



Board of Commissioners Budget Work Session

May 10, 2023

MINUTES

1. ADOPT SUGGESTED AGENDA

On motion of Commissioners Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the May 10, 2023 Work Session Suggested Agenda was approved.

2. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) for Personnel Matters.

On motion of Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board returned to Open Session.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND BOARD DISCUSSION - WORK SESSION WILL BEGIN UPON COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION

A. FY24 Budget Overview

County Manager Vincent Jones provided a presentation and discussed issues impacting the FY24 Budget.

- Commissioner Davis stated that voting against full funding for paid firefighters was voting against firefighters.
- Commissioner Davis questioned why funding is included for new EMS positions when we have vacancies already that haven't been filled.
- Davis further questioned the ABC Commission fund balance and discussed the allocation of funds that the ABC Commission provides to the County.
- Commissioner Hunt stated that the ABC Commission does have funds in reserve, however they also have mortgages and other projects coming up that those funds will be used for.
- Commissioner Pierce suggested looking into ways to become more competitive in order to fill EMS vacancies.
- Commissioner Powell noted that firemen risk their lives to keep citizens safe and not funding the paid firefighters would be wrong.
- It was noted that in the FY23 budget funding for paid firefighters is \$160,000 and the proposed amount in the FY24 budget is \$300,000.

B. FY 24 Capital Improvement Plan Overview

Discussion on the FY24 Capital Improvement Plan will take place at the May 17, 2023 Work Session.

4. ADJOURN May 10, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board