

Floyd County Council
Special Meeting Minutes
October 7, 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

1. Modifying Tax Rates

Ordinance 2024-08 Modifying Local Income Tax Rates

Denise Konkle asked what the \$4.6 million is going to be used for in 2025. She has not seen any numbers with a plan that says what the annual cost is going to be for EMS in the future.

Danny Short said they have discussed, in the past, what will be needed but this isn't just a 2025 issue. It will be closer to \$6.4 million. It will be used for EMS \$1.3 million and use it to clear some of the Sheriff's budget out of General Fund.

Connie Moon said they will need funds for Parks for another Maintenance person and EDIT is short.

Denise Konkle said it's not fair to constituents to not have a plan on what the money will be spent on.

Connie Moon said it is fair to constituents because the County needs to be proactive as opposed to reactive.

Brad Striegel said he looked at the Baker Tilly projections and identified additional funds and surplus. They can do more before they ask for something quite burdensome on the taxpayers. He said the majority of the money would go to the city and towns. They would benefit from it but haven't asked for it. He doesn't see a need to go to the highest rate of the Public Safety LIT.

Jim Freiberger supports the EMS tax at \$1.4 million. He said their not making cuts within the budgets that are necessary. They've asked the Commissioners, he has come up with an analysis on employee benefits that could be pulled in line with the other counties with that study they have paid for yet they won't concede to the ¼ of a million dollars. They passed a CCD and Judicial tax last year, property taxes have increased and inflation. The people in his district do not want new taxes above and beyond what's necessary. Other than the 1.4 EMS tax he will not support any new tax.

Brad Striegel said additional revenue is needed in the future. If they would have passed the Judicial LIT at the highest rate last year as presented they wouldn't be in the position they are today. The only thing there are not meeting right now is EMS but they do have funding options. All other public safety is fully funded. Major needs will be met if this tax does not pass.

Denise Konkle said if they raise Jail LIT to .3% and Judicial LIT to .07% next year it will bring in another \$4 million costing the taxpayers \$110.00 for a \$100,000.00 income. The Public Safety LIT will cost the taxpayers \$500.00 on a \$100,000.00 income. Danny Short reminded Ms. Konkle that Jail LIT was not advertised so it is not an option.

Danny Short said there is more flexibility with the Public Safety LIT.

Connie Moon said they are playing catch up from previous years' shortfalls.

Motion to approve .5% Public Safety Tax beginning January 1, 2025. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed 4-3. Brad Striegel, Denise Konkle and Jim Freiberger opposed.

A second Reading of the ordinance will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

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

Signed the 16th day of October, 2024

FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL



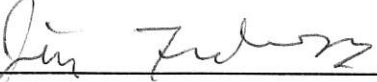
Danny Short, President



Connie Moon, Vice President



Dale Bagshaw, member



Jim Freiberger, member



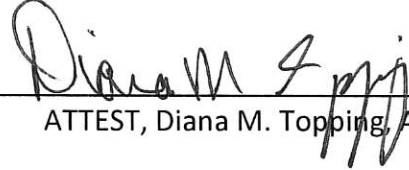
Denise Konkle, member



Brad Striegel, member



Tony Toran, member



ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor