

Martin County Truth and Taxation Public Hearing
December 3, 2019
Martin County Courthouse-Board Room

Chairman Kathy Smith called the meeting of the 2019 Truth and Taxation Public Hearing to order at 6:03pm. Board members present were: Steve Flohrs, Richard Koons and Elliot Belgard. Staff Present were: Jessica Korte, Auditor/Treasurer, Jean Johnson, Accountant, Mike Sheplee, County Assessor, Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, and five (5) members of the public (present regarding their market value assessed). After the Assessor spoke with each one on their property values. There was no public in attendance of the meeting. Absent: Commissioner Tom Mahoney. CY2020 Proposed Budget packets were provided to all in attendance.

Smith opened the public hearing, reviewed the agenda, and stated the purpose of the meeting and that it was to review and obtain public input on the CY2020 proposed levy and budget.

Sheplee presented information on the Martin County Tax Base by Property Classification 2019/2020.

Korte reviewed the proposed CY2020 budget stating that the total expenses are \$26,309,203, projected revenues (non-levy) at \$17,149,161, and total proposed levy of \$17,112,879. Korte stated that the overall tax levy increase for CY2020 is 4.91% which equates to \$904,595 increase over CY2019. Overall increase in expenditures is 23.06%, (\$6,295,402). Korte went on to state that the tax levy provides the following services \$4,793,012, General Government, \$5,083,393 for Public Safety, \$2,394,953 for Road and Bridge, \$3,621,246 for Human Services, \$258,275 Debt Service (Highway) and \$5,000 for Forfeited Lands, \$65,000 County Parks, 75,165, Economic Development, and \$957,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan. Korte further stated that the tax levy requested increase is due to a few major reasons including added five new full time positions, salary and wage adjustments, increase in court appointed attorney costs, new election equipment, rent and circuit to new 4H Office are some of the major items.

Smith thanked Korte for the budget review and opened the hearing to the public.

There was no public present or written comments.

Motion by Flohrs, seconded by Belgard with no further input from the public regarding the proposed CY2020 budget and levy, to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Smith asked for discussion regarding the proposed CY2020 Budget from the Board.

With no further discussion,

Motion by Flohrs, seconded by Belgard to set final consideration and adoption of the proposed CY2020 Budget and Property Taxes for December 17, 2019. Carried unanimously

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Flohrs, seconded by Koons to adjourn the meeting, Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Kathy Smith, Board Chairman

Attest: Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator