FRIDAY
1:30 PM
MARCH 23, 2012

Board members present: Board of Commissioners, Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell

Others: Jerry Pettit, County Auditor; Deanna Panattoni, County Treasurer; Judy Pless, Budget & Finance Manager

REGULAR MEETING

BANK FEES

Treasurer Deanna Panattoni presented the Board with a spreadsheet showing the banking fees, showing a total of $5,930.06 for January and February of 2012. Treasurer Panattoni would like to increase her cash drawer so she could make change for other offices and wanted to get the board’s support. The Board agreed she should move forward. She would also like to proceed with inter-departmental transfer of funds from departmental bank accounts. Currently the Auditor and Clerk utilize this option and it works great. Discussion occurred about the banking fees and the cost of the junior taxing districts usage. Commissioner Jewell would like to know the costs of the banking charges and to see if we can charge the districts for their fees. Deanna needs to get a prosecutor opinion. Commissioner O’Brien would like to know the list of Departments that are at other banks.

CREDIT-DEBIT CARDS

Treasurer Panattoni talked about a Point and Pay a company much like our existing company Official Payments. She may want to switch companies as Point and Pay offer more flexibility to other offices.

BUDGET REPORTS

Budget & Finance Manager Judy Pless presented the budget reports. These reports included the retail sales and use tax for 2011 and 2012 year to date collections. In 2011, the amount collected was $2,915,196 and the budget was $2,600,000. The
collections through February 2012 were at $522,277 or 18.65% of the 2012 budget of $2,800,000. Pless submitted a preliminary year-end report showing the General Fund revenues and expenditures for 2011, revenues collected at 23,201,356 with a budget of $19,570,274; and expenditures of $18,111,790 with a budget of $21,156,045. Pless stated that the departments did a great job holding their spending. The Board also received a report showing the all the funds and departments revenues and expenditures. Commissioner Jewell stated he would like to see the fund balance broke out of the revenues and expenditures in the county funds so he could see the actual and how each fund was doing financially.

Commissioner Jewell discussed options for the 2013 budget process, wanting to complete the revenue projections first then do the departmental expenditures budgets. It was decided we will talk about options at the next meeting.

TELEPHONE - SCAN

Budget & Finance Manager Judy Pless informed the Board that the state scan system was going away and we were working the state representatives to discuss our options. The state has been working with Fairpoint Communications. Pless stated they will keep the Board informed.

ADJOURN

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

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Judy Pless
Paul Jewell, Chairman