Bush - No
Commissioner Kent - Yes
Commissioner Brock - No

The motion failed to carry 3 to 2.

Chairman Bush clarified there remains a shortage.

Commissioner Gothard advised the amount needed for the Sheriff is \$25,460.00.

Commissioner Brock suggested to take the funds from cash carried forward.

Sheriff Haddock advised that would not be a good choice in the case it is not available next year. If he has remaining funds he will roll forward.

Clerk Bell advised cash carried funds are needed for the first quarter expenses.

Deputy Clerk Odom advised \$12,000.00 can be deducted from unallocated insurance.

Commissioner Abbott asked if it is the Board's pleasure not to set the \$25,000.00 aside for the Supervisor of Elections.

Commissioner Gothard advised it was included in Commissioner Brock's motion.

Commissioner Abbott clarified that took it away.

The Board discussed options, seeking the additional funding for the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Bush suggested cutting the inmate medical budget from \$200,000.00 to \$175,000.00.

Deputy Clerk Odom advised that she recently found out the hospital discounts 40% off invoices. This will cause a decrease in the expense.

The consensus of the Board is to lower the inmate medical line item from \$200,000.00 to \$175,000.00.

Sheriff Haddock expressed his thanks to the Board.

Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to lower inmate medical from \$200,000.00 to \$175,000.00.

Commissioner Abbott clarified with the Board there is nothing above what is budgeted in the elections budget and there is no contingency.

Chairman Bush advised not reoccurring.

IV. **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adjourn.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved