

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
APRIL 17, 2007  
1:00 P.M.**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

DR. GEORGE HOOD, CHAIRMAN  
GLADY JONES, VICE CHAIRMAN  
Leroy BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN  
FRED TUTEN, COUNCILMAN  
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

RONNIE MALPHRUS  
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

**MARTIN SAULS - CORONER**

MR. SAULS EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS BEEN THE CORONER FOR THE PAST 28 YEARS AND THIS IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME HE HAS COME TO COUNCIL WITH A REQUEST. MR. SAULS EXPLAINED THAT IN ORDER TO KEEP A GOOD DEPUTY CORONER HE HAS HAD TO SUPPLEMENT THE DEPUTY CORONER \$200.00 PER WEEK FROM HIS OWN POCKET. MR. SAULS SAID CURRENTLY THE COUNTY PAYS \$12,000.00 PLUS BENEFITS AND A \$150.00 PER MONTH CAR ALLOWANCE AND A PHONE TO THE CORONER AND PAYS THE DEPUTY CORONER \$5,400.00 PLUS A PHONE. MIKE HODGES IS THE DEPUTY CORONER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT BASED ON MR. SAULS' REQUEST THE ASSISTANT CORONER WOULD BE PAID \$15,800.00 PLUS FRINGES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD TAKE HIS REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION. MR. SAULS SAID THAT HIS STAFF TAKES CARE OF ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATING TO THE CORONER. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF MR. SAULS COULD USE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO HELP WITH THE PAPERWORK AND MR. SAULS SAID HE WOULD AND HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SPLIT THE COST OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WITH THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. SAULS TO GIVE MR. MALPHRUS THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR A PART TIME SECRETARY.

**JEANINE BOSTICK - VOTERS REGISTRATION:**

MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT HER BUDGET REQUEST WAS \$38,500.00 HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR AND THE REASONS WERE DUE TO AN INCREASE IN PAYMENT FOR THE POLL WORKERS. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT POLL WORKERS MAKE \$120.00 PER DAY FOR THE ELECTION PLUS \$120.00 FOR THE DAYS SPENT GETTING TRAINED, AND HER TRAVEL AND TRAINING REQUEST WAS HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF TRAVEL. MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT WITH THE GROWTH, MORE VOTING MACHINES MAY BE NEEDED. MS. BOSTICK REQUESTED FUNDING FOR NEW FURNITURE, A MOBILE LAPTOP COMPUTER, AND A PART TIME PERSON. MS. BOSTICK ALSO REQUESTED CALLER ID FOR HER PHONE LINES. VICE

CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED IF ALL THE ELECTION COMMISSION WAS CERTIFIED AND MS. BOSTICK SAID ALL BUT TWO AND HER NEW EMPLOYEE.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHO TRAINS THE POLL WORKERS AND MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT SHE TRAINED THEM.

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY VACANCIES ON THE ELECTION COMMISSION AND MS. BOSTICK SAID THERE WERE TWO OPENINGS.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE TWO YEARS TO GET CERTIFIED, WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY ARE NOT CERTIFIED. MS. BOSTICK SAID SHE DOES HER BEST TO GET THEM CERTIFIED, BUT ALL THE CLASSES THAT ARE NEEDED ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF MS. BOSTICK HANDLED THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON HER OWN TIME AND MS. BOSTICK SAID THAT SHE PROGRAMS THE MACHINES AND THE MUNICIPALITIES REIMBURSE THE COUNTY.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THIS YEAR HE WAS CHANGING HOW THE ELECTION EXPENSES ARE HANDLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUDITOR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE NEW AUDITORS DO NOT ALLOW THE MONEY TO GO BACK IN THE DEPARTMENTS BUDGET, SO HE WILL BE SHOWING THE FULL EXPENSE AND A REVENUE LINE TO OFFSET THE EXPENSE.

**BEN RILEY – SHERIFF:**

SHERIFF RILEY AND CHIEF HUGHES PRESENTED THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST. SHERIFF RILEY SAID THEY WERE REQUESTING 5 NEW DEPUTIES, 2 OF WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE CRIMINAL DIVISION AND THREE WILL BE PATROL OFFICERS. SHERIFF RILEY SAID HE WAS ALSO REQUESTING THREE NEW CARS AND SOME FURNITURE FOR THE OLD JAIL THAT THEY REMODELED. CHIEF HUGHES INVITED THE COUNCIL TO INSPECT THE BUILDING THAT THEY REMODELED WITH THEIR OWN FUNDS FROM DRUG BUSTS, ETC. SHERIFF RILEY SAID THE REASON THEY NEEDED THE REFRIGERATOR FREEZER WAS BECAUSE THE STATE MANDATES THAT CERTAIN EVIDENCE BAGS MUST BE REFRIGERATED.

CHIEF HUGHES SAID THAT THEY NEEDED FIRE PROOF FILING CABINETS BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN FILES THAT THEY MUST KEEP UNTIL THE STATE INSTRUCTS THEM TO DESTROY THEM. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE CARS BEHIND THE BUILDING AND CHIEF HUGHES SAID THAT THOSE VEHICLES WERE IMPOUNDED AND THEY WERE TRYING TO PUT SOMETHING UP TO HIDE THEM.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE \$107,000.00 WOULD COVER FIVE NEW PEOPLE AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE 5 NEW PEOPLE WOULD COST ABOUT \$225,000.00.

COUNCILMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW OFTEN THE SHERIFF SOLD THE IMPOUNDED CARS AND WHERE DID THE MONEY GO. CHIEF HUGHES SAID THAT THEY PLAN TO HAVE A SALE IN JUNE AND THERE WILL BE ABOUT 14-15 CARS AND THE FUNDS GOES TO THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED IF THEY WERE USING GOV.DEALS AND CHIEF HUGHES SAID NO BECAUSE THE SHERIFF IS MANDATED BY STATUTE THAT THE SHERIFF MUST HOLD A SALE OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLES.

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT A REPORT FROM NARCOTICS AND THE SHERIFF RESPONDED THAT HE SHOULD HAVE THAT DONE IN ABOUT 2 WEEKS.

VICE CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED WHERE THE FIVE NEW DEPUTIES WOULD BE GOING AND CURRENTLY THERE ARE ONLY 3 INVESTIGATORS AND 2 OF THE NEW EMPLOYESS WILL BE GOING THERE AND THE OTHER THREE WILL BE PATROL OFFICERS AND THEY HOPED TO HAVE 4 PEOPLE WORKING AT NIGHT, 2 IN THE SOUTH AND 2 IN THE NORTH.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT INCREASES FOR THE EMPLOYEES IN HIS DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF RILEY SAID THAT MR. MALPHRUS TAKES CARE OF THAT AND SINCE THE NEW SALARY STUDY WAS BEING DONE THEY DID NOT REQUEST A SPECIFIC INCREASE, THEY WERE WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE STUDY.

COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT IF YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB, YOU SHOULD ASK FOR AN INCREASE.

THE BUDGET WORKSHOP ENDED AT 3:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DR. GEORGE M. HOOD  
CHAIRMAN

