

Martin County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting- Budget Workshop
August 24, 2004
2:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Potter at 2:00 PM. Those present were Commissioners Steve Pierce, Steve Donnelly, Dan Schmidtke, Gerald Boler, James Forshee, Auditor/Treasurer, Scott Higgins, County Coordinator.

Higgins reviewed with the preliminary departmental budget request. Included with the information presented was information concerning the total General Fund expenditures and revenue for 2003 (actual) to 2005. Revenue and Expenditures for 2003-2005 for Road and Bridge Fund, and 2003 (actual) to 2005 expenditures for Public Safety. Higgins presented the Library "Certification of Minimum Local Support" requirement for 2005 stating that the minimum maintenance of effort was \$463,721 for the County's Library system. Also included was the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) budget requests of \$72,800 and projected Feedlot Inspections Fee in the amount of \$20,400 (included in Planning and Zoning budget) and Natural Resources Block Grant expenditures for the County Water Plan and Wetland Conservation Act grant. Higgins also informed the Commission that the Road and Bridge budget breakdown along with the Faribault and Martin Human Services budget detail was included in the information packet.

Higgins reviewed the preliminary departmental budget request with the Board stating that the initial request was a 21.5% levy increase over CY2004. This increase equates to a total levy of \$8, 814,813 a \$1,561,375 increase over CY2004 levy. Higgins stated that after further review of the budget requests with the Auditor/Treasurer and with budget reductions/adjustments (without the remaining County Program Aid of \$655, 894 included in the budget) the preliminary budget was reduced by \$654,133 for a 12.5% levy increase over CY2004, which equates to a levy request of \$8,160,680.

The Board reviewed each departmental budget request and made additional reductions to the preliminary budget. With the additional reductions noted, county staff was instructed to make the necessary adjustments before the next Board budget workshop. It was estimated that with the additional budget reductions the overall increase was under 5%.

Commissioner Pierce asked that the Sheriff provide a demonstration of the Mobile Digital Terminals placed in the squad cars and to follow up with the overall Shared Records Consortium costs.

By consensus, the next budget workshop was scheduled for August 31, 2003 at 1:00 PM in the BoardRoom.

With no further business, to wit, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Jack Potter, Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator