

**FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
Tuesday, August 08, 2017**

Jim Widman opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Also present: Barry Hazel, Gary Sriver, Jim Showley, Lorie Hurst, Randy Sutton, Phyl Olinger, First Deputy Auditor Julie Scully and Auditor Christina Sriver.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER – Ric Fouts presented a report and rankings of progress for the year and discussed his budget requests. He would like to use part-time the full 29 hours per week in 2018.

Fund	Location	Personal Services	Supplies	Other Services	Capital Outlay	Total
1001 County General	VSO	\$41,091	\$350	\$1,414	\$0	\$42,855

ASSESSOR – Judy Dancy discussed the requested budget for 2018. She requests a 5% raise for employees and that the full-time employee with a Level 3 Assessor/Appraiser Certification be paid the state allowed supplemental pay of \$2,500 (a \$500 increase). She is looking into Pictometry for aerial pictures and if a contract is approved she would like all offices who use GIS to pay toward the service. She is also gathering figures for in-house assessing. In the Reassessment budget, she increased the contract line item; the contract with Tyler Technologies will end at the end of June and she will be using a new vendor beginning July 1. Council asked that any contract be brought to them prior to approval.

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1001 County General	County Assessor	\$196,744	\$3,500	\$7,700	\$0	\$207,974
1224 Reassessment	County Assessor	\$58,504	\$8,900	\$155,490	\$0	\$222,894

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Shannon Shepherd presented the Health budget; she has budgeted for four employees to carry insurance rather than two and a 5% raise is requested; “Clerk” has been changed to “Vital Records/Registrar”; a line has been added for printing because the state is no longer providing the food inspection forms. Health Maintenance budget: there was an Environmental Assistant has been moved from Health to this fund as well as benefits for the position.

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1159 Health	Personal Services	\$262,390	\$8,710	\$18,400	\$0	\$289,500
1168 Health Maint.	Health Maint.	\$86,379	\$16,200	\$2,550	\$0	\$105,129

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION – Lois Mann presented the requested budget from County General. She discussed that Soil and Water and Mill Creek Conservation would like to combine both the part-time positions to a full-time position since she currently works in both capacities. For the health insurance, she suggests that the county pay 1/3, Mill Creek Conservancy pay 1/3 and the Soil and Water District pay 1/3. Jim suggests that the county could contract with the conservation district if they choose to make her position full-time.

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1001 County General	Soil & Water	47,608	\$6,083	\$0	\$0	\$53,916

TREASURER – Kathy Easterday presented the requested budget; she included 5% raises and requested the First Deputy position be reclassified to a COMOT III and she has put enough in the budget to cover if approved; she has also reduced legal fees.

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1001 County General	Treasurer	\$121,385	\$16,300	\$3,700	\$0	\$141,385

COUNCIL – Jim Widman discussed the Council budget from County General: Health insurance was increased; Legal fees are planned to cover any jail study fees with Umbaugh.

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1001 County General	Council	\$84,493	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$107,593

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES – Mike Early presented the requested budget from County General and discussed job duties.

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1001 County General	Weights & Measures	\$37,244	\$440	\$4,350	\$400	\$42,434

PARKS & RECREATION – Bill Walsh presented the budget from Park and Recreation.

Fund	Location	Personal Services	Supplies	Other Services	Capital Outlay	Total
1001 County General	Park & Rec	\$0	\$6,199	\$24,000	\$2,500	\$32,699

AUDITOR – Christina Sriver presented the budget request for County General: a request of 5% for deputies, an increase in continuing education was also requested. The requested budget for the Plat Book fund is in anticipation of the possibility to have a part-time position scanning books. She has also been looking for a company to make new parcel plat books.

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1001 County General	Auditor	\$288,018	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$304,018
1112 EDIT	Co Econ. Dev. Inc. Tax	\$0	\$0	\$472,200	\$0	\$701,520
1138 CUM Cap Dev		\$0	\$0	\$77,000	\$201,000	\$278,000
1151 EMS		\$0	\$0	\$79,333	\$0	\$79,333
1170 LIT Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$37,500	\$0	\$37,500
1181 Plat Book	Transfer/Plat Book	\$10,800	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$13,300
1216 Auditor's Ineligible		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
4603 Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$592,150	\$0	\$592,150
4944 Co. Elected Official Train.		\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
4946 Fulton Co. Host Fee		\$0	\$0	\$162,336	\$0	\$162,336

DISCUSSION – Discussion was held concerning the amount paid to the 4-H Fairgrounds from the Tourism budget believed to be for building rent for the County Extension office and if the line item should be moved to the correct budget.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – Casi Cowles presented her requested budget from Economic Development Income Tax; she has included a 5% increase to wages. She has budgeted Demolition fees (previously in Commissioners/County General budget). She asks that if any cuts are made to her budget not to cut Mileage or Legal & Consult due to the imbalance of those charges.

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1112 EDIT	Area Plan Commission	\$167,320	\$8,000	\$54,000	\$0	\$229,320

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CORONER – Jeri Good presented her requested budget for County General: the increase in wages is to catch the amount up to what it should be considering raises being given in previous years but the previous elected official took decreases instead; the Supplies was not funded enough previously to cover office necessities.

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1001 County General	Coroner	\$21,789	\$1,620	\$33,170	\$0	\$56,579

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors presented the requested budgets. He asks for close to a 24% raise for road deputies following the state’s trend for the upcoming biennial budget; he currently employs 1 Detective Sergeant, 3 Deputies, 5 Senior Deputies and 2 Sergeants. He has added \$8,000 for a new part-time deputy position. Chris hired an attorney from Logansport to represent the department in the event of legal action at the jail. The attorney would also assist with reviewing jail policy manuals. The cost is \$4,000/year for basic service; this is reflected in the increase to legal fees in the County General budget for the Sheriff. Utilities are increased \$4,600 due to this year’s shortage; the server racks are thought to cause some of the increase. Radios & Equipment was budgeted \$45,000 in anticipation of the mobile equipment for Spillman and E-tickets; this can be cut depending on how Council would like to fund. He is requesting 5% increases in jail wages; the matron’s pay is set by statute (IC 36-8-10-5). The cook has had jailer training and he would like to raise her wages equal to a jailer (15% increase). Part-time cooks have been eliminated but he has left some money in the budget as a fallback. He would like to have two Assistant Commanders as the previous Sheriff had. Jail medical has increased \$15,000 to cover the contract with Quality Correctional Care. Extradition of Fugitives has increased but can be paid from another fund if needed. Lengthy discussion of the recently proposed jail ensued.

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1001 County General	Sheriff	\$1,233,006	\$117,500	\$91,000	\$52,500	\$1,593,786
1001 County General	Jail	\$955,136	\$40,000	\$478,500	\$0	\$1,473,636
1101 Accident Report	Accident Report	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
1156 Firearms Training	Handgun App	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$7,500
1175 Misdemeanant	Co. Corr. Level 3	\$0	\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000
2505 Co Sheriff Ed Fee	Sheriff	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000
4902 Drug Interdiction Program	Sheriff	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000

CONVENTION, VISITOR & TOURISM – Amy Roe presented the requested budget for Tourism: She is requesting a part-time position to support Tourism to be housed at the Trailhead building that is currently under construction; the requested amount for Research & Grants and Advertising has been reduced to support the part-time position. The museum will still receive \$4,000 out of Research & Grants.

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1127 Convention, Visitor and Tourism	Tourism	\$19,377	\$4,000	\$18,000	\$0	\$41,377

NETWORK ADMINISTRATION & MAINTENANCE– Josh Sriver presented the requested budget with an increase to the wages for the current part-time employee to \$15.50/hr. and have the option to open the position to full-time at some point next year. He is requesting an increase in Computer Maintenance Software to pay look for a more robust security system. There are some unfinished projects leftover from the ADA remodel planned for in the Courthouse budget and repainting the Circuit Courtroom and Clerk’s office. There is an increase in Building & Repair for the courthouse concourses to be repaired or

replaced. In Courthouse Equipment, he has budgeted for a new mower and a utility vehicle to help reduce costs of snow removal. The utility vehicle could be shared by the Highway Department also.

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1001 County General	Network Admin	\$137,702	\$150	\$145,000	300,000	\$582,852
1001 County General	Courthouse	\$26,375	\$25,300	\$569,500	\$95,000	\$716,175
1001 County General	Annex	\$0	\$9,000	\$218,200	\$0	227,200

RECESS – Meeting recessed at 3:12 p.m.