

Floyd County Council
Minutes
October 16, 2024
6:00 P.M.
Pineview Government Center
Commissioners Meeting Room #104

Danny Short called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also Present- Attorney, Steve Langdon; Auditor, Diana Topping; Chief Deputy Auditor, Gloria Jones and Sheriff, Steve Bush

Dale Bagshaw led the invocation.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to approve. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes *9-10-24 Council Meeting Minutes*

10-7-24 Council Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve both minutes. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw.

Motion passed unanimously.

Public

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township; Ben Kraft, 1243 Riddle Road; Scott Fancher, Floyds Knobs; Dale Mann, Georgetown; Ed Gullett, Georgetown; Greg Freiberger, Banet Road, Floyds Knobs and Mark Huber, Pete Andres Road spoke out against the Public Safety Local Income Tax.

Old Business

1. Modifying Tax Rates – Second Reading

Ordinance 2024-08 Modifying Local Income Tax Rates

Denise Konkle presented two different scenarios. Scenario B shows everything that she believes is needed to shore up the budget. She said they will need \$1.4 million for the EMS contracts for the next 2 years. They will have a \$2.1 million deficit in the General Fund and Jail LIT will need about one million dollars so they will need about \$4.5 million.

The proposed .5% Public Safety LIT will generate \$6.4 million but they will give the City eight million dollars.

Scenario D is the same needs but do a .1% Public Safety LIT to generate the funds for EMS, raise the Judicial LIT from .04% to 07%. It would only cost the constituents \$15.00 a year. She would like to take the Jail LIT from .2% to .3% to generate another three million dollars. The Jail LIT could not be voted on because it wasn't advertised but could still vote on it this year

and start collecting next year. They can generate \$5.3 million dollars and only cost constituents \$155.00 versus the \$500 a year on an income of \$100,000.00. Danny Short said the County is not giving the City anything. The state splits it up. With the EMS LIT has funds being collected from the City residents that they actually have to cut a check back to the City. He said Harrison County has a Public Safety LIT and Clark County has an EMS and Public Safety LIT. If this is passed at this meeting, they will not have to come back for a number of years to ask for more money.

Denise Konkle said she would like to see a plan on how they are going to spend the extra money in the next five years.

Danny Short said the Council will have to decide how to spend the funds but he has presented more needs coming up in the future that they will need to fund.

Connie Moon said this is a Public Safety Tax not an EMS tax. It is for the entire Public Safety. The County wide fire-based EMS will cost more than the one-million-dollar rumor and there will be upfront costs as well. Not all Firefighters and EMTs are willing to be cross trained. The tax will be used for law enforcement and they need to be able to hire and retain the best law enforcement officers available. They need to have fully staffed departments in the City and County. Probation and Community Corrections also needs access to reliable and effective equipment to perform their duties and hire the people that can do those jobs. The tax will help free up monies in the General Fund so they can continue to plan for the future. She believes a smaller tax years ago could have prevented the need for this tax. They could have been paying the employees fair wages all along instead of taking such a large hit all at once. And maybe could have updated the County building instead of a new build. Without passing this tax at the current proposed rate, future Councils will have no choice but to increase or implement new taxes every year at budget time to cover the deficit. She asked her fellow Council members if they are willing to put Floyd County in the same position 10 years from now.

Jim Freiberger said they only need to pass a tax for what is needed and can increase down the road, if needed. He said the EMS hasn't been passed by the Commissioners. It is a special task force that Jason Sharp started and had a special committee that pushed it forward. No one has proven to them why the current EMS they have in place with Ameripro and Highlander Fire is not working at \$1.4 million. He said they do not have to do 100% funding for the Sheriff's Department pensions. He finds it that they're even going to ask for pension increase when they did a benefit study when all of them voted against putting it back on the Commissioners and cutting pensions for the employees. They do 3% that is not required by the state. That's \$500,000.00 a year they can cut from the budget.

