

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Budget Workshop

Thursday, May 1st, 2025

9 AM

The Board met on this date in Budget and Regular Session. Chairman Austin Hosford, Commissioners JT Surles, Jessica Gramling, Ben White, and Gene Hall were present. Clerk Trey Hightower, County Manager Shannon Metty, HR Director Renee Long, County Attorney Evan Rosenthal, Assistant County Attorney Kirsten Mood, and County Budget Officer Gus Rojas were also present.

1. Overall Summary

- Gus Rojas provides an update.
- He states that there are four budgets to workshop today. He provides a general summary of where we are at: contingency at \$655,000 including COLA.

2. Road Department

- Jeffery Lee provides an update.
- We need more equipment, including two new tractors, a dump truck, and a mini excavator. Working on trading in current equipment that we are not using.
- The board thanks him for doing a great job.

3. Solid Waste

- Robbie Slack provides an update.
- We only have one inmate supervisor.
- Commissioner Surles requests Shannon Metty to reach out to the warden to request more inmate supervisors. Inquiry about if there will be another hire for animal control.
- Robbie replies that they intend to hire as soon as possible. They are waiting for more applicants.
- The board discusses the potential need for a new front loader garbage truck and the impact of aging equipment on maintenance costs.

4. County Manager

- Shannon Metty provides an update.
- Will cut budget by \$75,000.
- Miscellaneous gift cards for employees and employee recognition included.

5. Adjourn

- **Commissioner Surles motions to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner White and unanimously passed by the board.**