

**County Council Meeting
Budget Public Hearing
Binding/Non Binding Review
September 18, 2018**

Present: Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, David Gogel, Steve Winsett, Matt Knepper, Todd Ruxer, Auditor Autumn Winkler, Attorney Andrew Foster

Meeting was called to order by President Blake Bunner at 4:30 P.M.

President Bunner commented that he felt the budget process went very well this year and he feels the council worked hard to get the budget right. This will hopefully minimize additional appropriations like we have seen this year and in years past. The council worked diligently calculating budgets in hopes of giving of a good pay increase this year and has implemented a 3% increase, which is higher than the last 7-8 years.

Auditor Winkler provided Budget Form 4-B for council review of each fund. The form 4-B states the net assessed value, proposed budget amounts, approved budget amounts, levies, and rates for each fund. The net assessed value, proposed budget amount and approved budget amount for each fund are as follows:

Net Assessed Value

Cumulative Funds - \$1,622,682,899.00

All other funds - \$1,379,280,464.00

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Carter Fire Protection District	\$156,322.00	\$156,322.00
Law Enforcement Fund	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Cornerstone Perpetuation	\$20,250.00	\$20,250.00
Tobacco Settlement Local Health	\$16,722.00	\$16,722.00
Pre-Trial Diversion	\$44,392.00	\$44,084.00
Local Health Maintenance Grant	\$59,315.00	\$36,766.00
E911	\$236,513.00	\$145,529.00
Probation User Fee	\$58,165.00	\$58,165.00
Plat Book Update	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00
Economic Dev CEDIT	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
Cumulative Capital Development	\$341,907.00	\$286,407.00
County 4-H	\$312.00	\$312.00
Health	\$291,456.00	\$281,927.00
Cumulative Bridge	\$509,437.00	\$509,437.00
Local Road & Street	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00
Highway	\$4,750,531.00	\$4,731,152.00
Reassessment	\$290,627.00	\$290,627.00
County General	\$9,111,552.00	\$8,155,123.00
COIT	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Solid Waste Management District	\$994,221.00	\$994,221.00

Members of the audience spoke up and expressed their concerns about the Animal Control budget and the recent investigation regarding the Animal Shelter.

Benton made a motion to approve the Binding Reviews. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Benton made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 P.M.

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Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Additional Appropriations

County General - Sheriff

Gas, Oil and Lube - \$27,000.00

Overtime Payroll - \$1,800.00

McDurmon explained that the need for \$27,000.00 in gas, oil and lube is to pay the highway department for a 4th load of fuel. The highway dept. has stated they need to pay for 4 loads and only 3 loads was budgeted, so if they do not request an additional appropriation now the 4th load will have to be paid in January out of the 2019 budget, which will make them short again next year. Benton made a motion to approve the \$27,000.00 for fuel. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

An additional appropriation of \$1,800.00 was requested for overtime for courthouse security. The courthouse security officer gets paid for 1 hour of overtime each day for working 7:30-4:30 and there was not enough money budgeted for the whole year. Winsett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for overtime. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General – Circuit Court

Pauper Attorney - \$80,595.00

GAL Services - \$5,000.00

Dartt is requesting an additional appropriation of \$80,595.00 for Pauper Attorney. The court has been very busy this year and everyone has the right to an attorney. We will be reimbursed a portion of the money like usual. Benton made a motion to approve the \$80,595.00 for pauper attorney. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Dartt explained that we need an additional \$5,000.00 in GAL services, because of the number of CHINS cases and not enough CASA to cover all the cases. Kroeger made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Probation User Fee – Circuit Court

Field Officer - \$738.00

FICA - \$60.00

Dartt explained that the Probation Field Officer is paid through a grant that is a flat approved amount that does not cover raises. There is a shortfall in the amount of the pay raise for this year that has to be funded from another source and the Judge is requesting it be paid out of Probation User Fees. The request is for \$738.00 in salary and \$60.00 in FICA. Benton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in Probation User Fees. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

CUM CAP – Circuit Court

Law Books - \$5,000.00

Dartt is requesting a \$5,000.00 additional appropriation for Law Books out of the Cum Cap fund. In the past few years we have been purchasing law books from this fund therefore we have not been putting as much money in the budgets for law books. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for law books. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Misdemeanant – Sheriff

Cell Phones - \$2,200.00

McDurmon is requesting additional funding to pay for their cell phones for the rest of the year. The money in the misdemeanor fund is appropriated as an annual appropriation to cover cell phones. There has been additional funding come in as the year went on and we need to appropriate a little more to finish the year. Benton made a motion to approve the \$2,200.00 for cell phones from the misdemeanor fund. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General – Building Inspector

Travel - \$500.00

Building Inspector - \$14,375.00

The building inspector is requesting \$500.00 in travel and \$14,375.00 in pay to finish the rest of the year. Some of last year's inspections were paid out of in January, but inspections have drastically increased this year and more money is needed to pay the building inspector for inspections. As of August we have collected over \$30,000.00 in fees, which is up \$8,000.00 from last year. They are trying to request enough to fully pay out all inspections this year so there is no carry over. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional appropriations of \$500.00 and \$14,375.00. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County General – Veteran Service

Travel - \$750.00

Veteran Service Officer Butch Meredith explained that we've had an increase in the number of veterans utilizing Council on Aging to travel to dr appts. at the VA clinic and there is not enough funding in travel to cover the year. Meredith is requesting \$750.00 at this time, but stated he might be back next month for a little more, because if each month is like the last month the \$750.00 will not even be enough for the year. Most of the individuals using the service are incapacitated and unable to get to appointments without this service. Benton made a motion to approve the \$750.00 for travel. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

County Elected Officials Training – Auditor

Training - \$5,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that this fund is made up of collections from the Recorder's office and is to be used to supplement existing budgets for the Auditor, Clerk, Treasurer, Recorder and Surveyor's training. The request is for \$5,000.00 and will only be used if an official does not have money left in their current budget. This appropriation will probably be added to the list of annual appropriations moving forward. Benton made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

COIT – Commissioners

Health Insurance - \$500,000.00

Auditor Winkler explained that we currently have \$342,502.20 left in the budget for insurance funding for the rest of the year and we are unsure if that will be enough. The COIT funding will only be used if necessary, but it will be fully dependent on claims. We have a few members with very high dollar claims that may have hit the \$60,000.00 mark, but we have to pay all the bills up front and wait for reimbursements. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for health insurance funding. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Local Health Maintenance – Health Dept.

Office Machine - \$21,503.00

Trimble - \$10,541.00

Donna Etienne explained that this is grant money to purchase a trimble, which is a gps system. that tracks a septic system layout and records it for future reference. The money for office machines is for new computers and a copy machine. The state has already approved these expenditures; they now only need council approval and appropriation. Benton made a motion to approve \$21,503.00 for office machines and \$10,541.00 for a trimble. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Transfer

Highway

Decrease: Equipment Op OT	1176-002-2119.00	\$5,000.00
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Increase: Mechanic OT	1176-004-4119.00	\$5,000.00
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Kenney informed the council that the mechanics have been working some Fridays to try and catch up on repairs and is requesting a transfer of \$5,000.00 from Equipment Operator overtime to Mechanic overtime. Winter months aren't even here yet and they're trying to make sure they have enough money to last till the end of the year. Kroeger made a motion to approve the transfer. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Decrease: Bituminous	1176-002-2233.00	\$55,675.00
Increase: Software	1176-001-1442.00	\$25,675.00
Increase: Repair Trucks & Tractors	1176-004-4362.00	\$30,000.00

Gina Mullen is requesting a transfer from bituminous into software to purchase new software that will assist with all the new reporting requirements for MVH funds. Their current software does not allow them to pull the reports necessary to provide the information they are required to submit. They use reports provided by the Auditor's office, but it does not break down specific percentages for where the funding is used. If the council does not wish to approve the transfer for the new software, they will need to transfer about half of that to update the software we currently have which is required by December 1st. But, even with updating the old software that program will still not do all the reporting that is now required.

Mullen explained they are requesting a \$30,000.00 transfer into repair trucks & tractors, because they only have \$4,000.00 left for the rest of the year and we have lots of older equipment that requires repairs. Benton made a motion to approve both transfers as presented. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

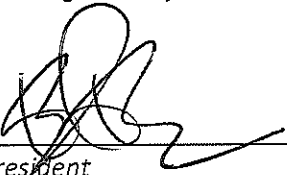
Judge Dartt – Magistrate

Dartt came before the council to again discuss the need for a magistrate and explained some of the statistics that qualify us for a magistrate. We now have a second courtroom and there is already plenty of staff to support a second judge, so there should be no added cost to the county. Dartt explained that it should actually save the county money, because we will no longer have to pay a referee for IV-D cases. The legislative committee is willing to meet with us and consider presenting our case, but they first need to know the county council and commissioners support it. Kroeger made a motion for Bunner to send a letter of support to State Representative Ron Bacon. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Attorney Foster stated that he looked up the statute on the Public Safety Tax and found that it states the tax can be used on the integration and upgrade of a safety system, but he is unclear at this time if the School Resource Officer is considered an upgrade to the school safety system. Foster contacted SBOA to find out their position on if income from this tax could be used to fund the School Resource Officer, but no one has got back to him at this time. He will follow up with them and report back at the next meeting.

Knepper made a motion to adjourn. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler

