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# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION

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MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2013  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
9:00 A.M.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Tallman called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Chairman Tallman delivered the invocation and led the pledge.

3. DISCUSSION

Chief Finance Officer, Justin Stankiewicz went over the tentative budget with the Board. He stated that the budget is roughly \$166,785.00 out of balance and he would like to go over it page by page. Commissioner Smith stated that he's been through a lot of these meetings and we need to do a lot of work. He stated that this budget is based on 10 mills. He also stated that the huge increase in retirement contributions has really hurt the budget. Mr. Stankiewicz informed the Board that by increasing item number 34855, Traffic Court Improvement Fund by \$15.00 will add up to an additional \$9,600.00 for this fund. County Attorney Wade was instructed to write an Ordinance to this effect and have it ready for the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Stankiewicz also felt that item number 36200, Rents and Royalties could be increased if we were to increase the rent that A&A Transport would be paying. County Attorney Wade will have the contract updated and ready for review at the August meeting. Commissioner Smith stated that A&A doesn't make the money that people think they do. Mr. Stankiewicz stated on item number 36900, Miscellaneous Income could be increased if the County were to sell the Farmers Market. Commissioner Smith suggested that the Board have it appraised and request sealed bids with a set minimum. He stated that regarding item number 38120, Transfer From General Fund Special Capital Account (GF1) he would like to see us put \$60,000.00 back in since all of it had to be used last year to balance the budget. He stated that item number 51159, Contingencies is very low and one repair could actually break the account. Commissioner Smith stated that he isn't happy about that and would like to increase this line item to \$25,000.00. Mr. Stankiewicz stated on item number 57958, Maintenance of King Memorial Building he would like to decrease this account from \$7,500.00 to \$2,200.00. Commissioner Smith stated that Janet Booth needs an air conditioner for her office and that will have to be paid out of this line item. Commissioner Smith stated that item number 52434, North Florida Regional Planning Council CP & SPS are now cut from \$7,000.00 to \$3,500.00.

Commissioner Tallman stated that he had met with Bret Parrish and the County could purchase a 60x40 metal building that could be used as a fire station for \$59,000.00.

Commissioner Smith stated that he wasn't interested. Chairman Tallman stated that it wasn't Commissioner Smith's money. Commissioner Smith asked Commissioner Croft if he had

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spoken with anyone about the fire station for District 5 and Commissioner Croft stated that he was waiting to hear from Mrs. Newsome. Commissioner Smith stated that he was willing to give \$40,000.00 of his fire station money to help balance the budget, but if he gets any more money from NRSWA he wants it to come back to him. Fire Chief, Mitch Andrews stated the building that Chairman Tallman mentioned is exactly what he was looking at. He stated that he had worked on the EMS Station in Worthington Springs and the cost was approximately \$75,000.00, including a television, appliances, etc. He would also hope to have inmates finish the inside, when the time comes.

Chairman Tallman stated that with EMS there is a bit of difficulty with receivables. EMS Director, Chris Drum stated that they will never be able to collect 100% and he wants to be able to reduce what EMS receives from the general fund as much as possible.

Mr. Stankiewicz stated that he didn't know the last time that Special Assessments were raised, but that could be looked at. Commissioner Smith stated that he was against raising taxes.

Commissioner Smith stated that he wants to purchase a new truck for Solid Waste Director, Jimmy Beasley and use Mr. Beasley's current truck as the Animal Control truck. He stated that the truck could be purchased off of state contract for \$16,000.00 at 3.09%. No action was taken on this matter.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was recessed until Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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JIMMY TALLMAN, CHAIRMAN

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