

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
AUGUST 8, 2006  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Cheryl Sanders-Chairman, Russell Crofton Vice-Chairman, Noah Lockley, Jimmy Mosconis, and Bevin Putnal

**Staff Present:** Marcia Johnson - Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce - Director of Administrative Services, Michael Schuler - County Attorney, Ruth Williams – Finance Officer, Michael Moron - Board Secretary

Chairman Sanders called the budget workshop to order at 9:00 AM

**Ruth Williams**, Finance Officer, made opening statements stating that the tentative budget as presented will require 3.8378 mills with a total Ad Valorem Tax of \$15,784,670.00. Mrs Williams also stated that the certified Taxable Value for Budget purposes is \$4, 112,946,852.00; one mill will generate \$4,112,946.00. The first Public Hearing for the FY 06/07 budget has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at 5:30 PM in the Courthouse Annex.

**Supervisor of Elections**

Ms. Gibbs reviewed this department's budget  
The Board tentatively approved this budget request.

**Circuit & County Judge**

Dennis, of Court Administration, reviewed this department's budget  
Board tentatively approved this budget request

**Clerk of Court**

Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court, reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request.

**Property Appraiser**

Doris Pendleton reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request without any employee raises.

**Tax Collector**

Jimmy Harris reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request.

### **Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Mock reviewed this department's budget. Board directed the Sheriff return with specific figures regarding the inmate medical portion of his budget.

### **County Extension Agent**

Bill Mahan reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this Budget without employee raises.

### **Solid Waste Department**

Van Johnson reviewed this budget for the following department

#### **Parks and Recreation**

Van Johnson introduced Danny Sheldon, of Musco Lighting, who discussed installation of lighting at the new Will S Kendrick Sports Complex.

Paul Riegelmayr had questions on this item.

Board tentatively approved this budget request without employee raises and asked Mr. Johnson to seek alternative funding for the lighting project.

#### **Solid Waste & Animal Control**

Board tentatively approved this budget request without employee raises

### **Planning & Zoning**

Alan Pierce reviewed this department's budget.

Board discussed funding a Grant Writer position;

Toni Taranto asked that the Board consider funding a Code Enforcement position;

Board discussed using a Building Inspector as a Code enforcement Officer;

Jerry Thompson discussed the status of the real estate market;

Ron Schlitt discussed property values and changing current status of the economy;

Paul Parker also discussed the status of the real estate market including taxes and insurance;

Leon Bloodworth discussed the effect of the real estate market on the County including the effects on the banking industry;

Jim High discussed his personal experience with building a house on St. George Island;

Ms Taranto repeated her request to fund a Code Enforcement Officer position;

Board discussed the Code Enforcement Officer position.

Board tentatively approved this budget request.

### **Building Department**

Alan Pierce reviewed this department's budget.

Board tentatively approved this budget request.

### **Administrative Service**

Alan Pierce reviewed this department's budget.

Board tentatively approved this budget request.

### **Recess**

Board recessed for 10 minutes

**Sheriff (Continued)**

Sheriff Mock reviewed his amended budget, with and without contracting medical services;  
Board discussed inmate medical issue and fine and forfeiture funds;  
Board asked Sheriff to return during the afternoon session when the Health Department would be present to further discuss his budget.

**Emergency Management Grant (Federal & State)**

Mr. Butch Baker reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget without employee raises

**Road & Bridge**

Hubert Chipman reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request without employee raises.

**Mosquito Control**

Dewitt Polous reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request without employee raises and new truck request

**Library**

Eileen Annie reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request.

**Veteran's Service Officer**

William Scott reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request.

**Courthouse Maintenance**

Alan Pierce reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget including the requested budget adjustment of \$2500 for the employee maintenance position.

**State Attorney' Office**

Joe Whitley reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request.

**Public Defender**

Kevin Steiger reviewed this department's budget.  
Board tentatively approved this budget request.

**Franklin County TDC**

Curt Blair reviewed this budget request.  
Board decided to address the TDC's budget request at the next regular meeting, due to some of the items in the budget request.

**Carrabelle Redevelopment Trust**

Ruth Williams reviewed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Health and Dental Rates**

Ruth Williams reviewed this budget item

**Recess**

**Board recessed for lunch**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Sanders reconvened the workshop at 1:30pm

**Items for discussion**

Ruth Williams discussed the following items:

Funding for Ambulance Service

Property Insurance Increase

Additional Funding for Hospital

New Imaging Server and associated hardware and software

Marcia Johnson discussed Courthouse Security Issues

**NRCS – Soil & Water Conservation Secretary**

Gordon Shuler addressed this Budget request

Board tentatively approved this budget

**Apalachee Center, Inc.**

Board tentatively approved this budget

**Lanark Village Association**

Board tentatively approved this budget

**Senior Citizens Council**

Commissioner Putnal commented on this Budget request

Budget item tabled until next Regular Meeting.

**Elder Care Services**

Ray Solomon, addressed this Budget request

Elma Hailey, also addressed this Budget request

Board tentatively approved this budget

**Camp Gordon Johnston**

Board tentatively approved this budget for \$5000

**Literacy Program**

Paula Sapp addressed this budget request  
Marcia Johnson inquired on this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Humane Society**

Susan Bickel and Donna Glass addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget for \$62,000

**Health Department**

Janice Hicks addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Sheriff Dept (continued)**

Janice Hicks, of the Health Department, explained the Health Dept proposal for inmate health care at the County Jail.  
Health portion of the Sheriff's Budget will be tabled until the next Regular meeting where CONMED will be available to discuss their proposal with the Board.

**Dog Island Conservation District**

Chris Teaf addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget for \$10,000 and an increase of \$5000 for the tipping fees

**Croom's Transportation**

Robert Davis addressed this budget request  
Toni Taranto inquired about the transportation services offered by elder care  
Board tentatively approved this budget for the local match of \$14,696; asked that more financial info is submitted for the additional amount requested

**Senior Citizen Council (continued)**

Sue Reed, president, addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Chambers of Commerce**

Anita Grove addressed this budget request  
Christian Anderson commented on this item  
Pastor David Walker commented on this issue  
Board tentatively approved this budget for Apalach Chamber and asked Carrabelle Chamber to submit their info by Tues 8/16

**Bay Care**

Ruth Williams addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**County Auditor**

Ruth Williams addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Refuge House**

Marilyn McCann addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Dixie Theater**

Kenyon Wilson addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Recess**

Board recessed for 10 minutes

**Health Council – Admin Assist**

Alan Pierce stated that the Admin Assist position will be transferred to the Hospital Board.

Board tentatively approved this budget request

**Boys & Girls Club**

Coach Hayes addressed this budget item.  
Board tentatively approved this budget

**Love Educational Centerplex**

Lynn Wintons addressed this budget item  
Board discussed the separation of church and state issue  
David Walker commented on this issue  
Monica Busbee commented on this issue  
Tabled until Tues 8/15 workshop

**Franklin Promise – Food Pantry**

Bob Conner addressed this budget request  
Board tentatively approved this budget request for \$15,000.

**Funds**

Ruth Williams addressed the following funds:

LOGT Road Paving  
SHIP Fund  
Enhanced 911 Fund  
Jail Bonds  
MSBU Funds  
Bald Point Trust Fund  
Capital outlay Fund  
Landfill Management Escrow  
Revolving Loan Fund

Boating Improvement Fund  
Airport Fund  
SGI/EP Fishing Pier Maintenance Fund  
Recycling Fund  
Tipping Fund

Van Johnson commented on the following funds:

Recycling Fund  
Tipping Fund

**Weems Memorial**

Board recommended funding the Hospital for \$250,000 and discussed money owed to and by the hospital

**Road Paving**

Board discussed funding sources for road paving

**Employee Raises**

Doris Pendleton, Property Appraiser, commented on this issue  
Jerry Thompson commented on the budget  
Richard Harper expressed his concerns on the budget  
Ginger Coulter commented on this matter  
Gail Riegelmayr commented on this matter  
Board asked Ms. Williams to multiply the total county salaries by 3% and report back to the Board at the next workshop.

**Comments**

Bob Lance commented on the real estate issue

**Adjourn**

Chairman Sanders recessed the Budget Workshop until 8/15/2006.

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Cheryl Sanders, Chairman FCBCC

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court