

The Budget Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 9, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at the Commissioners Meeting Chambers, Oconee County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Chairman Melvin Davis  
Commissioner Jim Luke  
Commissioner Donald H. Norris  
Commissioner Margaret S. Hale  
Commissioner Chuck Horton

Staff Present:

Alan Theriault

Administrative Officer

County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey  
Finance Director Jeff Benko

Others Present:

Oconee Enterprise

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**Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Scott Berry presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Law Enforcement. An additional \$10,000 is requested in Professional Services due to an increase in crimes against children. Sheriff Berry also requested two new Deputy Sheriff positions.

**Jail:** Sheriff Scott Berry presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for the Jail. The new Jail is currently housing 50 inmates, but has the potential to house 137 inmates. Sheriff Berry discussed contracting with Valley Food Services to provide meals for the jail. He reported the jail doctor has employed a nurse to spend 4 hours per day at the Jail, saving on trips for inmate medical care.

Sheriff Berry also discussed housing out-of-county inmates at the new Jail. He requested an additional five new Jailer positions.

**E-911:** Captain Jimmy Williams presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for E-911. He requested a full-time Network Administrator position and an additional Communication Officer position.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Bruce Thaxton presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for the Fire Department. Requests for FY2008 included the replacement of a Pumper at Station 1, the renovation of two truck bays at Station 4, painting the exterior building and water tank at Station 2, sealing and waterproofing the exterior rear wall at Station 1, completion of the renovation of the dayroom and kitchen at Station 5, driveway and parking lot improvements at Station 7, training burn containers at Stations 2 and 6, construction of a training roof simulator at Station 1, and replacement of the Fire Chief's vehicle. Chief Thaxton also requested a 10% Grant match in the amount of \$43,500 for a generator and 80 self-contained breathing apparatus, and an additional \$7,500 to initiate an Oconee Fire Department Dive Team.

**Animal Control:** Animal Control Director Catlyn Vickers presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Animal Control. Requests for FY2008 included a secondary heating and air conditioning unit, an additional telephone line, new uniforms for staff and additional medical supplies.

**EMA:** Emergency Services Director Quinton Still presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for EMA. Requests for FY2008 included a Deputy Director position, replacement of the Director's vehicle, replacement of one computer and an additional password package for the Meterologix program. Mr. Still also requested \$2,500 for Pandemic Flu Planning.

**EMS-First Responders:** Emergency Services Director Quinton Still presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for EMS-First Responders. Requests for FY2008 included two full-time EMT positions, replacement of a rescue truck and uniforms and equipment for ten new First Responders.

**Coroner:** Coroner John Simpson presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for the Coroner. The request for FY2008 included a computer and travel and training for an additional Deputy Coroner.

**Operations and Facilities:** Operations Director Marvin Poe presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Operations and County Facilities. Requests for FY2008 included a Maintenance Mechanic position, replacement of 18 wooden windows in the old section of the Courthouse, expanded lawn services, a computer and software for a preventive maintenance program, replacement of two vehicles and ceiling insulation and an asphalt parking area at the Ward Building

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**Fleet Maintenance:** Fleet Maintenance Director Dwayne Collins presented the FY2008 above base budget items requested for Fleet Maintenance. Requests for FY2008 included a General Service Technician position, a 20x75 pole barn, one additional vehicle and the replacement of a computer. Mr. Collins also requested an increase for general tools and supplies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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