Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Budget Worksession Minutes
March 7, 2023

Board members present: Cal Stiles, Chairman; Jan Griggs, Vice-Chair; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, member; Randy Phillips, member; and Ben Adams, member.

Others present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Asst. County Manager/Clerk to Board; Candy Anderson, Finance Director; and, Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Location: Cherokee County Courthouse, Room 342.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Discussion
The following departments discussed budgetary requests with the Board:

- **Parks & Recreation –**
  Items discussed:
  - Maintenance and repairs at Konehete Park for Rock Gym, pavilion and ballfields.
  - New playground equipment
  - Bleachers at Ranger ballfield
  - Move part-time employee to full-time
  - Increase in equipment fuel
  -Increase in Supplies and Materials

- **GIS/Mapping**
  Items discussed:
  - $1,500.00 increase in Professional Services for software and database updates (1st increase in 14 years)
  - Small increase in Software Support
  - Small increase in Dues and Subscriptions

- **Public Health**
  Items discussed:
  - New flooring for clinic
  - New facility
  - Request to adjust grade for Soil Scientist
  - Pay scale and struggles with retention and recruitment of qualified staff. Currently down 4 fulltime staff.

- The need for workplace flexibility and the benefits of being able to offer a 4-day work week.
- Cutting BCCP, costly to keep.

- **Central Dispatch**
  Items discussed:
  - Requesting three additional ProQA Medical Backup software licenses ($4,995 – would be a use of 911 funds)
  - Replace the Eventide Voice Logging Recorder ($60,175 – would be a use of 911 funds)
  - New Fire Protocol Software System
  - Increase in budget for cell phone line
  - Request $600 in Meals and Refreshment line for employee recognition event during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
  - Increase in Professional Services for new psychiatric evaluation requirements
  - Additional position
  - Request 3 VIPER Portable Radios
  - Uniform allowance of $3,000

- **Code Enforcement**
  Items discussed:
  - Director Jon Crist presented the departments FY budget and shared permit and inspection activity for 2019-2022. Mr. Crist requested pay adjustments for inspectors
  - 5% COLA for employees
  - Increase in Supplies and Materials for new code book requirements
  - Increase in Travel and Training for new staff certifications and continuing education for all inspectors
  - There was no capital requests.

- **Senior Services**
  Items discussed:
  - Need for moving office space to protect client's confidential information
  - Increase in food supply line

- **Veterans Services**
  - No significant budgetary changes
  - Numbers of veterans seeking services continue to grow
  - Need for additional meeting space and file space

Additional Discussion
Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve a budget revision for use of fund balance in the amount of $12,075.00 to increase legal fees for property tax liens and foreclosures. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn
Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JULY 15, 2024.