

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in a Special Called Budget Meeting on May 8, 2006, at 8:00 a.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

DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007:

Tyrone Town Manager Barry Amos asked for the Board's reconsideration of funding for Tyrone.

Chairman Dunn said the Board was in the process of determining a funding formula that would work for the Town of Tyrone. He said firstly an index needed to be determined.

Commissioner Frady said if the Peachtree City formula was used for the Town of Tyrone it would come to approximately \$21,000 for 5,000 people.

Chairman Dunn said the Town indicated that there were 6,000 citizens. He said from the calculations he had done the amount would be approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. He said the Board was definitely considering the equitable amount to be given to Tyrone.

Mr. Amos remarked that as of March 31st the population figure for the Town of Tyrone was 6,414.

Chairman Dunn said the formula for the Town of Tyrone would be the same as the formula for Peachtree City.

Commissioner Frady suggested these figures be reviewed every three years instead of every year.

REVIEW OF CHANGES FOR THE FY 2007 BUDGET

Assistant Finance Director Mary Holland reviewed the proposed changes from the May 3 Board of Commissioners' budget meeting. She said the M & O changes totaled \$33,215

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and remarked that this was actually an increase. She said the Magistrate Court budget increased \$12,000, District Attorney's budget increased \$13,215, Victims Assistance budget decreased \$5,000, Fleet Maintenance increased \$1,000, Tax Commissioner's budget decreased \$1,000, Sheriff's Department Traffic Division decreased \$2,000 and the Engineering Department's budget increased \$15,000 which totaled \$33,215.

Ms. Holland further remarked that the Board had also added \$65,765 to the Sheriff's Department Traffic Division for the video enforcer system.

Ms. Holland remarked that the \$100,000 for the stormwater pole barn. She said those funds had actually been pushed out until there was a better understanding of what was required to meet those regulations.

Ms. Holland stated that the net changes for the C.I.P. and the capital was a decrease of \$34,235. She said the total change that the Board had made was \$1,020.

Ms. Holland noted that the County was also able to add an additional severe weather warning siren this year and there would actually be three sirens budgeted for 2007. She said this was a result of obtaining a grant from the State.

Chairman Dunn said there would actually be five sirens. He said one siren had been programmed, two sirens were obtained as a result of a Federal Grant and Ronnie Chance had helped obtain a grant from the government for a total of five sirens.

Chairman Dunn commented that Old Road had been moved to FY 2008.

Ms. Holland said staff was going to do some more investigation and see if that was really necessary for 2008.

Finance Director Mark Pullium said he had spoken with Fred Roney regarding the supplement for the Judges' Assistants. He said they would like to pay a total of \$8,000 to the assistant. He said the County was already paying some of that amount and had been for some time. He said he had come up with a recommendation that Fayette County be credited for the amount that the County was currently paying. He said this would be shown as \$12,622 minus \$3,511 and this comes to \$9,111 which included the F.I.C.A.

Mr. Pullium said the Board would also have to decide on the 2% increase for Judge Schell that was requested. He said it would be \$1,700 plus benefits.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the supplement for the court reporters in the amount of \$9,111. The motion carried 5-0.

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On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to continue to fund Promise Place the same amount as last year which is \$20,000. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Dunn commented on the 2% increase request for Judge Schell. He said if the County provided 2% then the State would provide 2% and this would be a total of approximately \$1,700 with the County paying approximately \$836 plus F.I.C.A.

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's thoughts on this and there was no interest in pursuing this request.

PROMISE PLACE

Sonya Strickland asked for the Board's consideration for an additional \$5,000 per year from the County Commission and also an additional \$5,000 from the Victims Assistance Fund. She noted that since 2001 the Promise Place had been funded at \$10,000 from each. She said currently they were doing a lot more in the court system. She said their court advocacy program had grown and their number of clients had definitely increased. She said there were only three staff people on hand and they needed more staff to handle the volume.

Lance, who was also with Ms. Strickland and representing Promise Place, said that they had tried to do their part in reducing expenses. He said within the last year they had trimmed their maintenance from \$4,500 to \$1,500. He stated that they had eliminated a part time case worker position which resulted in a reduction of \$16,000 per year. He said they really needed a full time advocate and that would result in an increase of \$24,000 per year. He said they needed the advocate to handle the 115 to 130 protective orders every year. He said they were also able to eliminate most of their accounting expense saving \$3,000 per year with that and also the fundraising budget was reduced by \$7,000. He remarked that they were trying to do more with volunteers.

Ms. Strickland remarked that they were working with the community outreach person who was on a contract basis and worked with them five hours each week. She said any outreach fundraising was done on her on time and was all volunteer time. She said they were not seeing any cut in this area yet but there might be if volunteers did not step up to handle outreach fundraising. She said the total budget last year was approximately \$170,000 and they had cut this by \$30,000 which leaves \$140,000.

Commissioner Wells said she was aware that Promise Place was looking to build an emergency shelter. She said it was her concern that if Promise Place was having trouble with their budget now, then expansion to an emergency shelter with additional funding needs might come back to the County as its responsibility. She said she could support what Promise Place was doing now but she realized they were struggling with their funds

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now. She said she was concerned with adding another facet to that. She said she was concerned that they would be back to the Board next year with a huge problem. She pointed out that the 5% money was dwindling very quickly. She said she was not sure the County could help with any problems next year that might arise as a result of an expansion for an emergency shelter.

Ms. Strickland said she had previously operated a shelter in the State of Tennessee. She said they had filled positions many times with volunteers. She said they would be receiving State funding as well as matching funds to help pay for positions. She felt they would also qualify for more grants at that time. She said she was not really worried about that part of the picture. She said they had to make sure that they were self-sustaining now before they expanded.

Commissioner Wells interjected that self-sustaining did not mean coming to the County Commission and asking for an increase every year in this budget. She said Promise Place had started off at \$10,000 and the request this year was for \$30,000. She felt they were depending on the government to provide a huge chunk of the Promise Place budget.

Lance said this was one of the reasons they were coming back with a different figure. He said they wanted to indicate to the Board that by reducing their budget they were doing their part as well. He pointed out that the need in this area was growing from where they started to where they were now.

Commissioner Wells said she had a problem with the County funding a non-profit organization. She said she certainly understood the value of this work but if the County provided this percentage for Promise Place then the other 60 non-profits in this community would ask for help. She said she really had a problem with matching this much of a percentage in the amount of \$30,000.

Ms. Strickland remarked that Promise Place was in the Court System where they were providing services through the Courts. She said this was the point she was coming through on.

Lance said they also have a teen dating violence program in the schools. He felt this was very important not only for today but for the future of the County that this problem be stemmed.

Commissioner Wells agreed but pointed out that was all done with the help of volunteers.

Ms. Strickland said that was correct. She said last year she had obtained a \$15,000 grant to start counseling for children at no cost to the parents. She said they are trying to expand to meet the needs in the County.

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Commissioner Frady asked if the School Board made any contributions.

Ms. Strickland replied no. She said this was a program that Commissioner Wells had started and was run completely by volunteers.

Chairman Dunn said he would yield to Commissioner Wells' feelings on this because of her expertise in this field.

Commissioner Wells reminded the Board that this was a non-profit organization.

Commissioner Frady said the County could not keep funding this every year.

Commissioner Wells felt this was too large of a percentage to fund for a non-profit but she did not know what the right percentage was for a non-profit but she said it certainly was not \$30,000 of a \$140,000 budget. She said 20% was just too much.

Commissioner Wells said the County had put \$10,000 in this budget already through Victims Assistance and the line item for Promise Place was for another \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000. She said she just was not comfortable with this going any higher than \$20,000.

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

Commissioner Frady said he would be in favor of \$20,000 which would not be a change from last year. He said he favored this budget remaining the same as last year.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve \$20,000 for Promise Place. The motion carried 5-0.

FAYETTE COUNSELING CENTER

Jane Fanslow of McIntosh Trail appeared to discuss this budget. She said the State of Georgia was going to stop funding through a monthly allotment. She said the State would now be doing a fee for service for their funding on a Medicaid model. She said when a service was performed it would be billed and then they submit the amount of money that the State owed. She said there would be a transition period and this could really be a dangerous period. She said Fayette Counseling Center did not have the cash reserves to be able to withstand their financial problems. She said this would be a big issue for the Center. She said apparently the State had not been able to get their system together in time to implement the July 1st, therefore it would go into effect July 1st, 2007.

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Mrs. Fanslow remarked that the cuts that the community service boards across the State have had to absorb year after year have put just about everyone into some type of financial crisis. She noted that community service boards were not part of the State departments. She said this meant that community service boards could actually go out of business. She said the State through regional boards was supposed to provide funding although she did not know what private provider would come in to help if they did go under.

Mark Pullium asked if the State of Georgia was outsourcing some of the services that the Counseling Center was providing. He questioned if the State was reviewing any possible duplication of services here and if there was any communication on this issue.

Mrs. Fanslow felt that eventually the State would want to privatize these services.

Chairman Dunn said this was the position that the State was putting on a lot of agencies that affected those on the local level.

Mrs. Fanslow remarked that one of the most important issues was that of space or a building. She felt maybe the Health Department, Department of Family and Children's Services and other health providers could be combined in a human services complex similar to what Henry County has. She said she realized that this was a very long range/term idea but that would be a selling point for them to be able to remain here. She said McIntosh Trail was going to have to pull all of its resources into a compact location in order to stay afloat. She said any extra support that the Board could give would be greatly appreciated and would demonstrate to the community service board that there was support from Fayette County. She remarked that she would envision the other \$26,000 going to a community support position. She said any funds that could go toward that position this year would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Fanslow further remarked that she was aware that next year the Fayette Senior Services would be leaving the Friendship Center. She questioned if this Board might possibly look at that building when it was vacated in the next year or so as being a possible location for health services.

Chairman Dunn interjected that particular building was in really bad condition and this was one of the reasons they needed to get the Senior Services personnel out of there.

Chairman Dunn said he was inclined to go with the staff's recommendation on this budget. He said this would only be a slight increase of 5% and this was the best that the County could do this year.

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Mrs. Fanslow said Buford Chandler had located a landlord who would be willing to rent them space which would be a total amount of \$32,000 per year or \$9.00 per square foot if they remained in this building. She said they would stay where they were currently located.

Commissioner Wells said she would like to make a motion to increase this budget by 5% as recommended by staff. She said she was very supportive of covering the rent but not supportive of paying salaries for somebody and this was what the additional money would be used for.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to increase the amount budgeted for the Fayette Counseling Center by 5% as recommended by staff. The motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION

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

Commissioner Pfeifer exited the meeting at this time.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Administration budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$420,360. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent for the vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$1,677,551. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Pfeifer was absent for the vote.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET

Commissioner Frady questioned the legal fees category increasing from \$140,000 to \$250,000. He asked if this was excessive.

Commissioner Wells interjected that there were numerous outstanding lawsuits and unresolved legal issues.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the Board of Commissioners budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$692,576. The motion carried 5-0.

CONTINGENCY BUDGET

Mary Holland remarked that this included the 2% pay for performance included and it was listed by each function. She said this was just the general government function.

Chairman Dunn remarked that last year the pay for performance averaged 2.5% and now it would go down to 2%. He noted that the C.O.L.A. for this year was 4.1%.

Ms. Holland further remarked that the additional \$25,000 for the Fayette University Center was also included in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Contingency Budget in the amount of \$577,638. The motion carried 5-0.

ELECTIONS OFFICE

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Elections Department budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$545,097. The motion carried 5-0.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Finance Department budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$877,146. The motion carried 5-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Human Resources Department budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$512,716. The motion carried 5-0.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

Mary Holland remarked that this budget involved the county's insurance, utilities and communications.

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the non-departmental budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$953,226. The motion carried 5-0.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the Purchasing Department budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$413,138. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the Tax Assessor's budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$843,396. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

CLERK OF STATE COURT

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the Clerk of State Court as recommended by staff in the amount of \$205,786. The motion carried 5-0.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

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

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the Clerk of Superior Court budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$1,031,439. The motion carried 5-0.

CONTINGENCY FOR JUDICIAL

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the contingency for judicial in the amount of \$15,826. The motion carried 5-0.

JUDGES AND COURT REPORTERS

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

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Wells said she would like to make a motion.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to approve the Judges and Court Reporters budget in the amount of \$446,901. The motion carried 5-0.

JUVENILE COURT

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the Juvenile Court budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$330,144. The motion carried 5-0.

JUVENILE SUPERVISION BUDGET

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Juvenile Supervision budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$31,300. The motion carried 5-0.

LAW LIBRARY

Commissioner Wells felt this was a huge increase in this budget. She said there was no justification as to why this budget went from \$14,000 to \$50,000.

Mr. Pullium remarked that this was not taxpayers' money but was a surcharge/special revenue fund.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Law Library budget in the amount of \$70,604. The motion carried 5-0.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

Commissioner Wells asked who submitted this budget.

Tom Sawyer said the building maintenance portion had come from Building and Grounds Maintenance.

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Commissioner Wells asked where the funds for the \$6,500 for a Christmas tree and \$5,000 for Christmas decorations were coming from.

Ms. Venice reminded the Board that last year was the first year that the County had decorated the Justice Center with Christmas decorations. She said this was a continuation of having a contractor put the decorations up. She said in addition there would be the purchase of a new major Christmas tree. She said the thought was that the tree currently used at the Administrative Complex would go to the Justice Center and the new tree would be for the Administrative Complex.

Commissioner Wells felt the Building and Grounds Maintenance budget would be the best place for funds relating to a tree.

Ms. Venice asked if the County would still want to continue decorating the outside of the Justice Center just as last year.

Commissioner Wells questioned if it would cost more to decorate the outside of the Justice Center than it would here at the Administrative Complex.

Mr. Pullium remarked that it probably would cost more because there were more windows at the Justice Center and it was a larger area.

Chairman Dunn also pointed out that court was not in session during the Christmas Holidays and there probably would not be that many people over there.

Mr. Sawyer recalled a total of \$8,000 had been moved in Building and Grounds Maintenance's budget and that department head was to coordinate with Carol Chandler regarding all of the decorations.

Commissioner Wells questioned Executive Assistant Carol Chandler how much it had cost to decorate the outside of the Justice Center last year for Christmas.

Executive Assistant Carol Chandler said the County purchased the materials and the contractor provided the labor. She recalled it was approximately \$2,300. She said the decorating of the Administrative Complex and the decorating of the Justice Center were two separate contracts. She said it did involve the same contractor but two separate contracts.

Commissioner Wells clarified that the County would not have to purchase any new decorations and Ms. Chandler agreed.

Commissioner Frady remarked that \$5,000 was budgeted for labor for the tree.

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Ms. Venice interjected that there was also \$6,500 budgeted for a Christmas Tree.

Ms. Chandler remarked that the \$6,500 was half of the wholesale cost for a new tree. She said the Main Street Program would like to pay the other half of the cost. She said the tree that had previously been used here at the Administrative Complex would be moved to the Justice Center. She said the new tree would go here at the Administrative Complex. She noted that the new tree would come pre-lit and lights would not have to be purchased. She pointed out that this was just a request and nothing was definite on a purchase. She said Director of Building and Grounds Maintenance Greg Ownby and Main Street Director Nancy Price had put this budget together for the Christmas tree.

Chairman Dunn the County had a contract last year to buy new decorations and have a person put them up. He said that was all the County should be continuing. He said if the County decided to have another tree, then that would be a separate issue. He questioned who had put this item in the budget.

Mr. Pullium replied that he had put this in the budget based on the information that was provided to him from Greg Ownby.

Chairman Dunn said all the Board should be voting on was the cost of putting up and taking down the Christmas decorations.

Commissioner Wells asked how much the decorations for the Administrative Complex cost last year.

Ms. Venice replied that they cost approximately \$3,000.

Commissioner Wells questioned why the Justice Center decorations cost approximately \$5,000.

Chairman Dunn felt this was an imbalance. He questioned why there needed to be a large tree located at the Justice Center when court was not even in session during that time and not a lot of public going there.

Ms. Venice remarked that there needed to be a new Christmas tree and she was not sure where it should be located. She asked if the Board was interested in continuing to decorate the outside of the Justice Center as was done last year.

Chairman Dunn said all that needed to be done this year was to put up decorations, take them down and store them. He questioned who had put this item in the budget.

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Ms. Chandler replied that she and Greg Ownby had met with Main Street Director Nancy Price and Mr. Ownby was going to put this in the Building and Grounds Maintenance budget. She said she had not seen the budget request before it went in.

Chairman Dunn felt this was non-departmental judicial. He asked for the cost of putting up and taking down the Christmas decorations.

Mr. Pullium replied it cost \$6,375 for both. He said this was according to the invoice that he had in his possession.

Ms. Holland suggested the contractor be contacted and determine the exact cost.

Commissioner Wells suggested the Board come back to the item later during budget discussions.

PROBATE COURT BUDGET

Chairman Dunn asked if there were any questions on this budget.

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Probate Court budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$324,148, discussion followed.

Commissioner Wells questioned the technical services category where \$9,000 had been requested and staff recommended \$7,500. She said it looked like to her that the historical spending had been more than \$7,500 for the last couple of years.

Commissioner Frady said this was line item 521316 for technical services.

Ms. Venice interjected that the Guardian Ad Litem item was \$200 per month was a payment regardless of whether the judge had a case or not. She said the County receives a bill from the Probate Court every month for \$200.

Mr. Pullium replied that the problem with this was that it was \$200 and there was no way to know if there was a case or not. He noted that Judge Ruppenthal was receiving \$200 per month for this by Judge Martha Stephenson.

Ms. Venice said staff just wanted to know if the Board wanted to pay this fee every month.

Commissioner Wells said she had no interest in paying this and there was a consensus of the Board not to pay it.

The motion carried 5-0.

STATE COURT JUDGES

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

Commissioner Wells questioned the huge request under technical services in this budget. She said this had gone from \$2,000 to \$21,000.

Mr. Pullium replied that there were two or three reasons for that. He said there was a request to increase the Judge Pro Hac services. He said this would help with the huge back up of State Court's case load. He said it was felt that attorney's could have the Judge Pro Hac represent individuals. He said he felt this request was reasonable. He said the request was for \$10,000 to help with the back up. He said there was also \$1,000 listed in this budget for interpreter services and he said staff also felt this was reasonable. He said there was also some intervention service. He said there were people who were indigent where he deals with the court order evaluation type situations and he must pay for the indigents out of his budget.

Commissioner Wells asked how backed up this department was.

Mr. Pullium replied that he could not answer exactly how backed up but the Judge had emphasized that there was a tremendous back up.

Ms. Venice said the Judge had indicated that at times the courtrooms were running concurrently with Judge Ruppenthal. She said this money would allow them to have him there more.

On motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the State Court Judge's budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$331,363. The motion carried 5-0.

STATE COURT SOLICITOR

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

On motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to approve the State Court Solicitor budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$319,326. The motion carried 5-0.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE BUDGET

Mary Holland commented on the listing for domestic violence services. She said the recommendation was for \$15,000 and it had been lowered to \$10,000.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to approve the Victim Assistance budget in the amount of \$339,439. The motion carried 5-0.

CONTINGENCY PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to approve the Contingency Public Safety budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$179,885. The motion carried 5-0.

STATE CONFISCATED FUNDS

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FEDERAL CONFISCATED FUNDS

Commissioner Wells asked where the State Confiscated budget had come from.

Tom Sawyer replied that it had come from the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Pullium expressed concern with budgeting anticipated revenue. He felt the fund balance should be budgeted instead of being anticipated revenues.

Mr. Pullium remarked that since the amounts were unknown here, it would have to be listed as zero.

COUNTY CORONER BUDGET

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the County Coroner budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$55,411. The motion carried 5-0.

DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT BUDGET

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Commissioner Wells remarked that the County was paying their entire salary, uniforms, training and everything out of the Sheriff's budget.

Mr. Pullium interjected that the School Board did provide the County \$20,000 for each school resource officer.

Commissioner Wells said the County was paying over \$150,000 annually for salaries for the three individuals.

Chairman Dunn remarked that this was a category where Federal drug money could be used but thus far had been zero.

Mr. Pullium said staff was recommending this budget be cut back to last year's amount. On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the drug abuse and treatment budget with the correction to the final number being \$52,399. The motion carried 5-0.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION SURCHARGE BUDGET

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Horgan to approve the jail construction surcharge budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$435,135. The motion carried 5-0.

MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Chairman Dunn said the increase in this budget involved the two new positions.

Commissioner Wells questioned who would be attending the Georgia Police Chiefs conferences and why four conferences were selected. She felt this could be reduced.

Mr. Sawyer remarked that Deputy Chamberlain would be attending the Code Enforcement conferences and Chief Collins would be attending two conferences.

Mrs. Venice said these conferences were held in the Spring and Fall.

Commissioner Wells questioned the \$650 that was being budgeted every year for uniforms.

Mrs. Venice replied that they would have a Spring and Winter uniform.

Commissioner Wells questioned the request for the purchase of additional chairs.

Mrs. Venice replied that the chairs in that office were pretty worn out.

Mr. Pullium interjected that the chairs would go to the County auction for sale.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Marshal's budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$671,903. The motion carried 5-0.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET

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

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the non-departmental public safety budget as recommended by staff in the amount of \$139,872. The motion carried 5-0.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Chairman Dunn questioned the clothing allowance for uniforms. He said there was a uniform allowance of \$650 per uniformed officer. He stated that this was the first time that he had ever seen during the seven years that he had been involved in the County budget that \$400 was being budgeted for each employee who was listed as a clerk. He said this was nothing more than a clothing allowance. He said there was no other person in the County other than uniformed officers who were receiving a clothing allowance. He said there were clerical personnel throughout the County and none of them had a clothing allowance. He asked when the County had started doing this type of thing. He questioned if this was being done in the Sheriff's Office, then why was it not being done throughout the County.

Mr. Pullium replied that he was not sure when this had started but there were personnel in the Sheriff's Office who were not uniformed officers who did purchase clothing.

Chairman Dunn said the Sheriff had a right to spend his budget the way he wanted to but the County should not provide money for this type of thing. He said every clerk throughout the County should be given a \$400 clothing allowance just to come to work if it was being done here.

Commissioner Frady said he was not in favor of providing a clothing allowance for civilian personnel in the Sheriff's Office.

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Chairman Dunn said this pertained to clothing for personnel who were just going to work like everybody else in the County. He questioned how many of these individuals were there.

Mrs. Venice said the budget request referred to eight individuals in the administrative section of the Sheriff's Office. She said that would come to \$3,200 in the administration portion of this budget.

Mrs. Holland said the budget request stated that this was for the annual uniform allowance for the Sheriff, Director of Administration Linda Jones, Captain of Canine and a Lieutenant. She said these individuals were listed for an allowance in the amount of \$650 each. She said also in the request was an allowance in the amount of \$400 for the other eight employees in this office.

Chairman Dunn said he was told this morning that there were 65 detention officers, 95 police officers and 31 C.I.D. officers. He said all of those employees were entitled to a clothing allowance.

Mrs. Venice said this was approximately 20 additional personnel who would be under the clothing allowance request.

Commissioner Wells suggested that \$8,000 be removed from this budget for the 20 personnel for the \$400 clothing allowance.

Commissioner Wells questioned the budget figure for building maintenance services that increased from \$2,627 to \$11,764. She felt this was a huge increase.

Commissioner Frady said he had noted that as well and wanted to know the reason.

Commissioner Wells questioned who had contracted for that service.

Mr. Pullium said this was actually a continuation of services. He said the County had bid this out through the renovation of the facility over there. He said this was done through a combination effort of David Jaeger and Tim Jones.

Chairman Dunn said he had a spreadsheet for uniforms. He said the Sheriff's Office had asked for a total amount of uniform money in the amount of \$173,579. He noted that this was a 24% increase from last year. He said if this amount of money was divided by the total number of employees there it comes to \$867 per employee. He said this figure was a total figure of all five departments within the Sheriff's Department. He said he used an estimated figure of 200 uniformed officers and this was more than they requested.

Mr. Pullium remarked that staff was recommending reducing that total down to \$131,175.

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Chairman Dunn said with that figure it would average out to approximately \$650. He said if the Board was going to see the five departments' budgets within the Sheriff's Department, it would need some kind of spreadsheet.

Mr. Pullium said the Finance Department could provide that to the Board in the future.

Chairman Dunn said the Board needed to have a spreadsheet showing the amount in each category and how those categories have increased.

Commissioner Wells remarked on the seminars and dues portion of this budget. She said \$800 was listed there for unexpected costs for training. She said she had reviewed this budget for training costs and well over \$19,000 was already being spent for training. She said she was not inclined to approve an extra \$800 for anything unexpected. She also pointed out that under the supplies category of this budget there was a listing for other supplies in the amount of \$1,500. She asked how much the Board wanted to put in that category.

Commissioner Horgan and Chairman Dunn suggested that the \$800 and the \$1,500 be taken out of the budget for those two categories.

Chairman Dunn said he would like to discuss the request for gasoline.

Mr. Pullium replied that the Sheriff's Department had requested \$364,455 for gasoline. He said based on increased prices, he was recommending to the Board of Commissioners that the Sheriff receive \$404,803 for gasoline for all five departments within the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Dunn asked about the figure for the clothing allowance for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Wells said the total figure for all five departments for clothing allowance was \$8,400.

Mr. Pullium remarked that the total amount in the recommended budget was \$131,575. He said then the \$8,400 would be subtracted from that figure leaving the figure at \$123,175 for uniforms.

Commissioner Wells asked if the Board wanted to vote on the Administration portion of the Sheriff's Department budget except for uniforms that would be prorated out.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Sheriff Administration budget except for uniforms in the amount of \$973,364. The motion carried 5-0.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - C.I.D.

Chairman Dunn questioned the vehicle repair category. He said the request was for an average cost of \$4,000 for maintenance on each vehicle. He asked Mr. Pullium how this figure had been determined. He felt the seven new vehicles that had recently been purchased should be under warranty. He said the Sheriff's Department was estimating maintenance at \$3,966 annually per vehicle.

Mr. Pullium replied that this estimate was based on historical expenditures. He pointed out that the Sheriff's Department should be paying for the maintenance of the drug purchased vehicles out of the drug fund. He said there was nothing definite as to the exact number of vehicles.

Commissioner Horgan interjected that \$3,966 was not really an excessive amount of money for annual maintenance costs for a vehicle especially vehicles that were used in law enforcement situations.

Chairman Dunn questioned the building maintenance category increasing from \$250 to \$10,000.

Commissioner Horgan asked if building A and building B were old buildings.

Mary Holland replied that these buildings had recently been renovated.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the building maintenance for the five sections of the Sheriff's Department was going to be huge.

Mr. Pullium replied that amount was \$230,000 for the maintenance agreements. He said this was a result of the warranties expiring on these agreements.

Chairman Dunn questioned the contract for communication services for the entire Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Pullium replied that amounted to \$230,883 for this year's budget for all of the different departments within the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Wells felt the County could get a better deal than that and suggested this be bid out.

Commissioner Wells questioned some of the training seminars that were being requested. She felt all of these were not necessary and questioned their justification.

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Mr. Pullium remarked that staff's recommendation was based on \$180 times 215 in the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$39,000 for the entire training program. He said this averaged \$180 per employee.

Commissioner Wells questioned the amount requested for safety supplies.

Mr. Pullium remarked that there was \$7,373 listed in this category.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that there was no information for the amount of ammunition rounds or anything of that nature listed in the justification.

Mr. Pullium stated that one of the areas of guidance that was given to the Finance Department staff by legal staff was that the County must make sure that the amounts that were budgeted were reasonable. He said staff had done this and had reviewed whether or not the Sheriff's Department had enough or not enough. He said they had looked at the amount for gasoline and staff felt the amount was not enough and the amount was increased.

Commissioner Wells said she would like to reduce the amount budgeted for eleven investigators to attend seminars.

Mr. Pullium said the recommendation listed was in the amount of \$7,500 for lodging and meals. He said airfare would be reduced to \$1,500, seminars and dues would be reduced to \$3,272.50.

Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Holland to recap what the Board had decided on the C.I.D. budget.

Ms. Holland replied that safety supplies was reduced \$3,000, airfare \$1,250, lodging and meals \$3,750, seminars and dues \$3,272.50 and uniforms \$1,300. She said this totaled \$12,572.50 that would be coming out.

Chairman Dunn asked for the total amount that was being approved.

Ms. Holland responded that the total amount was \$2,694,229.00 that the Board was approved for the Sheriff's C.I.D. budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Sheriff C.I.D. budget in the amount of \$2,694,229. The motion carried 5-0.

JAIL BUDGET

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Commissioner Wells questioned the amount of \$75,000 requested for unforeseen expenses. She said this was listed under prisoner's medical expenses. She felt if this department needed additional unforeseen funds that they could come to the Board at that time and request them.

Mr. Pullium said staff had recommended reducing this budget by \$120,135 and the \$75,000 was part of that figure.

Commissioner Pfeifer remarked that there was no explanation as to why the Uniforms and supplies portion of this budget went up and then went down.

Mr. Pullium said staff had reviewed this budget and determined what they felt was reasonable and made the recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Pfeifer interjected that there were also fewer prisoners at the jail.

Chairman Dunn questioned the request for 48 cases of ammunition listed under safety supplies for use by fifteen employees. He said this request was in the amount of \$4,600.

Commissioner Wells said there was also several things being requested for Cell Block C and this Block had not even opened yet. She said a computer and a printer in the amount of \$1,880 were being requested. She said computer software and computer upgrades were also being requested for Cell Block C and those could be taken out.

Chairman Dunn said at this time there were not enough prisoners to open up all of the pods at the jail. He said he realized as the prison population increased then there would be increased prison expenses. He said 330 prisoners had been expected but there were currently only 220 prisoners. He questioned the vehicle repairs request in the amount of \$10,000. He noted that last year this was \$4,100 and there was only a couple of vehicles. He remarked that they had requested 22% increase across the board for the vehicle repairs category for the entire Sheriff's Department. He said a 20% increase across the board was also requested for communication equipment.

Commissioner Wells questioned the request for mileage and parking. She said last year the mileage and parking was \$10 and this year they were requesting \$6,800.

Mr. Pullium said staff felt \$25 was a reasonable amount.

Ms. Holland reviewed the changes made in this budget. She said the computer category would be reduced \$1,100, printer for \$780, software for the offenders management system for \$395 and also \$250 for the computer request for the Jail C Block.

Commissioner Wells asked if the software maintenance program was a new program.

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Ms. Holland asked if she was referring to the Offenders Maintenance System and Commissioner Wells replied yes.

Commissioner Wells remarked that this had not appeared in their budget last year and she was not sure if this was a new program.

Ms. Holland replied yes it was a new program.

Commissioner Wells questioned the communications services category and asked why staff was recommending an increase in the amount of \$3,159 above what was requested.

Mr. Pullium said staff had based this on historical spending.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Jail Budget after reduction of \$2,525 for an approved amount of \$4,895,996. The motion carried 5-0.

UNIFORM PATROL BUDGET

Chairman Dunn questioned the safety supplies category. He said it had been \$18,000 and staff recommended \$28,000. He asked for an explanation of the increase.

Mr. Pullium said historical spending indicated that a lot more funds had been spent in this category and staff based the recommendation accordingly.

Chairman Dunn said the exact cost had been broken out in their request and he felt the \$18,000 that was requested was sufficient.

Commissioner Frady questioned the amount for vehicle repair. He asked if this department would be using Fleet Maintenance and if so would the cost for Fleet Maintenance be that high.

Ms. Holland said she understood Fleet Maintenance had received a call a couple of days ago saying that they would not be using Fleet Maintenance.

Commissioner Wells questioned the number of personnel in this office.

Commissioner Frady replied there were 60 in the uniform patrol division.

Commissioner Wells said the uniforms and supplies category could be reduced. She said if one took 60 people and multiplied it by \$650 that would come to \$39,000. She pointed out that their request was for \$46,150.

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Mr. Pullium said the there would be 59 employees in this division and it would come to \$38,359.

Tom Sawyer of the Finance Department said one of the employees was a warrant clerk and did not require a uniform.

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

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Uniform Patrol Budget with the reduction of \$10,200 for safety supplies and \$7,800 for uniforms for an approved budget of \$19,991. The motion carried 5-0.

BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULED:

It was the consensus of the Board to reconvene this budget workshop on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Suite 100, 140 stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

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 26th day of October, 2006.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk