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Decatur County Council Meeting
Special Called Budget Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2022, Room 106

Present: Danny Peters, Bill Metz, Melanie Nobbe, Deanna Burkart, Ernie Gauck and Kenny Hooten

The Sheriff's revised budgets, as requested by Council on August 16th, were not emailed until 8:42 am this morning. Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley updated those numbers in Budget Projection which took a bit because of working with 2 separate budgets- Sheriff and Detention Center. The Public Safety and Special Purpose Jail Funds had to be updated reflecting the removal of the Sheriff's requests in those funds. The revised Sheriff's budget totals \$2,452,049 and the Detention Center budget request is at \$3,111,583. The CHP Grant stayed at \$92,547; making a grand total of \$5,656,179.

Sheriff Dave Durant answered Council's questions about the Compliance Deputy- who deals with employee issues and grievances in the Jail- who is paid a Corporal's salary.

Administrative Supervisor Ashley Wilson said there are 18 total Merit Deputies- 16 deputies and 2 grant deputies which the State reimburses the County 50% each year for 3 years.

Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley shared **Financial Consultant Reuben Cummings'** comment over the last few years, the expenditures are staying level but the 'asks' keep going up and up. It's also difficult to see the true numbers due to so many transfers being done within budgets. Mr Gauck doesn't like to have extra budgeted in line items because once budgeted/approved, Council doesn't have control over the spending.

The Sheriff budgeted monies for the **Motorola-Spillman Contract and Server** in both the Sheriff and Detention Center budgets. The Spillman Contract is split between the County and City of Greensburg with the City and Sheriff each paying around \$20,000; the Communications Center budgets around \$30,000 while the Local Emergency Planning Commission budgets \$1,200. Mrs Wilson said \$21,600 should be the total for the Sheriff's and Detention Center's part plus \$7,000 for ATWS in the jail. The contract for the server is paid out of the IT Network Engineer's budget.

Sheriff Durant is requesting an 8% raise for the Road Deputies plus the current longevity pay of \$200 per service year since the Salary Committee only made recommendations for Elected Officials for 2023. The Salary Committee is plans to make salary recommendations for full-time employees/deputies which includes Road Deputies and Detention Deputies, for 2024 Budgets. Currently the road deputies are within \$50 of the Greensburg Police Officers before the 2023 raise and GPD's longevity pay. After some discussion between 4% and 8% raises, Sheriff Durant agreed to a 4% raise would be paid out of the Sheriff's budget in County General and he would use Commissary funds for the other 4%, making up the 8% he requested. He will only use the Commissary funds for that 4% for 2023 salaries. Ms Wilson told Council the line item for furniture is to replace chairs in the room used by the visiting Doctor. The 'compliance deputy' is not a new position, only a different title. The Sheriff is requesting a 2nd transport deputy for a total of 5 officers for Courthouse Security. The requested total number of jailers is 26 plus 1 kitchen deputy for a total of 27. Currently the base pay for the jailers is \$38,500 plus incentive pay for night shift- \$.25 an hour; rank pay, i.e., the rank of corporal is \$1,000 more annually. The requested base salary is \$40,000 per jailer. The shift pay and rank pay is calculated into the requested salaries for each jailer. Sheriff Durant- 'his last ask'- is also requesting a 3rd administrative officer due to Ms Wilson's workload; which would give the Sheriff 3 new employees- transport officer, admin officer and another jailer. Council agreed to Sheriff Durant's request of \$52,000 for Ms Wilson's 2023 salary as she is vitally important to him. Ms Wilson said the inmates' medical and dental care are covered by a 2-year contract with **Quality Correctional Care**, which the County gets the State's pricing. Council also approved the salary for the Maintenance Supervisor at \$51,409. Sheriff Durant told Council the inmate programs, under the direction of Dave Burnett- \$48,587 and Chaplain Janet Hodson- part-time \$15 an hour, are

covered by Commissary funds. Both are paid out of the Jail budget in County General and a quarterly check is received out of the Commissary Fund. Mr Hooten would like to see a list of what comes out of the Commissary fund.

Mr Gauck suggested giving **Financial Consultant Reuben Cummings** the County General's Sheriff and Jail budgets, after moving the Sheriff's requests out of Public Safety and the Special Purpose Jail Fund to County General; ask Mr Cummings what can the Council legally use the Special Purpose Jail Fund for. Mr Peters will contact Mr Cummings as there will have to be some things moved back to the Public Safety and Special Purpose Jail Funds.

Mrs Burkart would like to know more about the Surveyor's job; doesn't feel like the median salary- \$42,000- is appropriate at this time. She recommended giving the \$1,409 raise given to employees.

County Assessor Dorene Greiwe questioned why Council didn't give her a raise since she followed the Salary Committee's recommendations for budgeting for 1 less Deputy Assessor for 2023. Mrs Burkart said the study showed Ms Greiwe's salary is ahead of the median of the 17 counties used in the study. Mrs Burkart will send the Salary Committee's study information to Ms Greiwe.

Council agreed to schedule a Special 2023 Budget Meeting for August 29th at 9:30 am in Room 106 to review the Sheriff's revised budgets requests.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr Hooten moved to adjourn and Mr Metz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Danny Peters, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____