

The Budget Meeting of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 10, 2006, 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: Administrative Officer Alan Theriault  
County Clerk Gina M. Lindsey  
Finance Director Jeff Benko  
Budget Officer Donna Norton

**Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Scott Berry presented the budget request for Law Enforcement. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$856,582. Criminal Investigations is requesting a 4-wheel drive vehicle and Traffic Patrol is requesting the normal annual replacement of 5 vehicles. \$294,585 is requested for 5 new Deputy Sheriff positions and 5 additional vehicles.

**Jail:** Sheriff Scott Berry presented the budget request for the Jail. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$427,580. \$118,984 is requested for 4 new Jailer positions.

**E-911:** Sheriff Scott Berry and Lt. Jimmy Williams presented the budget request for E-911. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$265,505. \$18,000 is requested for a 4 x 4 vehicle and \$9,300 is requested for a maintenance agreement on the new radio equipment.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Bruce Thaxton presented the budget request for the Fire Department. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$655,536. Requests for FY 2007 include the replacement of 6 self contained breathing apparatus, 2 training burn containers, paving of the parking lot and driveway at Station 7, a vehicle stabilization devise, sealing of the parking lots at 4 stations, electric bay doors at Station 2 and renovations of the kitchen and training room at Station 5. Chief Thaxton also requested a 10% Grant match in the amount of \$11,500 for the FEMA Homeland Security Grant.

**Animal Control:** Animal Control Director Catlyn Manor presented the budget request for Animal Control. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$121,686. Requests for FY 2007 include \$14,500 to replace the chassis on the Chevy 2500. An increase of \$9,360 is requested to change a part-time position to full-time.

**EMA:** Emergency Services Director Quinton Still and Administrative Assistant Debby Layman presented the budget request for EMA. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$492,139. Requests for FY 2007 include \$3,000 to start a Community Emergency Response Team, \$120,000 to replace the 1989 F350 Rescue Truck and \$25,000 to replace the 2001 Ford Excursion. Additional personnel requested include 4 EMT's, a Deputy Director and an EOC Operations Officer.

**Coroner:** Deputy Coroner Ed Carson presented the budget request for the Coroner. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$20,835. The request for FY 2007 includes \$4,700 for a laptop computer for Dr. Simpson. Mr. Carson noted the stipend of \$125 per call is expected to be increased to \$175 per call on January 1, 2007.

**County Facilities:** Facilities Director Ronnie Gunter presented the budget request for County Facilities. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$282,402. Requests for FY 2007 include \$25,000 to replace the 1992 Chevy 2500 Suburban and \$5,500 to relocate the County Facilities Office to the Government Annex.

**Fleet Maintenance:** Fleet Maintenance Director Dwayne Collins presented the budget request for Fleet Maintenance. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$105,174. Mr. Collins noted the utilities have increased due to moving into the new facility. Requests for FY 2007 include \$4,000 to install a grease trap filtering system, \$10,000 to add a storage building and \$16,000 to replace the Crown Victoria from the county's vehicle pool. \$24,094 is requested to change the part-time office assistant to a full-time position and \$5,000 is requested for overtime.

**Operations/Custodians/Couriers:** Operations Director Rick Lewis presented the budget request for Operations/Custodians/Couriers. The operations budget request for FY 2007 is \$157,461. Requests for FY 2007 include \$12,150 to replace the 1995 Ford Ranger, \$2,528 to increase security screener coverage for BOC meetings and Planning Commission meetings and \$18,000 to replace windows in the Courthouse (a 2-year project).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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Date