Marshall County Fiscal Court
Special Session – Budget Workshop
April 22, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.

The Marshall County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Joe Williams Fiscal Courtroom, Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky. All duly elected Commissioners: Bob Gold, Terry Anderson & Misti Drew; & County Attorney Jeff Edwards were present. Mike Miller, County Judge/Executive presided.

Judge Miller called the meeting to order and read the Standing Order to Pay Salaries and Utilities for FY 2014/15 (copy attached). A motion was made by Com. Anderson and seconded by Com. Gold to approve the Standing Order as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance #2014-04 (Budget for FY 2014/15) was sent via email to the Court members last week for their review.

Judge Miller opened the floor for questions or comments. Discussion was held concerning the following:

- An increase in the insurance rates – the increase for this budget is less than last years. Treasurer Emily Martin said she has not received the quote for earthquake premium, but she is expecting a smaller amount that she planned for in the budget.
- The projected decrease in TVA in-lieu-of tax payments.
- The possibility of a decrease in state prisoners, which would affect the Jail budget.
- The need to replace the roof on the Ambulance Service building.
- A change in the gas – Mrs. Martin explained that for some time, the Special Projects Crew was using gas which was coming out of the Park budget. After separating the two, it was determined that the Park was using more gas than thought and the Special Projects Crew was using less - that’s why there was an increase in the Park budget for gas.
- An increase in the Park budget for equipment. Mrs. Martin replied that she wasn’t sure about the increase, but it may have been a typo.
- The amount in the budget for new phones - Mrs. Martin said she was not sure but that item may be reduced some. She hasn’t met with Andy Lepisto, who is working on the new phone system.
- Utilities for the Office of Emergency Management – Mrs. Martin said it may be an error on her part and added that several items in the OEM budget have been consolidated.
- A reduction in the office supply section of the Rescue Squad budget.
- A reduction in the health insurance section of the Senior Citizens budget. Mrs. Martin explained that when Jennie Bowlin passed away, the amount for the premium was deducted and that was the reason for the change.
Judge Miller informed that money that’s been spent for Water Vision 2020 and other grant funds had to be shown in the budget, even though it was just an in & out fund.

Funding for Hoopfest, UK Dental Program, Marshall County Fair, Chamber of Commerce, and Family Week. An extra $5,000 was added for other contributions if needed.

Cost of the Judicial Facility – the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is reimbursing 80% for rent.

Right-of-way for widening of 5th Street – which will affect the Judicial Facility, Sheriff’s Office/Jail/911 Complex.

Judge Miller informed that he met recently with Circuit Judge Dennis Foust, who is interested in putting Drug Court in the basement of the Judicial Facility. Now all Marshall County residents are required to go to Murray. Judge Foust indicated that AOC will staff it. Judge Miller added that Special Projects Supervisor Gary Teckenbrock is putting together an estimate to convert the basement to Drug Court and should have the figures by the second meeting in May.

Animal Shelter rate sheets.

No money for a salary increase or training for Commissioners.

The possibility of part-time summer help at the Road Department.

Following the first reading of Ordinance #2014-04 (Budget for FY 2014/15), a motion was made by Com. Anderson and seconded by Com. Gold to approve the first reading. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The next Special Called Meeting to review the budget was scheduled for May 6, 2014, following the regularly scheduled Court meeting.

A motion was made by Com. Anderson and seconded by Com. Drew to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Fiscal Court Clerk