

A Chippewa County Board of Commissioners Budget Workshop was held on Friday, November 5, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex meeting room.

Commissioners Present: Richard Timmer, James Moore, Don McLean, Don Cooper, Ted Postula, Jesse Knoll and Chairman Scott Shackleton

Also Present: Hon. Elizabeth Church, Ann Mikolowski, Sheriff Robert Savoie, Public Defender, Julie Beck, Public Defender Robert Stratton, Dept. Administrator Kelly Church, Chuck Leonhardt, George Kinsella, Hon. Nicholas Lambros, Prosecutor Brian Pepler, Jim Shrogren, Jim Lucas, OES/9-1-1 Director Tim McKee, Administrator Jim German and Diane Cork, County Clerk.

Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all Commissioners present.

**Agenda** – No additions or deletions to the agenda

**Public Comments** – None

The Workshop was set for fifteen minute increments as follows:

**1:00 p.m.** – Kelly Church and Chuck Leonhardt

Mr. Leonhardt thought the budget process went very well. He believed that the department heads understood the process from last year as there were fewer questions asked. He explained that projections in the budget were made for Omaha Life Insurance, MERS, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Workers Comp. With requests from department heads and projected costs, approximately \$500,000 would need to be cut to have a balanced budget for FY2011.

**1:15 – 1:45 p.m.** – Sheriff Robert Savoie

*Jail*

Sheriff Savoie included in his budget a request for a school liaison person. He explained the services thru HBH would no longer be able to do this service for free due to lack of general fund dollars so an RFP would be going out. A chaplain has been introduced into the jail setting and this seems to be working.

*Road Patrol*

Sheriff Savoie would like to have mobile data (verizon) installed in patrol cars. This would give the officers the ability to do reports in cars and the patrol cars would be able to be tracked in case of an emergency.

Sheriff Savoie also stated that storage building located in Kinross is a better central location.

**1:45 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.** – Anthony Bosley (Kelly Church filled in for Mr. Bosley's absence)

*Drain Commissioner*

Ms. Church stated that the Drain Commissioner is paid a flat salary. The Hakola/Ross Drain is the only one in Chippewa County. Discussion was held on the spraying of the drain.

*Building Department*

Discussion was held on the number of permits issued over the last 3 years and whether it would be more cost effective to purchase 2 county vehicles instead of paying for travel.

**1:55 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** – Hon. Elizabeth Church and Ann Miklowski – 91<sup>st</sup> District Court

Discussion was held on the tether program, Drug Court and the Westlaw dues and subscriptions.

A pay increase was placed in the budget for the individual who does the criminal cases in District Court as she will now have increased duties due to the lien system.

**2:15 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.** – Break

**2:35 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.** – Judge Nicholas Lambros – 50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

Judge Lambros stated that nothing substantial changed in his budget compared to last year. There is no control over the number of jury trials that are held. It was also noted that Oversight fees were down. A request for 40 hours was put in the budget for the Court Administrator.

**2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.** – Prosecutor Brian Pepler

Mr. Pepler included a summer intern in his budget. He was hoping that an imaging system would be put in place (not included in budget) so that he could purchase 4 laptop computers that would be tools for the system.

He also included the cost of safety glass and carpeting in his budget if the prosecutor's office was not going to move into the City/County Building.

**3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.** – Jim Shogren – Veteran's Office

Mr. Shogren stated that he was under budget for headstones and flags are at present level.

Mr. Shogren noted that veteran's numbers are going down due to deaths.

**3:20 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.** – Diane Cork – County Clerk

Ms. Cork indicated that here budgets (Jury Board, Elections, Clerk) stay relatively the same from year to year. She noted that there will be a change in the postage due to the Clerk's office taking over the complete jury system from Circuit Court and passport processing.

**3:35 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. – Jim Lucas – MSU Extension**

Mr. Lucas noted that there will be no more travel in his budget due to his promotion. He will be presenting a Memorandum of Agreement to the Finance Committee for consideration as in the past.

He also explained that he has one employee out on maternity leave who is due back in December.

**3:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. – Time McKee – OES/911**

Mr. McKee went over Funds 209 (Stonegarden), 210 (County Ambulance), 211 (OES), 212 (Central Dispatch), and 270 (Snowmobile Markings)

Discussion was held on getting help to monitor grant regulations and adding the cost of snowplowing to the budget.

This concluded the presentations by department heads.

The Commissioners proceeded to highlight line items for the above budgets that needed further consideration or items that needed to be forwarded to the Personnel Committee.

The Board did adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane S. Cork, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman