

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 2, 2007

The Board met this date for a Budget Workshop. Present were Chairman J.N. Tuten, Jr. and Commissioners Gene C. Hall, Felix "Skeet" Joyner, Danny Monroe, III and Jerry Sutphin.

Also present were County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Planning Official Bill Tellefsen, Ambulance/Fire Director Mark Matthews, Road Superintendent David Harvey, County Extension Director Larry Halsey, County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird, Sheriff David Hobbs, and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced the preliminary budget hearing for September 4, 2007 at 6:00pm and the final budget hearing for September 24, 2007 at 6:00pm.
2. Sheriff David Hobbs explained that his budget increase request of \$250,000 was for rising insurance and fuel costs and the costs of keeping deputies on the streets for public safety.
3. Chairman Tuten explained that the other departments had been asked to decrease their budgets or stay at last year's numbers. He requested Sheriff Hobbs to do the same.
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams suggested that Sheriff Hobbs be allowed to run the numbers with both the Sheriff's requested increase and last year's budget. Chairman Tuten concurred.
5. Commissioner Joyner expressed frustration over the number of unfunded mandates from the state.
6. Mosquito Control Director Bob Glenn explained to the Board that his budget request was offset by matching state funds. Chairman Tuten advised Mr. Glenn and Mr. Reams to meet and iron out the Mosquito Control budget.
7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams read Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter's explanation for her budget increase request in her absence. The consensus of the Board was to take her request back to last year's level.
8. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, the workshop was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Clerk