

**BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
MINUTES**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Review Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Thursday, May 23, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, Samuel Gardner and Bart Miller were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr. and County Clerk, Ex-Officio Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation – led by Commissioner Gardner
Pledge to the Flag – led by Commissioner Ray

B. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Discussion and comments relative to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

County Manager Wilson reviewed the changes to the recommend budget already agreed to by a majority vote of the Board as follows:

- a) Funding reinstated for 4 Detention Officers in the Sheriff's Department Budget and 5 positions in the Fire District Fund.*
- b) Longevity funded at 50%*

Then, County Manager Wilson reviewed the alternatives with further reductions by Public Works, Tax Commissioner, Parks & Recreation, Executive, Administration & Revenues with comparison for various Millage Rate Increases.

After substantial discussion, the following consensus votes were taken relative to the FY' 14 Budget.

<i>Long Term Disability not funded for FY' 14.</i>	<i>Carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Ray & Gardner opposing.</i>
<i>Commissioner Gardner forfeited his entire training and travel budget for Fiscal Year 14. (District 5)</i>	<i>Cost Savings: \$2,000- travel \$1,500- training</i>
<i>Commissioner Ray forfeited his entire travel budget and reduced his training budget in half. (District 2)</i>	<i>Cost Savings: \$2,000- travel \$ 750- training</i>
<i>Reduction of the DFACS Budget in the Welfare Department in the amount of \$50,440.</i>	<i>Carried unanimously by all.</i>
<i>Reduction of the Public Works, Solid Waste & Garage Budget, as recommended by Director Jake Garner, in the amount of \$105,500.</i>	<i>Carried unanimously by all.</i>
<i>Reduction of the Parks & Recreation Budget, as recommended by Director Louis Greene, in the amount of \$20,400.</i>	<i>Carried unanimously by all.</i>
<i>Reduction of the Tax Commissioners Office Budget, as recommended by Tax Commissioner Sylvia Hollums, in the amount of \$5,000.</i>	<i>Carried unanimously by all.</i>
<i>Revenues from School Resource</i>	<i>Carried unanimously by all.</i>

<i>Officers increased in the amount of \$32,700.</i>	
<i>Estimated .75 mill increase in tax levy with aforementioned cost saving will necessitate a 1.186% across the board salary reduction required to balance the FY' 14 Budget.</i>	<i>Carried by a consensus of 3-2 with Commissioners Miller & Flowers-Taylor opposing. Both Commissioner Miller & Flowers-Taylor agreed to a millage increase of .50</i>

C. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/ _____
Chairman

/s/ _____
County Clerk

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