

GRADY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2024, Meeting

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met on July 16, 2024, at 3:00 Pm for a Budget Hearing meeting. Commissioners Ray Prince, Phillip Drew, June Knight, Finance Director Holly Murkerson, and County Clerk John White were present. County Administrator Buddy Johnson participated by TEAMS.

Commissioners Keith Moye and LaFaye Copeland were absent.

Mrs. Knight asked Mr. White to open with prayer and the pledge to the flag.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Stanley Elkins – Roads and Bridges

Mr. Elkins requested one additional employee at \$16.00 per hour plus benefits which would cost around \$42,000.00.

Mr. Elkins is also requesting to replace a 2012 3500 Dodge truck at \$75,000.00.

Replace a 2010 Cat Motor grader with 12,000 hours at a cost of \$310,000.00 and a 2016 mini excavator with 4000 hours at a cost of \$85,000.00.

Chris Dix – Shop

Mr. Dix requested a Brake Machine for turning rotors and other equipment for a cost of \$16,700.00.

Jeff Worsham – Tax Commissioner

Mr. Worsham requested a \$1.00 per hour raise for all employees.

Mr. Worsham requested \$5,000.00 additional pay for a deputy Clerk.

Mr. Worsham requested a truck for use by his office. Mr. Johnson said they may have something that will be available before the end of the year.

Captain Tito Hall – Sheriff's Office

Captain Hall requested a 15% increase in salaries for all Sheriff's Office employees.

Captain Hall requested to raise starting pay to \$19.00 per hour.

Captain John Walton – Detention

Captain Walton requested a 15 % increase in salaries and a \$1.00 per hour increase in the starting pay.

Ed Kennett and Wendy Sadler – Tax Assessors

Mrs. Sadler requested a 3.15% increase for employees and board. They also requested GMASS continued Maintenance, Eagleview Mapping, and Traylor Auditing services. These are already included in the budget for 2025.

Brian Harrison – Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Harrison requested \$50,000.00 for new showers at the jail.

Pat Pollock – Magistrate

Mr. Pollock requested a 4% pay increase for the non-elected staff.

Becky Bracewell – Recreation

Mrs. Bracewell is requesting a 4% increase in pay for her staff. Also requesting for Shawn Miller to remain salaried.

Rodney Gordon – EMS

Mr. Gordon requested two ambulances due to the age and mileage on the other units. It takes anywhere from twelve to eighteen months to have a new one built. The average cost is around \$303,000.00. It would cost around \$173,000.00 for a remount of the ambulance. It would put a unit out of service for around eighteen months.

With no other presentations, Mr. Johnson stated the board needed to look at a potential raise across the county and the board will have to decide what that looks like if they do anything.

Mrs. Murkerson stated that the budget calendar will be impacted by the delay in the reevaluations of the property.

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Board of Commissioners Budget Hearing Agenda

July 16, 2024, 3:00 PM

- I. Executive Duties**
 - A. Call to Order – 3:00 PM**
 - B. Invocation/Pledge**

Budget Presentations:

- Stanley Elkins 3:00**
- Chris Dix 3:15**
- Barbara Darus/Jeff Worsham 3:30**
- Tito Hall 3:45**
- John Walton 4:00**
- Ed Kennett/ Wendy Sadler 4:15**
- Becky Bracewell 4:30**

VIII. Adjournment

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The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Copeland and second by Mr. Drew. The motion was approved.

ATTEST:

JOHN WHITE, COUNTY CLERK

Keith Moye, CHAIR

JUNE KNIGHT, VICE-CHAIR

RAY PRINCE, COMMISSIONER

Phillip Drew, COMMISSIONER

LAFAYE COPELAND, COMMISSIONER