

Commissioner Minutes of December 29, 2016

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in session on Thursday, December 29, 2016 in a Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2017 budgets. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Commissioners were present.

Chairman Walters opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting was to review and adopt the general fund and special fund budgets for 2017. The Chairman then asked Commissioner Hinman to review the budget with the Board.

Commissioner Hinman noted that the budget in front of the Board was the 12-13-2016 version of the budget which shows a \$660,817.00 deficit. He explained that the adoption of this budget with a 10% budget reduction in each department would generate approximately \$705,000 and would balance the budget. Discussion.

Commissioner Aultman spoke on her concerns on areas of the budget that were funded and those areas that were not, voicing her frustration on spending hours here working on a budget with none of the changes being considered. Discussion. The Clerk spoke on the budget process as has occurred in previous years. Commissioner Birgel stated that the process the Clerk explained is inaccurate. Discussion.

Chairman Walters commented that he and Commissioner Aultman would be working on the budget in 2017 and believes they can get it balanced. Commissioner Walters asked for Board permission to contact the State on the use of an Emergency Manager to settle and review the finances. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Chairman to speak with the State on the use of an Emergency Manager.* Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Commissioners Hinman and Smith voting no.

Commissioners Smith and Hinman both spoke on the importance on voting for the budget with a 10% reduction across the board to each department. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the budget as presented with a 10% reduction in each department as will be worked on by the budget committee in January 2017.* Discussion. Commissioner Aultman stated that she has no animosity toward any department and that she is here to do the job that the taxpayers have elected her to do. Commissioner Walters commented that the Board needs to move forward with the budget and he will work with Commissioner Aultman to fix the issue in January. Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman – no, Smith -yes, Birgel - no. 3 yes, 2 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *See attached General Fund Budget – 2017.*

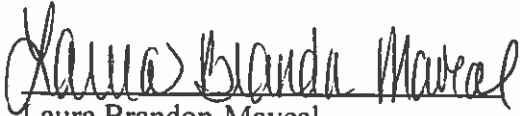
Commissioner Smith commented that she would like to see the committee sit down with each department head to review their revenues in January. Discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the Special Fund Budgets for 2017 as presented. Commissioner Aultman stated that she would have to vote no on these budgets because this is the first time she has had the opportunity to review. Roll call vote as follows: Walters - yes, Aultman – no, Smith – yes, Birgel -no, Hinman – yes. 3 yes, 2 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *See attached Special Fund Budgets.*

Treasurer Van Tiem asked the Board to act on an additional \$200.00 appropriation to the 291 Child Care fund that is in the negative \$176.00. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Treasurer to appropriate an additional \$200.00 to the 291 fund as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to receive and file various correspondence and reports. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m. until the Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Terry Walters
Chairman