

July 19, 2024

The Board of Mayes County Commissioners met in a special meeting with all members present: Darrell Yoder, Chairman, Randy Pierce and Alva Martin members, Brittany True-Howard, Mayes County Clerk. The initial notice of the meeting was received in writing on July 16, 2024 and the agenda for this meeting was posted on the lower floor of the Court House at 2:00 p.m., July 16, 2024. Darrell Yoder called the meeting to order in compliance with the Open Meeting Law and the following business was done:

The Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the Excise Board to discuss the FY 2024-25 Budget. Commissioner Yoder opened up by asking who called the meeting and what is it about. Commissioner Martin said he did he thought we should all get together and get the budget worked out. He said the way Commissioner Yoder has it right now it's not going to work. You have a 34-million-dollar budget and we only collected 32 million. Bobbie Martin, Treasurer noted that all we could budget this year was \$32,667,124.30 and with Darrell's budget of \$34,506,261.65 it would put us over \$1,839,137.35. Commissioner Martin pointed out that Commissioner Pierce had lost \$482,000.00 of his Road money and \$75,000.00 from D-1 wage account. If you add all of that back in that would put us \$2.2 million over. Commissioner Yoder said he told Bill to budget everyone's estimate of needs and what was left over to put in Road money. He thinks he needs to sit back down with Bill. Commissioner Yoder also suggested that Bobbie start paying her people out of Resale. Bobbie did not agree this was right that by statute they had to give her money to pay her people. She also already pays four employees from Resale. ADA Jerry Lee said he had met with Todd Wagoner before the meeting and he brought over a packet with statutes, AG opinions and case law which gives the budget process and the duties of the Excise Board and the Board of County Commissioner's. He would recommend everyone taking them home studying them and understand what you are to do. Commissioner Yoder said he just wanted Bill to put what was over and above in the road money so we could move some and that would free up \$2 million. Bobbie said that we still need \$700,000.00 more in insurance. She also has three budgets prepared two are balanced the one with a 5% increase and the one with an 8.5% increase. The 27% increase does not balance. Bobbie also pointed out that as the salaries go up so does Social Security and Retirement. Randy Abbott, Excise Board member asked what they thought a fair wage would be. Commissioner Yoder said they leave to go to GRDA making \$35-\$37 an hour. Jerry Lee suggested that either one or all 3 Commissioners come up with their own budgets then vote to accept 1. After that it would go to the Excise Board to accept, reject or make modifications to it. Commissioner Yoder said he would be good with doing that. Commissioner Martin asked Sheriff Reed if the 8.5% would work for him. He said he would need to get with his mathematician. His stance on it is he doesn't want to hurt the County but if we can afford it, we need to take care of our employees. The 8.5% would put everyone at \$25.38. Commissioner Pierce asked about the ones that already make more and Bobbie said that would have to be made up in the Cash Accounts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to have each Commissioner create their own budget and bring them back to vote on one. Yoder, Yes; Pierce, Yes; Martin, Yes.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, to Adjourn. Yoder, Yes; Pierce, Yes; Martin, Yes.

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Approved this July 29, 2024

(SEAL)

BOARD OF MAYES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_S/DARRELL YODER\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_S/RANDY PIERCE\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER

S/BRITTANY TRUE-HOWARD  
COUNTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_S/ALVA MARTIN\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER

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