

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 31, 2018**

The Budget Workshop of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 31, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks  
Comm. Matt Brooks  
Comm. Rock Meeks  
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean  
Danny Shipp – Clerk of Court

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jared Blanton spoke to the Board and presented a tentative budget for their review. He stated the preliminary Assessment decisions made by the Board have, as predicted, dramatically affected not only the Landfill and Fire Funds, but also the General Fund. Mr. Blanton requested the Board set a proposed millage rate today and stated his recommendation is 9.0000 with a rolled back rate of 8.514.

Audience members who spoke were: Jack Schofield, and Randy Chubb who expressed concerns for county services in the Yankeetown area.

Dana Sheffield inquired about the budget information for the SHIP Department regarding the salaries line item.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to set the proposed millage at 9.0000 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The upcoming dates for adopting the Tentative Millage/Budget and Final Millage/Budget are listed below:

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Adopt Tentative Millage, Budget, 6:00 P.M.  
September 6<sup>th</sup> – Assessment Hearing, 6:00 P.M.  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – Final Budget Hearing & Adopt Final Millage, 6:00 P.M.

Comm. Rooks shared a concern she had about the Sunshine Law resulting from a conversation she had at the Candidate Forum over the weekend, but after speaking with Atty. Brown, was advised the conversation in question did not violate the Sunshine Law. Comm. Rooks shared with the Board her discussion with Comm. Rock Meeks in which she stated she was not happy with the Landfill Assessment and also spoke about the EMS and Fire.

Atty. Brown stated discussions of a candidates position at a candidate forum is not a violation of the Sunshine Law as long as the candidates were not debating or discussing the information with each other.

Sheriff McCallum spoke to the Board stating he had received an additional \$150,000 from the School Board and asked for it to be reflected as a budget amendment in addition to the previously approved budget of \$13,577,229. Atty. Brown advised Sheriff McCallum there would need to be a Resolution approved by the Board for this to be reported correctly.

Mr. Blanton stated the Resolution approving the tentative budget on September 4<sup>th</sup> would have this amount included, making a separate Resolution unnecessary.

The Board agreed by consensus to add the \$150,000 provided by the School Board to the Sheriff's budget as requested.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks