

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in a Special Called Budget Meeting on May 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Suite 100, at the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Greg Dunn, Chairman  
Linda Wells, Vice Chair  
Herb Frady  
Robert Horgan  
Peter Pfeifer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Venice, County Administrator  
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant  
Peggy Butler, Chief Deputy Clerk

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#### **DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007:**

##### **TRAFFIC DIVISION/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Finance Director Mary Holland remarked that the Board needed to make a decision on this division's budget.

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Horgan, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the budget for the Traffic Division of the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$1,079,300. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

##### **PUBLIC WORKS CONTINGENCY**

Ms. Holland remarked that under the contingency for this department there was the 2% pay for performance portion.

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Public Works Division contingency in the amount of \$18,946. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent for the vote.

##### **PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

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On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the budget for Administration for the Public Works Division in the amount of \$186,924. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

**STREET LIGHTS**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Street Lights budget in the amount of \$221,600. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent for the vote.

**COUNTY EXTENSION**

Commissioner Wells remarked that there had been a huge jump in the request for this department from 2006 to 2007. She questioned why this budget had gone from \$675 to \$2,323 as a recommendation. She said their request was for \$3,324.

Ms. Holland replied that this department had some changes in personnel in County Extension. She said there had been a couple of positions that were open during fiscal year 2006 and they were not able to get in any training during that time. She said she understood that they had hired a new person and they were looking to send her to training in 2007.

Commissioner Wells remarked that the request in the 2005 budget was for \$282. She asked if they also had vacancies at that time. She questioned the justification for this budget.

Chairman Dunn said everything seemed to be listed as to places and dates for training.

Commissioner Wells remarked that the request for mileage and parking increased from \$500 in 2005 and a request and recommendation for \$3,050. She felt this was a lot more travel, mileage and training. She said she just did not see enough justification in this budget.

Mr. Pullium felt the employees in this department needed to have training especially with the different issues that were going on in this arena. He remarked that there were some biological issues regarding terrorism that this department needed to be trained on.

Commissioner Wells felt if the request was doubled that should be sufficient for this request.

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Ms. Holland clarified that the amount would be \$1,350 as opposed to the \$2,323. She said this amount would be a result of doubling the \$675 amount.

Commissioner Wells felt the request for \$3,324 was not clear enough to justify this much of an increase when everybody else was being held accountable.

Ms. Venice clarified that the Board had agreed on \$1,350 for lodging and meals and \$1,500 for mileage.

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the County Extension Office budget in the amount of \$130,687 including the two corrections for cutting in half the recommendation for mileage, meals and lodging. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

**PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Permits and Inspections budget in the amount of \$704,833. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Planning and Zoning Department budget in the amount of \$506,193. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

**CULTURE AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONTINGENCY**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the contingency for the culture and recreation budget in the amount of \$8,988. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

**LIBRARY**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the budget for the Library in the amount of \$700,396. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

**LIBRARY S.P.L.O.S.T.**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the Library S.P.L.O.S.T. in the amount of \$259,200. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent.

Commissioner Pfeifer entered the meeting at this time.

**FAYETTE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Wells asked if the \$25,000 request was additional to the \$25,000 that the Board approved last year.

Mr. Pullium replied yes.

Chairman Dunn said this money had not been used last year.

Tom Sawyer remarked that there was \$25,000 in contingency in this year's budget and they were requesting an additional \$25,000 this year.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that the \$25,000 had not been spent that was currently in contingency from last year's budget. He said without putting the amount in this year's budget, the \$25,000 would not be carried forward.

Commissioner Frady asked for clarification if the \$25,000 request regarded the money that was currently in contingency.

Mr. Pullium said the base recommendation was for \$310,000 and there was nothing in that amount for the University. He said under the new programs category there was nothing listed for the University. He pointed out that in the regular County contingency there was \$25,000 listed in 2007. He said from staff's perspective if the \$25,000 had not been spent by June 30, 2006 then that appropriation would lapse. He said then there would be \$25,000 available to

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the Board in 2007 if it so chose. He said in that way this money would be in the contingency and available to go to them if it was needed.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the \$25,000 that was in last year's budget and not spent would now be carried forward into this coming year.

Mr. Sawyer remarked if the Development Authority came to Finance staff in the next two months, the \$25,000 could be paid out and then the upcoming budget would have another \$25,000 going forward in 2007. He said in effect this would come to a total of \$50,000.

Chairman Dunn said he would want them to know that this money was available if they were to come to the Board and show a need for the money and what they were proposing for it.

Chairman Dunn said the Board should make it clear that the \$25,000 would be put in the contingency for 2007 but if it was spent during fiscal year 2006, then it would be taken out.

Mr. Pullium remarked if the Development Authority needed the money before the end of June they would have to come before this Board and if the Authority needed the money next year they would also need to come and request that. He said staff could not move money out of the contingency fund without Board approval.

Commissioner Wells said if the Board did not make it clear, the Development Authority could assume that they have \$25,000 for this year and another \$25,000 for next year. She said they might make the assumption that they have a total of \$50,000. She said she wanted to make it crystal clear that this was a \$25,000 sum.

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the budget for the Fayette County Development Authority in the amount of \$310,082 with clarification that this would be a one time \$25,000 contingency fund for the University. The motion carried 5-0.

**FAMILY AND CHILDRENS SERVICES**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the budget for Family and Children Services in the amount of \$44,300. The motion carried 5-0.

**GEORGIA FORESTRY**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Georgia Forestry budget in the amount of \$2,376. The motion carried 5-0.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

Commissioner Wells remarked that this budget was \$13,000 more than last year's budget. She said it was noted in last year's budget that this department would be increasing their fees. She recalled some of the fee increases were going to offset some of the costs.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the budget for the Health Department in the amount of \$343,950. The motion carried 5-0.

**FAYETTE OPTIONS**

Chairman Dunn questioned the \$10,500 request for a new consumer position.

Mr. Pullium replied that staff did not recommend the request for \$10,500.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the budget for Fayette Options in the amount of \$58,171. The motion carried 5-0.

**SENIOR SERVICES**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the budget for Senior Services in the amount of \$105,631. The motion carried 5-0.

**SOUTHERN CRESCENT**

Chairman Dunn asked why staff had recommended no funding for this budget.

Mr. Pullium replied that this department receives a lot of funding support from other areas.

Commissioner Wells interjected that this organization receives funding from Meals on Wheels, Domestic Council on Aging, one or two Kiwanis fund raisers and so forth.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to approve no funding in the budget for Southern Crescent as recommended. The motion carried 5-0.

### **YOUTH PROTECTION HOME**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the budget for Youth Protection Home in the amount of \$20,566. The motion carried 5-0.

### **JUSTICE CENTER**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the budget for the debt payment for the Justice Center in the amount of \$3,845,881. The motion carried 5-0.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the budget for Solid Waste in the amount of \$141,317. The motion carried 5-0.

### **C.I.P. AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

Mr. Pullium recommended that the Cedar Rapids Paving Machine was a piece of equipment that the Board should consider moving forward into 2007 in early Spring. He said this piece of equipment was desperately needed by the Road Department.

Ms. Holland remarked that Public Works Director Lee Hearn had expressed concern about not doing Snead Road in 2007. She remarked that this was in the 2011 budget to be done.

Chairman Dunn questioned why this was in 2011.

Mr. Pullium responded that this was because there was no money in the budget for Snead Road. He said this was the purpose of the C.I.P. for projects to work forward in the budgeting process. He said if some projects were moved ahead in the schedule of the C.I.P. then funding would have to be raised to accomplish that.

Chairman Dunn said Old Road and Snead Road could not wait. He said there were people living there and those projects have been approved. He said there was no way these roads

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could wait another five years. He said the only thing that the Board was approving were items for this coming budget year. He said the Board has to plan and program. He said these two roads could definitely not wait until 2011.

Chairman Dunn remarked that he had spoken to Mr. Hearn about this. He said all of the road projects aside from paving projects were a three part project including engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction. He said when the County was going to build a new road, there needed to be a three phased C.I.P. for that. He said all of the S.P.L.O.S.T. projects were like that already.

Ms. Venice agreed that all projects needed to be put into the budget year that they were projected to be done.

Mr. Sawyer said staff had reviewed the equipment that had been requested in relation to the various projects coming up.

