



AGENDA
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
APRIL 13, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

Budget Consideration

1:00 Consideration of Adoption of the Proposed Meal Tax Increase

Consideration of Adoption of the County's Proposed Budget

Supervisor Carter wanted to know if the \$600,000 was needed for the purchase of a firetruck, or can this be found somewhere else?

Supervisor R. Mitchell asked if there is some money that can be used for capital needs that are already in the budget? Supervisor Tatum agreed.

Both Supervisor Tatum and Cundiff noted they are okay to pass the budget as presented.

County Attorney Lockaby noted to establish a separate account that money be allocated to (2% increase) a specific fund a separate resolution needs to be passed.

Supervisor R. Mitchell said this County has done a really good job at positioning ourselves in a good place to finance the cost of the firetruck. Why don't we explore this option?

Chairman Thompson noted he remembers a time the County did not have a good savings. This is something that he is very proud of and wants to sustain.

Director Carter noted that cash is king and surplus general fund is at the discussion of the Board and can be used as one-time purchases.

Supervisor Smith asked what the definition of capital is? Director Carter said projects over \$50,000 and there can also be items that are smaller than \$50,000 but their intent is a larger sum. She believes this discussion is clouded by a CIP that does not appear to be a CIP.

Chairman Thompson asked how much new money is going to the Schools and Social Services? Director Carter noted about \$900,000 for the schools and about \$250,000 for the social services department. Chairman Thompson believes there are some savings here. Chairman Thompson said it is foolish to use fund balance if the budget has money.

Supervisor Carter said if we choose to use fund balance money, it can be replenished with twice-a-year windfall money. Supervisor Tatum also said this can also be replenished with carry-over.

Director Carter said as revenues increase, so does the required amount of fund balance.



Supervisor L. Mitchell said that he would like to listen to the advice that Davenport, our financial advisors have given us. He also asked what the balance of other localities have within their fund balance accounts. Supervisor Cundiff agreed.

Supervisor R. Mitchell asked again why this can not be financed? Supervisor Tatum would like to know the feasibility of doing the project this way? He said if we do not do this, and we do not use fund balance then he knows the only other option is to do 2% meals increase. Supervisor Tatum also reminded the Board of the option of a 1% meals tax increase. Are we going to raise the meal tax? Or do we need to find this money somewhere else?

Supervisor Smith would like a work session scheduled immediately after we get this budget adopted. We can not keep making decisions at the 11th hour with a sense of urgency. When need to really look at this rotation schedule.

**TT motion is scrape 2% meals tax increase
MC**

Motion passes 7-0

**TT
balance budget as proposed 183 million 650 thousand 816 dollars using use \$642, 000
from budget stabilization to replenish money with year-end surplus
MC**

3-4 FAILED

Chairman Thompson vowed he would never vote to use fund balance, and this goes against everything he believes.

Supervisor Smith asked if the Social Services budget increase is something that is state mandated. Supervisor Smith then moved to the school system and asked the Superintendent if this \$900,000 increase is make or break for the school system. Dr. Cobb's response was yes. The majority of this increase will go towards salaries.

Supervisor R. Mitchell asked why do we have a budget stabilization fund if we do not use that money to stabilize the budget?

**RM
TT**

Approve budget as presented in the amount of 182 million 575 thousand 816 dollars using 1 million of budget stabilization fund, authorize staff to approach multiple financial institution to procure a loan of an amount of up to \$650, 000 for engine 3 and with whatever funds we have in carryover replenish the stabilization fund.

Lending intuition and ask for a loan or line of credit and another option may be to reissue an RFP.

1 million 75 thousand from fund balance



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Recess until Tuesday April 19th, at 1:30 PM