

**FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
Wednesday, August 09, 2017**

Jim Widman reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Also present: Barry Hazel, Gary Sriver, Jim Showley, Lorie Hurst, Randy Sutton, Phyl Olinger, First Deputy Auditor Julie Scully and Auditor Christina Sriver.

CLERK – Teri Furnivall presented her requested budgets for 2018. In the election budget Inspector, judge and clerk were increased. In the Clerk budget; the Computer Maintenance was removed since she has switched to the state system; supplies were reduced since she is doing more paperless.

Fund	Location	Personal Services	Supplies	Other Services	Capital Outlay	Total
1001 County General	Clerk	\$325,624	\$22,700	\$5,800	\$0	\$354,124
1001 County General	Register & Purge	\$6,453	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$9,453
1001 County General	Election Board	\$19,167	\$4,000	\$22,180	\$31,000	\$63,090

EXTENSION OFFICE – Mark Kepler presented his budget. He is requesting an increase in maintenance due to the age of the machines. Dues have also increased. The contract for himself and the educators is a 1.5% increase. There was discussion of moving the building rent paid to 4-H (currently in the Commissioner’s budget) to his budget. Mark discussed some of the areas that benefit from the Extension Office.

Fund	Location	Personal Services	Supplies	Other Services	Capital Outlay	Total
1001 County General	County Extension Office	\$51,923	\$14,200	\$121,260	\$0	\$187,383

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented his requested budgets. He pointed out the shortage of materials due to the increase in road work being done across the state.

Fund	Location	Personal Services	Supplies	Other Services	Capital Outlay	Total
1176 MVH	Highway Admin	\$187,386	\$3,500	\$15,500	\$0	\$206,386
1176 MVH	Highway Maint.	\$905,512	\$1,867,466	\$37,500	\$46,583	\$2,857,061
1176 MVH	Highway Mech.	\$124,763	\$235,000	\$293,600	\$0	\$653,363
1169 LR&S	Local Rd & St.	\$0	\$315,196	\$2,000	\$0	\$317,196
1135 Cum Bridge	Cum Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$230,000	\$0	\$230,000

RECORDER – Cindy Goodman presented her budget request; she is requesting a part-time position 3 days/week, \$10/hr.

Fund	Location	Personal Services	Supplies	Other Services	Capital Outlay	Total
1001 County General	Recorder	\$111,290	\$1,820	\$4,150	\$0	\$117,260
1189 Records Perpet'n	Records Perpt'n	\$0	\$0	\$27,750	\$0	\$27,750

COMMISSIONERS – Rick Ranstead presented the Commissioner’s budget. Demolition was moved to Area Plan Commission budget. Council requests the \$8,000 for 4-H Fair Board and \$7,000 for 4-H Fairgrounds be moved to County Extension’s budget.

Fund	Location	Personal Services	Supplies	Other Services	Capital Outlay	Total
1001 County General	Commissioner	\$188,349	\$500	\$668,632	\$0	\$857,481
4911 Hazardous Sub.	Hazardous Sub.	\$0	\$500	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,500

The Community Corrections program has been successful. A number of inmates are being held without bond contributing to the increase in jail population. On occasion he releases inmates for treatment and that helps relieve the population. Judge Lee discussed the changes to the bond schedule that he and Judge Steele made approximately two years ago and the effects that it has had. Council would like to have the peeling paint fixed in the courtroom.

DISCUSSION - The Economic Development projected income for next year and the requested amount from the fund was discussed. It is not likely that a part-time position for Tourism will be financially supported. The FEDCO requested budget of \$197,200 should cover the Regional Planning dues rather than submitting a claim to the county for payment.

Council wants the part-time position removed from Tourism, the full-time for EMA should be returned to part-time. Council would like to know what a \$100,000 life insurance policy for deputies would cost. The budget should be adjusted back to current salary and hourly rates and raises issued at a rate of: part-time: \$0.50/hr., full-time: \$0.40/hr., Elected Officials and Department Heads: \$0.40/hr., with the exception of the IT Department - leave as requested.

Council suggests an agreement with State Soil & Water in the amount of the department budget to contract with the state to make the full-time position possible.

RECESS – Jim Widman announced recess at 12:44 p.m.