

The Budget Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers, 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

Parks and Recreation: Parks and Recreation Director John Gentry presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Gentry noted the budget request was calculated based on six months of operations of the new Oconee Community Complex. FY2008 budget items for the Administration Division included additional funding for communications and advertising and the replacement of computers in the life cycle management plan. Additional personnel requests for the Programs Division included a Programmer Position, 4 part-time Counselor/Day Camp Staff positions, 4 part-time Supervisor positions and funding for increased overtime for the athletic staff. Mr. Gentry requested a Grounds Supervisor position, a Grounds Equipment Tech position, a part-time Office Assistant position, the replacement of one vehicle, a modular building for expanding the After School Summer Day Camp Program, two mowers and a groomer for Herman C. Michael Park. He requested new bulbs for the Quadplex Sports Lights at the Bogart Sports Complex and replacement of the Hesston Tractor at Heritage Park. Mr. Gentry also included in his FY2008 Budget request funds to contract for the general grounds maintenance at Heritage Park and the Oconee Community Complex.

Mr. Gentry discussed the needs for the opening of the Oconee Community Complex. He requested 7 new staff positions, equipment to outfit the concession buildings, a Dakota 412 Top Dresser, 2 used electric golf carts and furniture and fixtures to establish the park offices. His budget request included the construction of the softball complex parking area and the concessions/restroom facility. Mr. Gentry also requested \$85,000 to begin construction on the 50 x 75 picnic shelter.

Public Works: Public Works Director Mike Leonas presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Public Works. Requests for FY2008 included a Road & Bridges Assistant Superintendent position, the purchase of a road sweeper and a front end bucket, and the replacement of a low boy trailer, a straw blower, computer equipment and software, a flatbed truck and a pickup truck. Mr. Leonas also included funds to increase the gravel road treatment program to 2 applications of calcium chloride per year.

Solid Waste: Public Works Director Mike Leonas presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Solid Waste. Mr. Leonas requested \$75,000 to purchase land to relocate the Hwy. 53 Collection Site. Other items in the FY2008 budget request included the replacement of 1 pickup truck and 1 van, and an equipment fence and mulching operations at the Macon Hwy. Collection site.

Stormwater Management: Public Works Director Mike Leonas presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Stormwater Management. Requests for FY2008 included the replacement of 2 non-standard storm drain inlets, a computer workstation and the creation of a Street Sweeping Program.

Utility Department: Assistant Utility Director Chris Thomas presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for the Utility Department. Additional personnel requests for FY2008 included a Utility Worker III position and a Wastewater System II position. Increased funding for purchased water, engineering consulting, distribution system repairs, water meters, water supply improvements and system improvements were also requested in the above base budget. Capital Equipment items included a 4-door truck, two 2-door trucks and a skid steer with trailer.

Finance: Finance Director Jeff Benko presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for the Finance Department. Mr. Benko requested an additional Finance Officer position, additional funding for outside auditing services and the replacement of four computers.

Chairman Davis requested the Board members share with him their opinions on any particular budget items they would like to see deleted or included.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date

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