



Commissioner Battle recommended that any departmental Association dues that are not needed be cut from the budget.

Commissioner Satterfield requested that the County Manager provide to the Board the total amount of funds appropriated in the budget for travel. Commissioner Satterfield stated that there need to be cutbacks in travel.

Mr. Howard informed the Board that the Building Inspector has agreed to a \$7,500 cap on his personal vehicle travel.

Commissioner Hall stated that it was his expectation, from the County Manager's standpoint, that any possibility of cuts in the budget without severely hurting the County need to be brought before the Board. Commissioner Hall added that in reference to paying for personal vehicle travel versus driving a County vehicle, the County has got to start looking at what is most economical for the County. Commissioner Hall stated that as far as the budget, the Board's only options are to raise revenues, cut expenditures, or a combination of both.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that it was his understanding that the Board had instructed the County Manager that they were not going to have a tax increase this year and were not going to take money from Fund Balance. Commissioner Satterfield confirmed that it was the Board's desire to reduce expenditures.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that savings could be realized if the County Maintenance Department and Schools Maintenance Department could be combined.

Commissioner Battle stated that at some point the Board is going to have to raise taxes because the County does not have the amount of revenues coming in that it needs to operate.

Commissioner Travis stated that he would not support a tax increase, especially in this year's economic situation.

Commissioner Hall stated that, in his opinion, the Board has not looked long-term for the last four to five years.

#### RECESS

At 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to recess the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### BUDGET WORK SESSION

At 6:20 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to reconvene the budget work session on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board continued the budget work session on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Commissioner Hall stated that he did not feel comfortable with the revenue figures projected in the budget and added that the Board needs to cut expenditures, raise taxes, and they need to start planning for the future.

Commissioner Battle agreed that the Board needs to start planning for the future rather than just trying to get through each year.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that the Board is faced with trying to find monies to fund over one-half million dollars because they know that renovations have to be made to the Jail, as well as the purchase of Sheriff vehicles or ambulance unit. Commissioner Satterfield added that the State is still making cuts which could affect the County and this makes the revenue figures from the State for the County uncertain for next year.

Commissioner Travis stated that the County Manager needs to look at cutting everything that he can from the budget, and if possible, to do so without cutting any employees.

Chairman Jefferies directed the County Manager to look at each of the County's 22 departments and come back with additional cuts at the next budget work session and that each Commissioner come back with a plan that they feel will work.

RECESS

At 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to recess until Monday, June 1, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Wanda P. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

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Jeremiah Jefferies  
Chairman

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