Mr. Pullium remarked that there were other pieces of equipment that were not on this list that needed to be added. He said this would give the Board a full view of this department and the schedule of equipment replacement. He noted that a lot of the equipment would last 25 years.

Chairman Dunn asked the Board if there was a motion to approve this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the C.I.P. budget and the capital budget in the amount of \$2,180,077. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Mr. Pullium said there were some acts passed in the Legislature that would impact pay for the constitutional officers.

Tom Sawyer said Senate Bill 450 had been signed into law and would become effective January 1, 2007. He said he was able to work up the figures for the Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Court and the Probate Judge. He said the total figure for these individuals was approximately \$25,000 and this was for half a year. He said they had received C.O.L.A.'s over the last four or five years and rolled that up into their base salary. He said they were currently getting some type of supplements.

Chairman Dunn asked what the Sheriff's salary would come to as a result of this.

Mr. Sawyer replied that the Sheriff's salary would calculate out after all of the additional supplements were added to approximately \$123,000.

Chairman Dunn questioned the other salary increases for the above constitutional officers.



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Mr. Sawyer replied that the Tax Commissioner would go up \$5,400, Clerk of Court would go up \$6,100 and the Probate Judge would increase by \$8,000.

Chairman Dunn asked how much would have to be budgeted.

Mr. Sawyer replied \$25,000 and this would be for half a year. He said this was still contingent upon the exact C.O.L.A. that would go into effect. He said that was estimated to be 4%.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve \$25,000 for contingency budget for constitutional officers budget with said money to be transferred on January 1, 2007. The motion carried 5-0.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Tom Sawyer remarked that Carol Chandler had been speaking with a contractor to put up and take down the Christmas Tree at the Justice Center.

Commissioner Wells said she recalled the Board deciding that a Christmas Tree would not be placed at the Justice Center.

Mary Holland clarified that the decision that was arrived at to actually place the Christmas decorations at Stonewall and at the Justice Center. She said one of these had come to \$1,200 and the other location was \$1,400.

Commissioner Wells said the Board did not want to have a Christmas Tree at the Justice Center and the \$6,500 could be taken out of that account. She said she saw no problem in going in half with the City of Fayetteville for the purchase of a new tree for the Stonewall Complex and putting that money in the Building and Grounds Maintenance budget.

Mr. Sawyer said staff would take the \$11,500 out of the Justice Center which was a total of the \$6,500 for the tree and the \$5,000 for the labor. He said the new tree could be purchased and have those funds from the Building and Grounds Maintenance budget.

Commissioner Wells clarified that \$5,000 was still going to be budgeted to put up decorations at the Justice Center. She pointed out that it had not cost that much last year.

Mr. Sawyer replied that they would be putting in \$1,400.

Ms. Holland clarified that the Board was going to reduce this non-departmental budget by \$11,500 and would be adding the \$2,600 to Building and Maintenance to cover both areas. She said this was a savings of \$8,900. She said if a tree was going to be purchased then the cost of that would have to be added.

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On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the purchase of a replacement Christmas tree for Stonewall Administrative Complex and sharing the cost of the tree with the City of Fayetteville in an amount not to exceed \$6,500. The motion carried 5-0.

Mary Holland clarified that the Board had reduced the non-departmental budget for the Justice Center by \$11,500 and added \$6,500 for the Christmas Tree in Building and Grounds Maintenance and also added \$2,600 for the installation of the Christmas decorations.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Building and Grounds Maintenance budget in the amount of \$1,686,651 including \$6,500 for the Christmas tree and \$1,200 and \$1,400 for installation of Christmas decorations at the Stonewall Administrative Complex and the Justice Center. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Holland to recap the changes made in the budget this afternoon.

Ms. Holland remarked that as a result of the changes made to the budget this afternoon would actually add \$22,713.

Commissioner Wells said this was partially a result of the addition of the salary increases for constitutional officers.

Ms. Holland said this would come to a total budget of \$1,214,889 and also add the \$22,713.

Mr. Pullium said the General Fund would go from \$49,403,416 to \$49,426,129.

Ms. Holland said the total budget would be \$1,237,602.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Gregory M. Dunn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2006.

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Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

\*Minutes transcribed by Karen Morley