

Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
Budget Work Session  
May 20, 2019

Members attending were Brenda R. Sutherland, Kenneth R. Belton, John S. Fant, and Michael S. Hash. Thomas R. Revels participated by phone.

Staff attending were Mitchell L. Smith, Leesa A. Gayheart and James S. Moss.

IN RE: OPENING BUSINESS

Supervisor Sutherland made the motion to approve the agenda; duly seconded by Supervisor Fant. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: REVIEW FINAL DRAFT OF GRAYSON COUNTY FY19-20 BUDGET

- Staff presented final draft of the FY19-20 budget to the Board
- Highlighted the fact that \$989 was trimmed from expenditures in addition to tax increase
- FY19 5.89 comparison of RLE + over RLE  
FY20 5.82 between FY19 & FY 20 (School)
- Estimated ADM 1494 at last joint meeting
- Economic Development – proposed \$250,000
- Workers Comp for EMS – included in budget as submitted; also included are reimbursement and training funds as proposed by Mr. Musser, prior Emergency Services Coordinator

The Board took a recess at 6:00 p.m.

The Board came out of recess at 6:25 p.m.

IN RE: FEE ADJUSTMENTS IN BUILDING PERMITS

- Supervisor Fant mentioned adjustments to building fees to make sure there is not a disincentive – if fees were lower would more houses be built that would offset loss of a lower building fee
- Supervisor Revels inquired about perk tests for building sites; Mr. Moss explained all that is involved and required with perk tests
- Supervisor Fant asked if there are any fees that could be adjusted down
- Mr. Moss explained the following:
  - ✓ In 1972 an ordinance was established for enforcement of codes in 1973
  - ✓ In 2008, recommendation of the Board to adjust fees to cover cost of inspections with Commercial fees staying very close to the same as 1972

- ✓ In 2010, the fee schedule was separated from the ordinance, but the fees stayed the same as in 2008
- ✓ Commercial building fees have been waived for the last seven (7) or eight (8) years to boost economic development
- ✓ Approximately \$60,000 to \$66,000 in revenue is generated from building permits
- ✓ Supervisor Fant inquired if the County might come out better if residential building permits were waived instead of commercial fees? A discussion then took place on residential vs commercial building permit fees; Supervisor Fant made the request to review all fees charged by the county for all services in the next budget cycle
- ✓ Mr. Moss suggested a given month or period to waive fees for a given fee (one month of the year, deck fees would be free – rest of the year they would be set accordingly)
- ✓ Supervisor Fant made a motion for staff to review fee schedule and present recommendations throughout the next year; duly seconded by Supervisor Sutherland. Motion carried 5-0.
- ✓ Supervisor Hash asked which fees were state mandated and Mr. Moss gave an example of Storm Water fees, which are state mandated – which means the county can charge above the state fees but we can't charge less - and the process

#### IN RE: PRIORITIES OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT IDEAS

Emergency Services priorities were discussed and prioritized with the order being debated: Workers Comp; Training; Reimbursement with marketing opportunity is also apparent.

#### IN RE: BUDGET CONCEPT FOR BROADBAND

The Broadband Committee will work on developing a budget to track the funds spent for the new project with a portion of taxes going into broadband, Gigabeam and the Tobacco Commission. The Committee will work with Mrs. Gayheart, Sandie Terry and Carl Caudill to help track where the money is going and to develop this budget and present to the Board for their approval – it won't change the overall budget, it will just be a new line-item.

#### IN RE: PROJECTIONS OF PAY ADJUSTMENTS ON FUTURE BUDGETS (COUNTY AND SCHOOL)

The following discussions took place:

- How do salary adjustment affect future years?
- Salary scales vs. bonuses vs. given percent across the board

- Supervisor Fant made the motion for staff to present current salary increase on future budgets and the possibility of a scale before next budget cycle; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 5-0.
- Supervisor Revels inquired about a decrease in economic development and how it can be justified
- Show when presented for approval where the targeted increases are located in the budget – expenditure side
- Supervisor Hash advised that Gigabeam will be offering training in the near future for local people that is interested in potential job opportunities with the broadband expansion

IN RE: GRAYSON COUNTY SCHOOL BUDGET (APPROVE)

Final proposed budget above RLE is \$1,340,000. Supervisor Hash noted that because his wife will be retired as of July 1, 2019, he does not need to abstain from the vote. Supervisor Sutherland made the motion to approve the FY20 school budget in the amount of \$21,247,266.00 with \$1,387,931.00 for debt service payments and \$1,340,000.00 in above RLE funding; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 4-1 with Supervisor Revels voting nay.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

Supervisor Fant made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 5-0.