



Jackson County

Board of Commissioners - Called Meeting

September 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Jackson County Administrative Auditorium

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Chairman Tom Crow Commissioner Jim Hix, District 1 Commissioner Chad Bingham, District 3 Commissioner Marty Seagraves, District 4 Commissioner Marty Clark, District 5
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Staff Present:	Kevin Poe, County Manager Alisha Gamble, Finance Director Kenneth Morris, Budget & Purchasing Manager Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk
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Press:	None
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2. New Business

A. Presentation and Review of Proposed FY 2024 Preliminary Budget

Kevin Poe, County Manager, said the preliminary budget was amended. He reviewed the Equipment/Vehicles handout. The new stretchers for the ambulances were added in the amount of \$550,000. There will be a total of eight (8) stretchers purchased. He reviewed the available warranties for the equipment. Additionally, the list of capital projects was amended. The Animal Shelter Phase II expansion was decreased and there was an increase in the amount for the Transfer Station Expansion. Mr. Poe said the North Oconee River Heritage Park was removed from the list as it was slated to be funded from SPLOST 7. The budget allocation of the Fleet Maintenance/Public Work Facility was also decreased, as well as the Historic Courthouse and the relocation of the EMS Headquarters and EMS Station #2.

The net impact for the additional capital projects as outlined utilized \$5.3 million dollars of fund balance. Previously, the unassigned fund balance was \$33 million dollars. With the revised capital projects listing, the fund balance was reduced to \$28.7 million dollars. Mr. Poe reminded members he proposed a full rollback of the millage rate to 6.171 mills in the unincorporated area. He also informed the

board that the county allocated funding for several independent agencies each year. The FY 2024 Budget included increased funding for Advantage Behavioral Health, Peace Place, and the Certified Literate Community.

The board briefly discussed the equipment needs for Parks & Recreation. There was a consensus of the board that staff would need to consider ways to reduce the overall budget for the following year due to an unpredictable economic climate. In closing, the board thanked Mr. Poe and staff for their work on the FY 2024 Budget.

B. Review 2023 Tax Levy Resolution

To approve the 2023 Tax Levy Resolution to adopt ad valorem tax rate for the tax year 2023/fiscal year 2024.

C. Review Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Resolution

To adopt the fiscal year 2024 budget resolution

3. Adjournment

Chairman Crow declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Minutes Approved: Monday, September 18, 2023

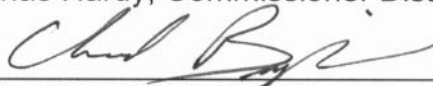
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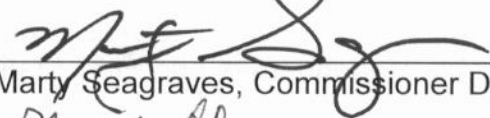



Tom Crow, Chairman


Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1


Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2


Chad Bingham, Commissioner District 3


Marty Seagraves, Commissioner District 4


Marty Clark, Commissioner District 5

Attest:


Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk