

Martin County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting- Budget Workshop
November 1, 2006
10:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boler at 10:05am. Those present were Commissioners Steve Pierce, Steve Donnelly, Dan Schmidtke, Gerald Boler, Jack Potter, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, James Forshee, Auditor/Treasurer, and Scott Higgins, and County Coordinator.

Higgins reviewed the adjustments to the proposed preliminary budget. Higgins informed the Board that approximately \$25,270 in wind tax revenue from the wind generators and approximately \$99,443 from the Lake Field Junction peaking plant for a total of approximately 124,713 received this year has not been projected or included in the CY2007 budget. The Board has previously discussed that this revenue would be earmarked for the future GIS project. Commissioner Potter stated that the revenue projected seemed less than what the former County Assessor informed him. Higgins stated that these amounts would be further researched. The proposed preliminary expenditures for CY2007 are \$18,533,991, total non-property tax projected revenue is \$9,761,066, and total preliminary levy is \$8,965,710 (8.7597% increase over CY2006).

Terry Viesselman reviewed the County Attorney budget request with the Board. Viesselman gave budget comparisons on similar sized counties to Martin County. Viesselman stated that he would like to county attorney's office employees receive PERA benefits and that this would equate to approximately \$30,000 and asked the Board to consider including an additional \$30,000 in the County Attorney's budget for CY2007. This would include four attorneys. After discussion,

Motions by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Potter, to direct county staff to research and determine the possibility of including the County Attorney's staff in the PERA. All voting in favor. Carried unanimously

Sheriff Gerhardt, Captain Brad Hady, Diane Larson were present to the review the Sheriff's Office preliminary budget request. The Sheriff informed the Board that one of the deputies had hit a deer and that the squad car is considered totaled. Sheriff stated that staff was working with MCIT and proposed to purchase a new vehicle to replace the damaged squad car and that in this year's budget there is approximately \$16,000 remaining that was planned to be used for replacement of Sgt Klages vehicle. The CY2007 budget request included \$25,000 for replacement vehicle. Sheriff Gerhardt proposed that the county purchase one replacement vehicle this year and one next year. After discussion, it was determined to move forward with the purchase of two replacement vehicles. Gerhardt stated that with the new vehicle for part-time Deputy Marquart, would be a good thing and would not have to worry about high mileage cars being used now.

Discussion continued on Sheriff's budget request, the Sheriff agreed with the reduction of two FTE's and one .5FTE in the amount of \$101,135 (plus the amount of county paid benefits). Additional reduction included Fuel line item in the amount of \$6,000 for account # 01.206.6560 Fuel. Also reductions included Overtime (6107) area of approximately \$57,000, and to reduce the telephone (6201) request by \$6,000 and reduce vehicle replacement (6640) by \$9,000 for total reductions of approximately \$172,135. Gerhardt proposed to add to preliminary budget a "Mobile Computing (CIS)" package of approximately \$45,000 due to the lack of support for the current "Packetcluster" software being used.

Staff will make the proposed changes for Board review at a later date.

With no further business, to wit, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Gerald Boler, Chairman, Martin County Board of
Commissioners

Attest: Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator