

July 28, 2025

The Board of Mayes County Commissioners met in a special meeting with all members present: Randy Pierce Chairman, Alva Martin member and Steve Grossman member, Brittany True-Howard, Mayes County Clerk. The initial notice of the meeting was received in writing July 25, 2025 and the agenda for this meeting was posted on the lower floor of the Court House at 2:00 p.m. July 24, 2025. Randy Pierce called the meeting to order in compliance with the Open Meeting Law and the following business was done:

Randy Pierce, called the meeting to order in compliance with the Open Meeting Law and the following business was done:

The Board of County Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the Excise Board to discuss the FY 2025-26 Budget. Commissioner Martin said he did he thought we should all get together and get the budget worked out. Bobbie Martin, Treasurer noted you have a 32-million-dollar budget and we only collected 18 million but spent 23 million which used 5 million of the carryovers from last year. Bobbie Martin, Treasurer noted that all we could budget this year was \$23,998,735.35 and would need a reduction of 5 million for the next year. Jo Rice, Excise Board Member explained Bill Turners sheet with 9.5 million carry over for FY25-26 if those numbers continue the carryover will be \$1.5 million for FY 26-27. Commissioner Martin mention after speaking with Johnny Jenzen, Guy Engineering will be reimbursing \$1.8 million from the FEMA Buyouts when those are complete. Commissioner Pierce said we are still needing to cut \$1.5 million from the budget has everyone looked at their estimates of needs discussed in the last meeting. Commissioner Pierce asked if all districts agreed to \$200,000 leaving a \$576,000 shortfall. Treasurer Martin mentioned if they take Health insurance down to \$2 million and next January take away the supplemental it would leave \$1.6-1.7 million and leave the Employee to decide to drop it or pay it at their expense. With Salaries and Insurance alone being \$13.2 million for next year having a \$16 million dollar budget that doesn't leave every much to run the Court House. Commissioner Martin added with the PFA Account having \$800,000 they could use it to make up some of the difference but with the Geo Thermal \$.5 Million Cooling Tower that's generates \$35,000 per month. Commissioner Pierce suggested that with the \$2 million the districts got he would be willing to take his down to \$1.8 million after the 200,000 in benefits and give another \$300,000 to cover health insurance for the employees bringing his budget to \$1.5 million which will get them through to June of 2026. Leaving a \$276,000 short fall. Then with Treasurer Martin mentioned she has 4 employees' payroll and insurance out of her Resale Account, Assessor Thompson mentioned she has 2 employees' payroll and insurance out of her Visual Inspection account. County Clerk True-Howard mentioned she wanted to double check that. Commissioner Martin said he thought County Clerk True-Howard was moving one of her employees to her cash account she mentioned they are all in General. Commissioner Martin asked County Clerk True-Howard if she could give up any of her budget.

Pierce made a motion to Recess to check those numbers, seconded by Grossman.
Pierce, Yes; Martin, Yes; Grossman, Yes

Pierce made a motion to reconvene the meeting, seconded by Martin. Pierce, Yes; Martin, Yes; Grossman, Yes

County Clerk True-Howard said the two employee's salary being paid out of the Visual Inspection Account, their insurance was being paid out of the General Account. Assessor Thompson said she could change that to the Visual Inspection Account also. Excise Member Rice asked Assessor Thompson if she could raise the property deductible coming to the county, Thompson said no. Commissioner Martin asked Treasurer Martin and Assessor Thompson what their suggestions are to cut from the budget. Martin then asked County Clerk True-Howard what she was cutting for the budget. Howard reminded the BOCC they wanted her to hire a Benefits coordinator and she did that at their request. She mentioned she could cut an employee. Howard also mentioned she had \$15,000 she could give up but moving an employee to the cash account as suggested was not sustainable. That would leave a \$261,000 shortfall for the budget.

No Action was taken on agenda item 2.

Motion made by Pierce, seconded by Martin, to adjourn. Pierce, Yes; Martin, Yes; Grossman, Yes

(SEAL)

BOARD OF MAYES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RANDY PIERCE_____
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ALVA MARTIN_____
MEMBER

BRITTANY TRUE-HOWARD_____
COUNTY CLERK

STEVE GROSSMAN_____
MEMBER

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