

Budget Workshop
May 22, 2018

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this date in a Budget Workshop in the Commission Chambers with the following members present:

William Sauble, Chairman
Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman
Roy Fernandez, Member – Via Electronic Device

Also present were: Mary Lou Kern, County Manager; Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk; and Joana Apodaca, Financial Specialist

Chairman Sauble called the workshop to order at 8:04 a.m. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the budget for 2018-2019.

Others in attendance were: Amanda Segura, Lydia M. Garcia, Debbie Sauble, Kathy M. Trujillo, Leonard M Baca Jr., and Andy Muniz.

Discussion during the workshop included:

Financial Specialist Joana Apodaca presented the Preliminary #4 Budget. Joana stated there were changes made under expenses. She stated under the Commission budget the Audit Contract the County is ready to approve a contract with a firm in the amount of \$50,525.00 but was originally budgeted for \$60,000.00 for a difference of \$9,475.00. Joana stated County Manager Kern spoke with District Attorney Donald Gallegos about the Commission Attorney Fees and they agreed on a decreased total of \$25,000.00 but was originally budgeted for \$75,000.00 for a difference of \$50,000.00. Joana stated the recap on the Budget shows a positive balance of \$1,640.00. Joana also stated Chairman Sauble requested the Revenue of \$370,000.00 for Capital Improvement Fund 551 match the Indigent Care Fund.

Joana presented a letter from County Assessor Linda Gallegos and stated she respectfully withdrew her request for an increase in Elected Officials Salaries. Joana stated the requested Elected Officials salaries were not put into Preliminary #4 Budget as discussed in the previous Budget Workshop. She stated the Commission could decide what salaries would require further discussion. She also stated Commissioner Newton requested a potential budget be considered for Economic Development due to the Governor considering some of Colfax County as an Opportunity Zone. Commissioner Newton stated some areas in Raton, Maxwell, and Springer were considered an Opportunity Zone with exception of the valley area. He stated there were 22 counties with several areas who are being considered an Opportunity Zone. Commissioner Newton stated County Manager Kern and Paul Jenkins worked on submitting the application. He stated this opportunity could potentially suggest some assistance and benefits from the state. County Manager Kern stated Joana confirmed that deadlines were met and assisted with the application process.

Joana presented a copy of the budget to the Board. She is requesting it be acknowledged as Preliminary Budget #4. She stated before the Final Budget is approved there will be an additional Budget Workshop. Joana stated the Elected Official salaries and Economic Development Budgets can be reviewed for Final Budget Review during the next Budget Workshop. She stated the Governor informed the county on May 21st there were designated areas of Colfax County awarded as an Opportunity Zone. Commissioner Fernandez questioned if there was a designated Budget for Economic Development. Commissioner Newton stated it would not be a large amount of Budget requested approximately \$5,000.00 is estimated.

Chairman Sauble asked County Treasurer Kathy M. Trujillo or Deputy Treasurer Lydia M. Garcia if they would like to address the Board. County Treasurer Trujillo stated since the last meeting the Treasurer's Office collected \$2,971,341.70. She stated only \$1,269,307.35 as part of the collected fees go into the General Fund. The average collection rate for May 2015, 2016, and 2017 was 84.92%. Kathy stated the Treasurer's Office is at 82.35% collections to date. She presented the Outstanding 2017 Tax Break Down: Residential \$529,729.82, Non-Residential \$540,199.74, Hospital \$151,947.90, Cattle \$8,385.87, Luna Vocational Technology \$8,635.87, Sheep \$3.28, Taos Pines Road \$10,942.34, Goats \$6.78, Equine \$225.37, Dairy Cattle \$2.18, Angel Fire PID \$773,089.92, Water Districts \$15,792.24, Bison/Alpaca \$7.18, Non-rendering Fees \$3,365.61, and

Ratites (Ostrich/Emu) \$0.17 for a total Outstanding balance of \$2,042,397.27. Kathy stated the Treasurer's Office is coming up with different ideas how to collect outstanding taxes. Commissioner Newton stated there could potentially be movement of property or changes made at the Angel Fire Resort due to an interest on the amount owed on the PID properties. Joana stated Economic Development was originally budgeted for \$5,500.00. There was discussion over Economic Development. Joana also stated there will be further Budget Workshops before the Final Budget is decided. Joana questioned the Budget and if the unofficial increases should be made to the Budget before it is submitted to the DFA. Chairman Sauble stated he would like to submit the Budget with a positive balance. Commissioner Newton thanked Joana and the staff for their time and efforts put into the Budget. Commissioner Fernandez stated he was in favor of submitting the budget with a positive balance and thanked the staff for their diligent efforts put into the budget. Chairman Sauble asked if there was any further discussion. There was no further discussion raised.

The Budget Workshop adjourned at 8:22 a.m.



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