Budget Work Session Minutes Jenkins County Board of Commissioners Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:00 P.M.

- 1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Hiller Spann, Pamelia Dwight (arrived at 4:10 P.M.), Jonathan Powell (arrived at 4:03 P.M.), and Tracie Coney. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, Chief Appraiser Vicky Patrick, BOA Chairman Glen Mays, and TAS Representative Melzar Nye.
- 2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
- 3. Under Property Digest Discussion, Commissioner Spann inquired as to why the assessments from last year were incorrect and are going to cost the County \$110,000 in Public Utilities Funds. Mr. Melzar Nye stated that TAS did not realize the COVID impact in time to make the adjustments last year. Commissioner Spann then inquired about the fact of having to increase the assessments this year to "catch up" from lack of action last year. He then stated that it would be up to the County to appease the taxpayers, if possible.
- 4. Chairman Weathersby and Commissioner Spann will have a separate discussion with the Chief Appraiser regarding the assessments.
- 5. Chairman Weathersby announced that the BOE had planned to reduce its millage rate to 14.000.
- 6. Under Budget Review and Discussion, Mr. Saxon presented copies of the adjusted proposed budget to the Board. The Board discussed in detail the proposal by EMS for adding on an additional 24 hour crew for each day and potentially eliminate call shifts. EMS Director Henry Young discussed the need to eliminate the call shifts. Mr. Saxon explained the computations of the proposed tax revenues, including values for motor vehicles, mobile homes, and timber. Commissioner Spann stated that he was not in favor of such a large budget deficit. He suggested areas where departmental budgets could possibly be adjusted. Mr. Saxon will make necessary adjustments and will officially present the budget to the Board during the Regular Meeting on September 12, 2023.
- 7. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the Work Session at 6:35 P.M.

Signatures are on the following page.

Chairman Horace Weathersby III

Tracie Coney

Jonathan Powell

Hiller Spann

Pamelia Dwight

Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator