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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

2:00 pm, Tuesday, October 14, 2015

Second Floor Conference Room

W. Harold Pate Courthouse Annex Building

Brunswick, Georgia

Present:

Committee Members: *B. Brunson, J.R. Stambaugh and R. Strickland*

Elected Officials/Staff: *J. Catron, W. Davis, K. Downs, M. Herndon, C. Kinstle, V. McClinton, A. Miller, T. Miller, A. Ours, C. Overstreet, O. Reed, V. Stevenson and S. Usher*

Press: *M. Permar*

Other: *Monica Smith*

The meeting began with an update of a draft of the FY15 financial position. Commissioner Strickland discussed adjusting the revenue stabilization fund. Commissioners plan to discuss that again in the near future.

Ms. Reed then gave an update on the health insurance claims and prescription drugs. Commissioner Brunson asked why claims administration went up so much and Ms. Reed is going to look further into that. Ms. Reed also discussed the Wellness Center, what it provides and its utilization rates. Commissioner Stambaugh asked what the benefit of the Wellness Center was and Ms. Reed responded. Then she stated that the County was charged \$40 per covered employee per month for the Wellness Center regardless of how many use it. Ms. Miller stated that Shaw Hankins, the County's third party administrator, could have an actuarial report done to gauge the return on investment for the Wellness Center. Commissioner Brunson stated that the County should not consider a 90-day supply of pharmaceuticals from a retail pharmacy since mail order pharmacies are so much cheaper.

Commissioners then reviewed the programs offered by the Recreation Department. Mr. Ours explained that there were two items provided for their review: 1) a list of all of the budgets for recreation; and 2) a list of all the programs available through the Recreation Department. Commissioner Stambaugh expressed his dismay at Dog Obedience classes being on the list of programs available. When Ms. Kinstle explained that the County contracts with others to provide some of these programs, Commissioner Stambaugh stated that they did not need to see those other programs. Commissioner Stambaugh also explained that the County was looking at the Y operating the aquatics programs and were supposed to get a preliminary proposal from them in October. They are planning to operate under a cost plus style contract. Commissioner Brunson asked if this would include beach lifeguards and Commissioner Stambaugh responded that they really did not cover that – it was a more of a liability issue.

Commissioners were given a copy of the travel policy and all of the training and travel budgets. Commissioner Strickland asked if this number has remained pretty consistent and Mr. Ours responded that he did not believe it had due to the recession and training being added back to some budgets. He also spoke about the high turnover and the cost of that in training. Commissioner Brunson then asked about mandated training for staff and Mr. Ours responded that there was none except for perhaps law enforcement. Commissioner Strickland asked about the two trips budgeted for a new ambulance and Chief Herndon explained why they were budgeted.

Commissioner Stambaugh then made a suggestion that the people who put these budgets together – he prefaced it by saying that no one was accusing anyone of spending too much money. He wants each person to go through their budgets (shooting for 10%) and writing down what the department can do without and the ramifications for doing so. He has some ideas:

- Shutting off vehicles – he has personally witnessed vehicles sitting for 1, 2, 2.5 hours.
- GPS systems – all the new radios are GPS capable. Everyone believes that everyone who works for them is 100% honest. September 9th at 10:30 in the morning someone who works for public works was standing in line at the tag office. That's county money. Put GPS systems in all the vehicles and keep honest men honest.
- The only other alternative is for the Commission to come in and tell everyone to cut their budgets by 5, 10, 12%.

Commissioners then discussed privatization. Mr. Ours gave a recap of aquatics, Blythe Island Regional Park and EMS services. We have discussed aquatics. He also stated that he went to Skidaway Island yesterday to look at their park which is very similar to ours. He also spoke to Commissioner Williams back in the summer about whether the State would be interested in operating Blythe Island Regional Park. He also stated that based on the observations at Skidaway Island it is apparent that we are operating pretty efficiently, but that if privatization did not work he felt like there were areas of opportunity to reduce costs or areas that we could add revenues. He also stated that his goal was to come to the Finance Committee in November with an RFP ready to be released for EMS services. Commissioner Brunson stated that he had spoken to several people from around the state and that it sounded like there was the potential for significant savings. There was discussion about maintaining one unit so the county does not lose its license. There was also discussion about the potential for buying ambulances for much less, and about workers compensation claims. Commissioner Stambaugh then stated that Public Works was also mentioned and that he thought we should explore whether that would be feasible too.