Brad Striegel said the proposed \$2 million deficit that their fiscal agent said they had in the General Fund, he doesn't believe exists. He mentioned some of the funds that were not accounted for so the deficit goes away. Last year they looked at getting the proper tax structure in place, they looked at a Judicial LIT that had a very small increase to the taxpayer but was vigorously opposed by some members of the Council, so much that, only half the rate was put in. Public Safety is not at risk in 2025. He believes that it's their responsibility each

year when they adopt a budget to look at it and see about making adjustments up or down. This is too much of an ask.

Connie Moon said the Judicial LIT passed last year was not passed as the bill writer intended. They are now grandfathered in. She will not pass a tax that is boasted and inflated when that is not the language of the bill.

Tony Toran said its obvious our county is growing and so are the needs. He has spoken to people in his district. He understands that it gives us more options and they will benefit from and gives a greater ability to use in their budgeting in the long run.

Dale Bagshaw said they tried cuts and the Commissioners are not budging. He said he is for Public Safety and infrastructure. He said they are not required to provide EMS by state statute, but he thinks it's the right thing to do. He said if they go Fire based EMS they will have to procure equipment, plus labor cost to hire the employees.

Motion for Council to approve Ordinance 2024-08 with the .5 maximum on the Public Safety Tax. Move by Connie Moon. Seconded Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed 4-3. Denise Konkle, Brad Striegel and Jim Freiburger opposed.

New Business

1. Superior Court 3 Judge Maria Granger (NB#1)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$820.00

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
9176.30005.00000.0000	Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

Motion to approve. Move by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Transfer

Fund: County General –Superior 3

Line Balance: \$661.60

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.10131.00000.0203	D	Interns	\$ 750.00
1000.30048.00000.0203	I	Guardian Ad Litem	\$ 750.00

Motion to approve. Move by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Veterans Crt User Fees

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$1,135.00

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
2502.20003.00000.0000	Misc Supplies	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 1,065.00

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Motion to approve. Move by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Defender Matt Lorch (NB#2)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Foster Care Title IV-E

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$3,915.76

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
8000.30001.00000.0000	Contractual Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

Motion to approve. Move by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Floyd County EMA-Kent Barrow (NB#3)

a. Request for Transfer

Fund: LEPC

Line Balance: \$9,158.76

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
8107.20102.00000.0000	D	Emergency Planning	\$ 50.00
8107.30007.00000.0000	I	Training	\$ 50.00

Motion to approve 3a&b. Move by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Transfer

Fund: County General –EMA

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.20020.00000.0361 <i>Line bal: \$86.68</i>	D	Equipment Supplies	\$ 48.26
1000.40009.00000.0361 <i>Line bal: \$500.00</i>	D	EOC Improvements	\$ 500.00
1000.30022.00000.0361	I	Vehicle Expense	\$ 548.26

Motion to approve 3a&b. Move by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Community Corrections –Daraius Randelia (NB#4)

a. Request for Transfer

Fund: Community Corrections Adult

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT

9143.10108.00000.0000 <i>Line bal: \$15,632.00</i>	D	Supervisor	\$ 12,500.00
9143.10034.00000.0000 <i>Line bal: \$10,521.25</i>	D	Surveillance Officer 1	\$ 2,200.00
9143.10035.00000.0000 <i>Line Bal: \$12,392.46</i>	D	Surveillance Officer 2	\$ 4,000.00
9143.10036.00000.0000 <i>Line bal: \$30,171.68</i>	D	Surveillance Officer 3	\$ 30,171.00
9143.20001.00000.0000	I	Office Supplies	\$ 3,200.00
9143.20005.00000.0000	I	Drug Test Supplies	\$ 7,500.00
9143.10011.00000.0000	I	Conferences	\$ 8,171.00
9143.30001.00000.0000	I	Contractual Services	\$ 30,000.00

Motion to approve 4a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Director of Operations– Don Lopp (NB#5)

a. Request for Transfer

Fund: Stormwater

Line Balance: \$103,133.90

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1197.60006.00000.0000	D	Capital Projects Drainage	\$ 45,000.00
1197.20011.00000.0000	I	Gas Maintenance	\$ 45,000.00

Motion to approve 5a,b,c&d. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Statewide 911

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: -82,012.28

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1222.30005.00000.0000	E911 Communications	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00

Motion to approve 5a,b,c&d. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: GIS

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$91,914.63

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
9113.40003.00000.0000	GIS Software	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,500.00

Motion to approve 5a,b,c&d. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: ARP

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$1,528,916.56

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
8903.40039.00000.0000	Charlestown Road Trail CE	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00

Motion to approve 5a,b,c&d. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Floyd County Health Dept– Charlotte Bass (NB#6)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Health Dept

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$174,104.48

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1159.30130.00000.0000	CPR-Red Cross	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Motion to approve 6a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Denise Konkle. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Floyd County WIC– Krista Comer (NB#7)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: WIC

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
8103.10009.00000.0000	Registered Nurse PT	\$ 45,936.80	\$ 45,936.80
8103.10090.00000.0000	Coordinator/ Dietician	\$ 57,758.48	\$ 57,758.48
8103.10110.00000.0000	Clerk	\$ 14,988.87	\$ 14,988.87
8103.10111.00000.0000	Clerk III	\$ 35,690.20	\$ 35,690.20
8103.10125.00000.0000	Registered Dietician	\$ 39,421.20	\$ 39,421.20
8103.10012.00000.0000	Longevity	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
8103.10002.00000.0000	FICA	\$ 15,310.87	\$ 15,310.87
8103.10004.00000.0000	Health Insurance	\$ 66,297.84	\$ 66,297.84
8103.10007.00000.0000	Workers Comp	\$ 590.06	\$ 590.06
8103.10005.00000.0000	Unemployment	\$ 2,655.00	\$ 2,655.00
8103.10003.00000.0000	PERF	\$ 25,390.55	\$ 25,390.55
8103.20001.00000.0000	Office Supplies	\$ 3,601.60	\$ 3,601.60
8103.20007.00000.0000	Educational Supplies	\$ 1,643.30	\$ 1,643.30
8103.30008.00000.0000	Postage	\$ 730.08	\$ 730.08
8103.30006.00000.0000	Travel	\$ 1,299.30	\$ 1,299.30

8103.30017.00000.0000	Liability Insurance	\$ 1,657.00	\$ 1,657.00
8103.30004.00000.0000	Telephone	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
8103.30010.00000.0000	Maintenance Agreements	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 2,142.00
8103.30005.00000.0000	Professional Services	\$ 6,346.00	\$ 6,346.00
	Total	\$ 325,359.15	\$ 325,359.15

Motion to approve 7a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Floyd County Auditor – Diana Topping (NB#8)

a. Request for Transfer

Fund: County General-Auditor

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.10169.00000.0002 <i>Line Bal: \$15,639.64</i>	D	Property Tax Deputy II	\$ 5,012.60
1000.30027.00000.0002	I	Software Support	\$ 5,012.60
1000.10166.00000.0002 <i>Line Bal: \$13,428.82</i>	D	Property Tax Manager	\$ 1,876.00
1000.30027.00000.0002	I	Software Support	\$ 1,876.00
1000.10166.00000.0002 <i>Line Bal: \$11,552.82</i>	D	Property Tax Manager	\$ 1,104.00
1000.30120.00000.0002	I	Tax Software Support	\$ 1,104.00

Motion to approve 8a. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Transfer

Fund: County General-Veterans Services

Line Bal: \$1,831.44

BUDGET ACCOUNT CODE	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000.40001.00000.0012	D	Office Equipment	\$ 650.00
1000.30006.00000.0012	I	Travel	\$ 650.00

Motion to approve 8b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Floyd County Council (NB#9)

a. Floyd Co Ordinance 2024-11 October 16, 2024 Transfers

Motion to approve 9a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Denise Konkle said Auditor Topping informed her the County went live with LOW Financial System this week.

Connie Moon said JRAC grants have been reviewed and given to the secondary group. It will be voted on by the full JRAC board on Monday, October 21, then taken to the Commissioners at their next meeting and should have some public notices going out to the recipients.

Public

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on November 12, 2024.

FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL



Danny Short, President



Connie Moon, Vice President



Dale Bagshaw, member



Jim Freiburger, member



Denise Konkle, member

Brad Striegel, member



Tony Toran, member



ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor