

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

9:00 AM

Budget Worksession

BCC Chambers

Board of County Commissioners

Call to Order

Present: Chairman (District 4) Amy Lockhart
Vice Chairman (District 5) Andria Herr
Commissioner (District 1) Bob Dallari
Commissioner (District 2) Jay Zembower
Commissioner (District 3) Lee Constantine

Additional Attendees: Darren Gray, County Manager; Tricia Johnson, Deputy County Manager; Meloney Koontz, Assistant County Manager; Desmond Morrell, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Deputy Clerk Kyla Farrell.

Opening Comments**FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET WORKSESSION**

FY 2023/24 Budget Worksession with Constitutional Officers, Court Support, and Florida Dept of Health (Timothy Jecks, Budget Director)

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Judge Jessica Recksiedler addressed the Board and presented the 18th Judicial Circuit Court budget. The presentation was followed by Board questions and comments.

Property Appraiser David Johnson addressed the Board and presented the Property Appraiser's budget. The presentation was followed by few questions from the Board.

Sheriff Dennis Lemma and Lisa Spriggs, Chief of Administrative Services, addressed the Board and presented the budget for the Sheriff's Office. The presentation was followed by questions and comments from the Board.

Commissioner Zembower left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Recess Budget Worksession Until 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Lockhart recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Reconvene Budget Worksession at 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Lockhart reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET WORKSESSION CONT'D

Tim Jecks, Budget Director, addressed the Board and noted there has been a change in the agenda. The Supervisor of Elections will present before the Clerk of Court and Comptroller.

Chris Anderson, Supervisor of Elections, and Bobbi Kidd, Deputy Chief Administrator, addressed the Board and presented the budget for the Supervisor of Elections. The presentation was followed by Board questions and discussion.

Grant Maloy, Clerk of Court and Comptroller; Tony Landry, Chief Information Officer; and Jenny Spencer, CPA, CGFO, and CFE, Director of Comptroller's Office and Clerk Finance, addressed the Board and presented the Clerk's budget. The Clerk's presentation was followed by Board questions and comments.

Chairman Lockhart recessed the meeting at 4:03 p.m., reconvening at 4:18 p.m., with all Commissioners and all other Officials, with the exception of Commissioner Zembower and Commissioner Dallari, who were present before the recess.

Amber Padrick, Guardian Ad Litem Assistant Circuit Director, Circuit 18, addressed the Board and presented the budget for the Guardian Ad Litem. There were Board questions and comments.

Blaise Trettis, Public Defender's Office, addressed the Board and presented the Public Defender's budget. There were no questions or comments.

Phil Archer, State Attorney, and Ashley Wood, Executive Director, addressed the Board and presented the State Attorney's budget. There were no questions or comments.

Donna Walsh, Health Officer; Ana Scuteri, Assistant County Health Department Director; and Tom Kellis, Business and Community Relations Division Manager, addressed the Board and presented the Health Department's budget. There were Board questions and comments.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE (UPCOMING MEETINGS)

County Manager Darren Gray stated staff will follow-up with some of the additional information that the Board has discussed today. He advised they will most likely need an extra day for budget work sessions. The next one is planned for June 20, but there are some follow-up items that will need to be addressed. All of the County departments will present; and they will also be talking about sales tax, Article V, and the capital projects list. Staff will most likely work with the Commissioners to set up a separate day for an additional work session, and then he will bring a couple options to the Board for them to look at. It may need to be pushed to July, but he will try to set it for June.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, BOARD COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, DIRECTION

Chairman Lockhart stated in regard to requests for additional information from Constitutional Officers, she would like the Board's asks of each Constitutional Officer to be consistent. If they are asking for budget detail for one, they need to be asking it from all. The additional information helps solidify that they're all working together to make good decisions. There was Board consensus that all requests should be the same. Vice Chairman Herr suggested they should also be prepping for next year, so this is the ask now and the expectation for future submissions as well. Mr. Gray explained since this was his first budget with the County, he told staff he would like to go through this year how it is normally done; and then tweak it next year, possibly having everyone together over a couple of days so the Board can see the full picture of revenues and expenditures. Vice Chairman Herr stated when they have the Property Appraiser kick-off budget discussion talking about the increase to revenue for property taxes, that sort of sets a bar; other revenue sources to the organization may not be increasing to that degree, and there may be other sources that are actually decreasing. That bar needs to be calibrated from the very beginning; and even if they are setting the bar, it seems to be an irrelevant number. Mr. Gray stated staff has discussed kicking off the year in January with an economic forecast because they will know a lot of the revenue projections at that time.

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN BUDGET WORKSESSION

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m., this same date.