

**MINUTES**  
**FIFTH BUDGET MEETING OF THE**  
**COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022**  
**5:00 o'clock p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The fifth budget meeting for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 was called to order at 5:00 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Denver F. Braswell. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

**PRESENT:** Those present were Commissioners Barbara Jelks, Chris Hunnicutt, Marc DeMott, Mike Boyd, and Johnny Hardin, Chairman Denver F. Braswell, County Administrator Chas Cannon, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Paul Nagy.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Compliance Officer Justin H. Cox, Finance Director David Zeanah, and EDA President Barbara Grogan.

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023 BUDGET OVERVIEW:** Mr. Cannon presented a brief recap of budget meetings held thus far.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION CONTINUED:** At this time, Mr. Cannon opened the floor for discussion on the following:

- Vehicle – Compliance Department – Mr. Cannon stated that funding was included in the proposed budget for a new truck for Chief Compliance Officer Justin H. Cox. Mr. Cannon stated that Mr. Cox's current vehicle would be sold on Gov Deals to alleviate the estimated purchase cost of \$31,500.00.

Mr. Cox stated that, in retrospect, the purchase of the Durango was not practical for code enforcement and the performance of inspections throughout the county.

Discussion ensued regarding the current mileage of the Durango as well as it being the opportune time to sell the vehicle.

**FAILURE OF MOTION TO INCLUDE FUNDING IN PROPOSED BUDGET FOR VEHICLE FOR COMPLIANCE:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion to include funding in the proposed FY 22 – 23 budget for the purchase of a new truck to be utilized by Compliance Director Justin H. Cox. The motion died due to lack of a second.

It was the consensus of the Board that no vote was necessary due to funding already being included in the proposed budget for the purchase of said vehicle.

- Recommendations for 501(c)(3) funding – Mr. Cannon requested direction regarding funding requests from Serenity House and Crossroads for Her, both non profit organizations.

Discussion ensued regarding funding, in the amount of \$10,000.00 each, for the organizations, with emphasis on the fact that these would be one time payments only.

**APPROVAL OF MOTION TO APPROVE ONE TIME PAYMENT TO SERENITY HOUSE AND CROSSROADS FOR HER AND TO DEVELOP FUNDING POLICY FOR NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:** Commissioner Jelks made the motion to grant \$10,000.00 each to both Serenity House and Crossroads for Her, in the form of a one time payment only, and to develop a policy to govern any funding granted to a non-profit organization. Commissioner Boyd made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion on Other Budget Items – At this time, discussion ensued regarding employee pay increases and employee health increases as well as funding sources for said increases.

Commissioner Jelks stated that she would like for some sort of consideration to be made for senior citizens regarding property taxes. Discussion extensively ensued regarding this issue.

Budgets for the residential and landfill divisions of the Solid Waste Fund were discussed. Increases in solid waste fees were also discussed.

Chairman Braswell stated that he could support the increase in residential solid waste fees as long as customers who paid their bill a year in advance receive a 10% discount in return.

**KEY DATES:** Mr. Cannon presented a list of key, upcoming dates.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denver F. Braswell  
Chairman



Melissa Lawson  
County Clerk

Approved:

