

# Liberty County, FL

## Liberty County Board of County Commissioners Budget Workshop

Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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### Meeting Location

Liberty County Courthouse - 10818 NW SR 20; Bristol, Florida 32321

### Zoom link and call in numbers

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84064445282?pwd=TTowFYQuh3brHOFUrAgwW5PjQJV63t.1>

Meeting ID: 840 6444 5282

Passcode: 000462

Dial by phone: (305) 224-1968

#### 1. Call to Order

##### Minutes:

- Chairwoman Hannah Causseaux called the budget workshop to order in person and via zoom at 6:00 P.M. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dewayne Branch, Jim Johnson, Doyle Brown, Scott Phillips, Attorney Jennefer Shuler, Clerk Daniel Stanley, Finance Director Maggie Holland and Deputy Clerk Joyce Barker.

#### 2. Invocation

##### Minutes:

- Invocation led by Chairwoman Hannah Causseaux

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

##### Minutes:

- Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Johnson

#### 4. Audience Concerns

##### Minutes:

- There were no audience concerns

#### 5. Motion to Amend the Agenda

**Minutes:**

- There was no motion to amend agenda

**6. Motion to Adopt the Agenda****Minutes:**

- Motion to adopt agenda made by Commissioner Branch, second by Commissioner Johnson, motion carried.

**7. Budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025****Minutes:**

- Clerk Stanley addressed the Board to discuss the budget, no action will be taken at tonight's meeting. The next budget workshop will be held August 22, 2024. Tentative budget meeting will be held September 12, 2024, and the final public hearing will be held September 27, 2024.
- Sheriff Money and Brett Phillips shared with the Board that they went up from the 5% tentative health insurance increase that was budgeted to the mandatory 9.77% increase for Health Insurance.
- Clerk Stanley discussed budget and payroll analysis report, there has been some changes to the general fund. Property Appraiser had an increase as well due to 9.77% to health insurance.
- Marie Arick discussed moving Shelly to full time with a \$1.00 an hour pay increase that is already in the budget. Marie also discussed A/C unit and gave an update on rentals. Georgia Pacific made a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- Cody discussed mosquito chemical increase and the increase from \$36,000.00 to \$77,000.00 from the department of Agriculture.
- Clerk Stanley advised the only change to Veterans Services is a \$1.00 an hour increase for Gene Free.
- Melissa Peddie discussed an increase for medical director and health insurance.
- Cole discussed senior management position and Perry obtaining a CDL license. Commissioner Johnson discussed stipulations for CDL. Commissioner Branch would like to discuss senior management position at the next meeting. Commissioner Phillips stated he wanted the minutes to reflect he wanted the county to check and see if we were eligible to join in on a lawsuit if PFAS was found on our landfill.
- Bradley (Boo) Bryant discussed \$1.00 an hour pay increase and requested his line items to remain the same. Boo discussed obtaining quotes for restriping roads, Clerk Stanley suggested the bid process.
- Monica Wells discussed grant funding and also would like to increase Sterling Brown equal to the lead mechanic at road & bridge.
- Katie requested \$74,472.81 to use until the allocation from the new grant comes in.
- Ben Guthrie, via zoom advised there were no increases. Ben advised also that he is having problems with his truck and would like to purchase a new one.
- Brian Eddins was not in attendance. Clerk Stanley discussed fire tax fund is estimated to bring in \$311,000.00. The board will need to decide if they want to pass an ordinance to put it on the ballot to be voted on in 2026. Millage rate is 9.325 as a result.

- Clerk Stanley discussed Fund 120 that was created for county administration for the Board. The Clerk now serves as manager for the Board. There will be three positions, County Manager, Budget Officer and Human Resources for the Board to consider and discuss.
- Clerk Stanley discussed options for using P cards.
- Joe Durden discussed purchasing a vehicle for Sonia and upcoming projects. Joe also discussed senior management position.
- Katie requested .54 cent over the \$1.00 to be equal with the other department heads. Teresa requested \$1.00 over the \$1.00.
- Katie advised that permit fees are low and may need to increase. Allison is assisting with planning and zoning, permits and code enforcement, Katie is requesting .50 cent over the \$1.00 increase for Allison. Katie informed the Board that since they have started taking payments from mid-May, they have taken in \$29,875.00.
- Tommy Duggar requested \$1.00 over the \$1.00 increase for Deanna. He is also requesting \$50.00 reimbursement for his phone. Tommy requested \$10,000.00 increase for equipment and provided quotes to the Board. Equipment quotes for a new tractor will be on the August 8, 2024, meeting agenda.
- Clerk Stanley discussed the CD at Centennial Bank is tied to Fund 204.
- Clerk Stanley discussed police and law enforcement training Funds
- Charles Stewart with ECR discussed cybersecurity, video and broadcast system with the Board.
- Attorney Jennifer Shuler had no business to discuss.
- Commissioner Branch advised he is on the City of Bristol agenda to discuss the permits they have required the County to pay.
- Commissioner Johnson had no business to discuss.
- Commissioner Brown had no business to discuss.
- Clerk Stanley discussed 9.77% health insurance increase. The Board has three options. absorb the increase, pass the increase to employees or a combination.
- Motion to adjourn the budget workshop made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Brown, motion carried.

## **8. Adjourn Budget Workshop**

## **9. Signature**

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