

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 31, 2012**

The Budget Workshop of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 31, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens
Comm. Marsha Drew
Comm. Ryan Bell
Comm. Chad Johnson
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

Clerk of Court – Danny Shipp
County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Sheriff Johnny Smith gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Danny J. Shipp, Clerk to the Board
Sheila Rees, Chief Deputy Clerk & Finance Director
Budget amendments for the General Fund, 911 Fund, and the EMS Fund were presented to the Board by Sheila Rees bringing the total budget amount to \$59,366,231. Mrs. Rees then requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-49.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the amended budget as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Rees presented the Board with the proposed 2012-2013 budget and requested the Board adopt a millage rate today. The budget presented is calculated at the current rate of 7.8114.

Comm. Joyner asked about the date set for the road dedication for Michael O'Steen. The road dedication was then scheduled for Thursday, August 9th at 10:00 A.M.

SOIL & WATER

Aaron Lane
Mr. Lane requested the Board approve the Soil & Water Conservation District budget as presented previously with no additional changes and explained travel will be a factor in expenses for the upcoming year.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF

Johnny Smith, Sheriff
Sheriff Smith detailed the cuts which were made to the Sheriff's budget changing the total from \$9,995,000 to \$9,450,000 and requested the Board approve his budget as presented.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Connie Asbell, Supervisor of Elections

Mrs. Asbell requested the Board approve her budget with a reduction of \$12,500 instead of the proposed \$25,000.

MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC.

Maggie Labarta spoke to the Board regarding the budget request for Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. She requested the Board approve \$61,000, the same as last year rather than the amount proposed by the Board of \$50,000.

NSP3 PROGRAM

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Jeannie Russell, Planning Manager

Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Department of Economic Opportunity

Ms. Russell spoke to the Board and suggested they amend the contract with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to turn over in a sub-recipient contract the 10 state funded housing projects which the county has not been able to complete (5 for resale and 5 for rental) to the Housing Authority Program. If half of the funding for this project has not been expended by March, 2013, the money would have to be turned back over to the State. Transferring management to the Housing Authority will keep the money for these projects in Levy County.

Bob Williams of the Levy County Housing Authority spoke and informed the Board they would be willing to take over management of these 10 housing projects.

The Board agreed by consensus to move forward and work out the details and requirements of turning over management of this project to the Housing Authority.

LEVY COUNTY JAIL

Major Michael Sheffield reported there were four (4) vendors which had responded to the RFP for the Inmate Visitation System and requested the Board schedule a date for interviews.

The Board agreed to schedule interviews with each of the vendors on August 7th beginning at 11:00 A.M.

CLERK OF COURT

Danny J. Shipp, Clerk of Court

Mr. Shipp stated he is able to work with his reduced budget which is \$607,024.

AG. EXTENSION OFFICE

Mr. Fuller spoke to the Board regarding his budget concerning the line item for Commissions, Fees and Other Costs.

LIBRARY

Ms. Brasher spoke to the Board regarding her budget and changing one part-time employee to full-time.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:36 A.M.

In response to reactions to budget reductions for the following Departments, the Commissioners proposed the following amounts be added back to each department's budget:

Extension - County Agent	\$3,000
Library	0
Sheriff	0
Meridian	0, leaving the total amount budgeted at \$50,000
Supervisor of Elections	\$5,000, for a total budget reduction of \$20,000

The following upcoming meeting dates were stated by Mr. Moody for the Board:

Tentative Budget Hearing	September 6 th at 6:00 P.M.
Adopt Annual Resolutions	September 11 th at 6:30 P.M.
Final Budget Hearing	September 17 th at 6:00 P.M.

The Board agreed to have another Budget Workshop on August 7th after the Regular Board Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

**Set Tentative Millage
FY 2012-2013**

Mrs. Rees stated for the Board the current budget is calculated at the millage rate of 7.8114. Including all reductions made to the budget so far, the General Fund Reserve balance is \$2.1 million.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to set the tentative millage at the rolled back rate of 8.5759. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:13 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens