

The Budget Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 7, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Chairman Melvin Davis
Commissioner Jim Luke
Commissioner Donald H. Norris
Commissioner Margaret S. Hale
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present:

Administrative Officer Alan Theriault
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey
Finance Director Jeff Benko

Others Present:

Vinnie Williams, The Oconee Enterprise

Parks and Recreation: Parks and Recreation Director John Gentry presented the FY2009 requests for unfunded expenditures for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Gentry noted 24% of the budget increase is a result of the opening of the new Oconee Community Complex. FY2009 budget items for the Administration Division included a Program Coordinator position, a five-year update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a replacement vehicle and the replacement of computers in the life cycle management plan. Mr. Gentry requested a Marketing/Special Events Coordinator position, exercise equipment, transportable bleachers, an infield groomer and a utility vehicle for the Oconee Community Complex. He also requested funds to paint the arena at Heritage Park and to replace the sign at Herman C. Michael Park with a new standard sign.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Bruce Thaxton presented the FY2009 requests for unfunded expenditures for the Fire Department. Requests for FY2009 included the replacing a Pumper at Station 2 and a Mini-Pumper at Station 1, the replacement of ten non-compliant Breathing Apparatus, two Live Burn Containers for training, five Knox Box key holders, Gas Monitors for three Pumpers, seven thermal imagers, furniture for five fire stations, a storage building for Station 8 and the replacement of a power unit for Station 7.

Chief Thaxton also discussed the need to replace Station 2 (South Oconee) at Farmington. He stated it would be cost prohibitive to renovate the station and recommended replacing the building with a proto-type station.

Animal Control: Animal Control Director Catlyn Vickers presented the FY2009 requests for unfunded expenditures for Animal Control. Requests for FY2009 included reclassifying 3 part-time positions to full-time positions and an addition to the Animal Shelter building to be designated for euthanizing.

EMS-First Responders: Emergency Services Director Quinton Still presented the FY2009 requests for unfunded expenditures for EMS-First Responders. The request for FY2009 included two full-time EMT positions.

EMA: Emergency Services Director Quinton Still presented the FY2009 requests for unfunded expenditures for EMA. Requests for FY2009 included a Deputy Director position and 10 laptop computers for the Emergency Operations Center.

Coroner: Coroner John Simpson reported his FY2009 budget request was reduced by 18%, based on actual expenditures. There were no requests for unfunded expenditures for the Coroner.

Operations – Facilities/Custodians: Operations Director Marvin Poe presented the FY2009 requests for unfunded expenditures for Operations and County Facilities. Requests for FY2009 included a full-time clerical position, Stucco and EFIS for the Courthouse, replacement of VCT in the Tag Office, painting in Courtroom No. 1, Courthouse roof repairs, a new A/C unit for the Government Annex, furnishings for Meeting Room 103 and the Courtroom foyers, materials to provide a handicap parking space and door changes at the Board of Elections Office, 3 ergonomic ladders and materials to renovate relocated areas of the Government Annex.

Fleet Maintenance: Fleet Maintenance Director Dwayne Collins presented the FY2009 requests for unfunded expenditures for Fleet Maintenance. Requests for FY2009 included a tire balancer, a plasma cutter and a cone kit for brake lathe. Mr. Collins also requested an upgrade in the classification of the Office Assistant position and the General Service Technician position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date