

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2012

Commissioner Ring Erickson convened a meeting at 1:30 p.m. with Auditor Karen Herr, Theresia Ehrich, Chief Finance Manager; Frank Pinter, MCSO Finance Manager and Diane Zoren, Assistant to Commissioners to explore options for 2013 budget reductions. Commissioner Steve Bloomfield also attended. The meeting was held in the Conference Room because the Commission Chambers was unavailable due to the Hearing Examiner's schedule.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson reviewed the 2013 budget requests and noted which departments have increases. She does not believe an across-the-board reduction is the best way to balance the budget. If a department has submitted a budget that already has reductions she does not believe it is fair to ask for further reductions.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked Frank Pinter if the Sheriff's office could absorb the increases they submitted for the MACECOM, nursing contract and courtroom security overtime. Mr. Pinter agreed these amounts could be absorbed in their budget.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson then discussed changing the travel policy so per diem is not allowed and suggested that any amounts budgeted for travel be eliminated from the 2013 budgets.

The Auditor's office will submit a change to the travel policy.

After discussing all possible reductions, the following proposal will be submitted for the Board's consideration at the November 15 budget workshop:

\$35,000 Sheriff's Office reduction to the Jail nursing contract budget line

\$19,612 Sheriff's Office reduction to the 911 Dispatch budget line

\$11,000 Sheriff's Office/Courtroom Security reduction to overtime budget lines

\$30,238 Commissioner budget reduction

\$ 9,600 WACO Dues eliminated

\$10,000 WSAC & NACO Dues eliminated

\$10,000 reduction in the Clerk's budget

\$5,000 reduction in the Human Resources & Probation Services budget

All departments will reduce their budgets by any amount they have budgeted for travel.

All Equipment Rental & Revolving (ER&R) charges for telephone, computer and vehicles will be eliminated.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted this proposal will be considered as an alternative to across-the-board budget reductions which was proposed at this morning's workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren, Assistant to the Commissioners

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