

August 19, 2002

The special scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 19th day of August, 2002, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Chairman George Skinner. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

George Skinner, Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
Bill Graves, Member
Rhonda Hall, Member
Denise Heavner, Member

Vice Chairman DeWayne Beggs, Members Sandra DeSelms and Leroy Krohmer were absent at roll call.

Others present were: Roy Bugher, Rusty Grissom, Joe Benton, Wanda Danley, Lisa Winters, Sheryl Marseilles, Paula Roberts, and Anthony Stafford.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2002, and there being no additions or corrections, Bill Graves moved that the minutes be approved. Denise Heavner seconded the motion.

The vote was: George Skinner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, abstain, Denise Heavner, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Skinner called for the presentation by Officers, Department Heads and Others on their requested budget for FY2002-2003.

(During the Presentations DeWayne Beggs, Leroy Krohmer and Sandra DeSelms entered the meeting.)

The District Attorney's Office is set by statute for there is no change there.

Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, stated that hers was for the increase in postage, maintenance agreement, salaries and new scanners. She stated that if everyone was going to cut their request she could reduce hers by \$10,000.00.

Denise Heavner, County Assessor, stated that she had already lowered her re-val budget from last year because of computer expense that she will not have this year. On her regular budget she put it the same as last year but she can lower it another \$20,000.00. She shifted what she had paid for some of the computer stuff into salary increases.

Donna Roberts gave the Commissioners' Office Budget and stated that the increase was mostly for raises and a new copier. But theirs could also be cut by \$10,000.00.

Chairman Skinner stated that the Highway General increase was for salaries and equipment.

Joe Benton, OSU Extension Center, stated that his increase was for an additional position but no increase in salaries as Stillwater sets their salaries. They have been mandated by the Legislature to provide more services to the community (Cleveland County) along with the services they already provide. Mr. Benton stated that after he and his staff got together he could reduce his request by \$22,000.00.

Rhonda Hall, Court Clerk, stated that she could cut her request by \$10,000.00. Her increase was for the increase in health insurance and possible increases in salaries.

Rhonda Hall, Court Clerk, also did the District Court and the Law Library and stated that District Court could be cut \$1,500.00 and the Law Library could be cut \$800.00.

Chairman Skinner stated that Charity had been left the same as last year.

Donna Roberts stated that General Government could be cut by \$20,000.00 because they gave back a lot last year, but you just never know what is going to come up that the county is going to have to pay for.

Chairman Skinner stated that the Courthouse Security and the Capital Improvement had been raised. The Courthouse Security was raised \$150,000.00 and the Capital Improvement was raised \$1,000,000.00 he believes these are real figures but will have to see how everything comes out.

County Audit is set by statutes, but Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, stated it would have to increase because what was left in the account last year will have to be rolled over into the account this year per State Statute.

Rusty Grissom presented the Free Fair and explained what had already been done at the Fair Grounds (Mr. Grissom had a drawing and explained it while he was talking). The first and second phases are completed and were explained. Mr. Grissom is asking for money to do the third phase and stated it was to build an additional auditorium and move the kitchen and bathrooms. Phase three will complete the remodeling of the front building and Mr. Grissom explained what all would be included in phase three. He is also asking for money for salary increases. More discussion took place on the building additions third phase. All of the Board Members complimented the Fair Board on what a good job they had done on the first two phases.

Sheryl Marseilles, representing CASA, stated that she is requesting \$2,000.00 more in personal services as the benefits have gone up.

Paula Roberts, Election Board Secretary, stated that her increase is due to the fact that there are three state elections this year and that the county has to pay for state elections they do not get reimbursed. She appreciates the storage space down at Lexington but it is costing her money because the drivers have to go down and pick stuff up and she pays them by the hour. She needs new booths and the precincts have increased so she needs supplies for those. She has to pay rent on some of the precincts voting places. She also needs another full time employee and her salary is going up the end of the fiscal year significantly.

Purchasing Department is the same as last year.

Lisa Winters, Executive Director of Youth & Family Center, stated that there are seven employees on the county payroll and that about 80% is for personnel cost. The lease went up for their facility and everything else they have cut to make up the difference in the lease cost. She also is doing maintenance (upgrade) on the facility. All county dollars are going into the emergency youth shelter program.

The Excise Board is the same as last year.

Donna Roberts presented the Building Maintenance Budget and stated that the County Office Building still has roof problems, elevator problems and air-conditioning problems in both buildings. But she is not sure why he asked for so much more in Capital Outlay unless it is for the air-conditioning needs.

George Skinner reminded everyone that before any plans are redone for this building it needs to come before the Board of County Commissioners.

DeWayne Beggs, Sheriff, presented his budget and said that the amount he is asking for might seem staggering but it is small compared to what is actually needed. A brand new jail is needed or building on to the front of the existing one. Right now they are counseling with people from the National Institute of Corrections in Colorado to come down on a free basis but there may be some cost involved later on in the amount of about \$30,000.00. These people will tell us whether we have a problem or don't have a problem. When the budget was first done money was put in for a building for operations and Home Loan Authority has passed and is going to try to help them with a loan. Because of the help from the Home Loan Authority he is prepared today to cut \$158,258.00 off of his budget.

Saundra DeSelms, County Treasurer, presented her budget stating that hers went up significantly because she is the one who cut hers back last year to make the budget work. Ms. DeSelms' is for salaries as she wants to pay all but two of her people out of the general fund and her operating expense has not been increased since Carol Lowery was Treasurer. Postage has gone up, price of forms has gone up and the laws states that she has to spend the money out of the general fund to send out the original tax notice and the postage for that.

Bill Graves, presented figures that he had worked on for the budget. He got it balanced and read the figures that he got and proposed. Mr. Graves' proposal was discussed.

Denise Heavner asked Chairman Skinner about the committee he had said he was going to appoint to work on the budget. Chairman Skinner appointed Bill Graves, Dorinda Harvey, Denise Heavner and Rhonda Hall.

Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, stated that she went the State Insurance Board Meeting on Friday and that the rate for Healthchoice is going up \$43.02. She did not have the rate for Pacificare at this time. Ms. Harvey passed out the new rate sheet and explained what all was going on with Amcare and that as of September 1, 2002, there will be no Amcare.

Rhonda Hall moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to table discussion, consideration, and/or action on Budget for FY2002-2003.

The vote was: George Skinner, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes. Motion carried.

Lisa Winters requested that if any department is going to purchase new computer this year she would like for you to consider donating them to her shelter classroom, she needs at least two (2).

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dorinda Harvey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rhonda Hall seconded the motion.

The vote was: George Skinner, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes. Motion carried.