

Marshall County Fiscal Court
Special Session – Budget Workshop
May 19, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

The Marshall County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, May 19, 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.

Treasurer Emily Martin informed that she discovered a mathematical error on the budget form. The rates for salary increases, as directed by the Department for Local Government, didn't include the County Attorney, Coroner or the Fiscal Court. Those changes were reflected in the document which she emailed to the Court.

Mrs. Martin asked for clarification on the request from Bob Johnston, for an increase from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for the Cemetery Fund (that change is not reflected in the document). The Court members concurred that that was Mr. Johnston's request and agreed to add the additional \$7,500 to the Cemetery Fund.

Discussion was held concerning the following:

- The need to hire someone who would probably work out of the GIS Office to help with the duties associated with expanded jurisdiction as well as keeping the county's website updated. The starting salary would be \$30,000, and including benefits - approximately \$47,000.
- Hiring an additional person to work under Building & Electrical Inspector Larry "Cat" Spears, while training to become a Certified Building & Electrical Inspector. Mr. Spears will be asked to attend the next Court meeting to discuss hiring his assistant.
- An increase in the GIS portion, including a carryover from last year to complete software development. For hardware (battery backup, batteries, etc.) an increase from \$12,000 to \$20,000. All other areas in GIS will only have minimal increases.
- A reduction of \$4,500 in the Animal Shelter payroll portion because of the staff's choice to receive comp time rather than overtime pay. The entire Animal Shelter portion is only increasing \$800 from the previous budget. Mrs. Martin explained that a lot of shifting has been implemented – such as the staff doing the euthanasia and funds received on a spay & neuter grant. She recommended that the building & maintenance supply be increased by \$1,000. The medical supply portion has been reduced by \$3,500 and that amount has been shifted to construction. Vehicle repairs has been increased \$1,000 due to air conditioning problems. The staff would like to add on to the front of the building and use the current office space as a cat room and the current cat room as a space for families to interact with an animal prior to adopting. They would also like for hot water to be made available for the hoses used to clean the kennels as well as

some type of enclosure once the incinerator is in place. Judge Miller added that there is no gas line to the Shelter so the incinerator will have to be run off of a propane tank.

- Jason Lubker, Director of 911, addressed the Court concerning the upcoming equipment changes. With the next generation system (including the ability to receive emergency text messages), the increase is expected to be approximately \$100,000. He informed of a grant award, which will reduce the cost for the equipment from \$100,000 to \$55,000 or \$60,000. With the grant funds, \$40,000 can be moved into reserves.
- Josh Tubbs, Director of Economic Development, informed that there is no funding in the budget for economic development incentives. He explained that companies are looking for real estate and incentives to move their companies to the county – and for those sites to be shovel ready – to have water, gas & electric. Kentucky law does not allow for waiving property taxes, but the county's Occupational Tax can be waived. He added that companies are also looking for buildings as well as property. He ended by saying that the answer to the question, "Why are companies going to other places?" is that the other places have sites, buildings, and incentives.
- Frank Murphy, Director of Emergency Management, addressed the Court. After consolidating several line items in not only Emergency, but the Rescue Squad as well, the total amounts did not change with the exception in training & travel. Mr. Murphy informed that after evaluation, he determined that the cell phones are just at bare minimum and the radios in the Mobile Command Center and his office are not in compliance and not compatible. He estimated the cost to get all up to what is needed to be \$5,000 to \$10,000. His vehicle is also starting to show signs of age (2005 model). Discussion was held about using the state contract price for a new Tahoe or purchasing a ¾ ton pickup with a topper. The decision was made to transfer the funds out of the savings on 911 to his budget section to purchase a new vehicle.
- Russell York, Road Department Superintendent asked if the amount for blacktop would be increased from \$500,000 to \$600,000. Barge Island Road and Moors Camp Road are both in need of blacktop. There is a \$50,000 increase in equipment which he said needs to be spent on a new dump truck. Treasurer Emily Martin informed that she is looking into moving money out of fuel. Last year \$300,000 was allocated and as of the end of April, only \$207,000 had been used. She said she might be able to shift \$50,000 to help cover the cost of striping, increasing the road materials to \$350,000, taking fuel down and evaluating the costs throughout the year and moving funds if necessary.
- County Attorney Jeff Edwards addressed the Court for Larry Whitt, Director of

Parks, who is on vacation. All but one of the park employees chose comp time instead of overtime which is about a \$7,000 savings. Mr. Whitt has requested cameras at a cost around \$20,000. With the \$7,000 savings shifted from payroll he is asking for an additional \$13,000 to cover the cost for the cameras. Judge Miller asked how much money has been saved by the park running concessions. Mr. Edwards replied that it is \$20,000 lower, but that cost did not account for the need to purchase some equipment for concessions.

- The line item for Nuisance property cleanup was left at \$15,000.
- Each of the Court members will be responsible for hiring a summer worker. If a department head needs a worker, they are to contact the Judge/Executive's Office.
- Treasurer Martin informed that the van used by the park needs to be replaced. At this point, it would not be worth repairing. Mr. Whitt requested that a truck be purchased, and that increase is reflected.
- Treasurer Martin informed that there is an increase in her office equipment for a new copier. The one currently being used in the Treasurer's Office will be moved to the Animal Shelter. She also increased her travel expenses due to the fact that she is now on the KACTFO Board.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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Fiscal Court Clerk