



**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Carroll County Board of Commissioners**  
**May 8, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Historic Superior Court Room**

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| Marty Smith, Chairman                 | P | Stacey Blackmon, County Attorney    | P |
| Montrell McClendon, D-1               | P | Susan Mabry, County Clerk           | P |
| Vicki Anderson, Vice - Chairlady, D-2 | P | Kristy McAdams, CDCC                | P |
| Tommy Lee, D-3                        | P | Leamon Stephens, Finance Director   | P |
| Michelle Morgan, D-4                  | P | Anne Lee, HR Director               | P |
| Lee Powers, D-5                       | P | Gerald Pilgrim, Operations Director | P |
| George Chambers, D-6                  | P |                                     |   |

*Present = P A = Absent*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

❖ **District Attorney Introduction**

Coweta Judicial Circuit, District Attorney, John Herbert Cranford, Jr. introduced himself to the Board and thanked them for their contributions from prior years. Mr. Cranford stated that the District Attorney's Office was pleased with their funding from the FY 2018 and would not be requesting any additional funds at this time.

❖ **Public Defender Presentation**

Coweta Judicial Circuit, Public Defender, Maryellen Simmons presented the 2018-2019 Budget Request for the Public Defender's Office. Ms. Simmons requested a total of \$973,046.18 which included funding for additional personnel including a 5% State Administration Fee and CPD supplements along with additional operating expenses. Dawn Broome and Kenneth Cook from the Public Defender's Office were also in attendance.

❖ **West Georgia Regional Library System Presentation**

Jessica Everingham and Jeremy Snell from the West Georgia Regional Library System presented to the Board the Library's request of additional funding which included an increase of \$50,000.00 (\$2.45 per capital) along with a onetime contribution of \$28,943.00 to fund the Mt. Zion and Whitesburg Libraries. Clint Chance, Chairman of the Carroll County WGRLS Board of Trustees was also in attendance.

❖ **Tax Assessors Presentation**

Tax Assessor's Office, Chief Appraiser, Renee Parmer requested that funding be provided for an Deputy Chief Appraiser/Commercial Appraiser starting January 1, 2019 and an additional \$40,000.00 for personal property tax audits (included in proposed budget). Ms. Parmer also requested two new part time positions and raises for employees.

❖ **FY2019 Budget Discussion**

Leamon Stephens, Finance Director began the FY 2019 budget planning process, giving projections for revenues and expenditures including funds already committed by the Board. Mr. Stephens presented the proposed budget as advertised in the Times-Georgian and a list of proposed budget appropriations by department for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The proposed budget does not include requests for: \$700,000 for six new Fire Rescue positions, \$95,000 for a new position in the Public Defender's office, and \$50,000 additional funding for the library. It was the consensus of the Board to place the proposed/advertised \$50,263,500 budget on the June 5, 2018 agenda for approval.

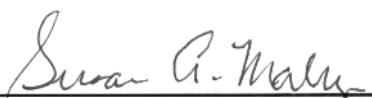
Deputy Chief Brad Robinson discussed the Sheriff's four year plan to improve salaries for the Sheriff's Office staff and that the proposed budget would provide funds for their emergency plan which includes the understanding that if the twelve (12) vacant positions are filled they will receive additional funding. The Sheriff's Office is supportive of the proposed TSPLOST which, if passed, will free up some general fund monies that may be reallocated to public safety salaries.

Mr. Stephens stated that there was a \$2,000,000 surplus in FY 2018 which he recommended the Board place \$1,000,000 in savings and give every County employee who has been employed for more than six months a \$1,000 bonus. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with Mr. Stephens' recommendations.

A tentative time line for the 2018 TSPLOST was presented to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to keep moving forward with this and for Chairman Smith to give an update after the Mayor's meeting on May 9, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

  
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Susan A. Mabry, County Clerk

  
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Marty W. Smith, Chairman

**These minutes were approved by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners on June 5, 2018.**