



MINUTES
Board of County Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023 4:00 PM
Pender County Public Assembly Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred McCoy
Jacqueline A. Newton
Jerry Groves
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee
Brad George

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Andrews, County Manager
Trey Thurman, County Attorney
Patrick Buffkin, Staff Attorney
Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager
Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public.

1 Open Discussion

2 Sheriff's Office

Alan Cutler

2.1 Sheriff

Alan Cutler, Pender County Sheriff, appeared before the Board and presented as to the Sheriff's Office Budget for the 23-24 fiscal year. Sheriff Cutler discussed the Sheriff's Office's budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the Sheriff's Office, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. Chief Deputy Maj. Collier appeared to assist Sheriff Cutler in responding to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the Sheriff's Office budget. Chair Newton thanked Sheriff Cutler and Maj. Collier for their time and efforts involved in the budget process.

2.2 Jail

Sheriff Cutler continued his presentation before the Board and presented as to the Sheriff's Office Jail Budget for the 23-24 fiscal year. Maj. Collier also assisted in the presentation. Sheriff Cutler discussed the Sheriff's budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the Sheriff's Office, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the Sheriff's Office Jail budget. Chair Newton thanked Sheriff Cutler for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

2.3 Animal Control

Sheriff Cutler continued his presentation before the Board and presented as to the Sheriff's Office Animal Control Budget for the 23-24 fiscal year. Sheriff Cutler discussed the Sheriff's budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the Sheriff's Office, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. Maj, Collier and deputies from the Animal CONtril unit assisted in responding to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the Sheriff's Office Animal Control budget. Chair Newton thanked Sheriff Cutler for their time and efforts involved in the budget process.

3 Break

4 Utilities

Kenny Keel

4.1 Water and Sewer

Kenny Keel, Utilities Director, appeared before the Board and presented as to the Utilities' Budget for the 23-24 fiscal year. Keel discussed the Utilities' budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the Utilities department, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a brief discussion on the Utilities' budget. Chair Newton thanked Keel for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

4.2 Solid Waste

Kenny Keel, Utilities Director, appeared before the Board and presented as to the Utilities' Budget for the 23-24 fiscal year related to solid waste. Keel discussed the Utilities' budget request as related to solid waste and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the solid waste, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. Susan Barnhill, Solid Waste Coordinator, appeared before the Board to assist in answering questions from members of the Board. The Board held a discussion on the Utilities' budget related to solid waste, including

concerns expressed by citizens related to the administration of the solid waste sticker program. Chair Newton thanked Keel for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

5 Governing Board

David Andrews

5.1 County Manager

David Andrews, County Manager, appeared before the Board and presented as to the County Manager's Office (CMO) Budget. Andrews discussed the CMO budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the CMO Department, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the County Manager's Office budget. Chair Newton thanked Andrews for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

5.2 Attorney Services

David Andrews, County Manager, continued his presentation before the Board and presented as to the County Manager's Office (CMO) Budget related to Attorney Services. Andrews discussed the County Manager's Office budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the County Manager's Office Department Attorney Services, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the County Manager's Office Attorney Services. Chair Newton thanked Andrews for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

5.3 Outside Agencies

David Andrews, County Manager, continued his presentation before the Board and presented as to the County Manager's Office (CMO) Budget as related outside agencies. Andrews discussed the County Manager's Office budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the County Manager's Office Department outside agencies, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the County Manager's Office budget related to outside agencies. Chair Newton thanked Andrews for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

5.4 Courts

David Andrews, County Manager, appeared before the Board and presented as to the County Manager's Office (CMO) Budget as related to courts. Andrews discussed the County Manager's Office budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the County Manager's Office Department courts, and responded to

questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the County Manager's Office budget. Chair Newton thanked Andrews for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

5.5 Revenue

David Andrews, County Manager, appeared before the Board and presented as to the County Manager's Office (CMO) Budget as related to revenue. Andrews discussed the County Manager's Office budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to the County Manager's Office Department revenue functions, and responded to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held a general discussion on the County Manager's Office budget as related to revenue. Chair Newton thanked Andrews for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

6 Pender County Schools

Dr. Brad Breedlove

Dr. Brad Breedlove, Superintendent of Pender County Schools, appeared before the Board and presented as to Pender County Schools' Budget. Dr. Breedlove discussed the Pender County Schools' budget request and the County Manager's proposed budget as relevant to Pender County Schools and responded to questions from the members of the Board. The Board held discussion on the Pender County School's budget and requested the manager consider adjustments to the budget that could meet the needs for the School System's maintenance and expansion of student population considering the state requirements for class sizes. Chair Newton thanked Dr. Breedlove for his time and efforts involved in the budget process.

7 Wrap Up Discussion

The Board held a general discussion of the budget items discussed at the meeting. Thereafter it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. That motion being unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.