

SPECIAL SESSION COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Monday, August 30, 2010 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearing

Members of the Court Present:

Charles Watson	County Judge
Keith Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Commissioner Pct. #2
Doyle Dickerson	Commissioner Pct. #3
Fayne Warner	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Judge Watson called the public hearing to order.

AGENDA ITEM #1-Proposed Budget

Judge Watson asked if anyone present wants to speak.

Mr. Lloyd, 911 Coordinator, said he has comments in the department that he is responsible for. He said a new department "Flood Plain Administration" was added to his responsibility. No funding was put into the budget for this position. It will take a huge community outreach to accomplish this department. Non-compliance can have a big impact on citizens as well as County government. He said he has been trying to get a meeting with the Commissioners for about 6 weeks to bring them up to date on this. Mr. Lloyd said that the 911 department that he actually gets paid for, 60 percent is paid by DETCOG.

Mr. Lloyd said he has helped most of the offices become more efficient by putting forms on their computers instead of having to hand-write everything. There has been no formal training for the employees on how to fully use the information technology that we have. He said he knows that money is tight but he was told that he would be compensated.

Commissioner McDaniel asked Mr. Lloyd how much in compensation was he asking for.

Mr. Lloyd said it was up to the Court to determine. He said there needs to be a pay scale between the elected official and the chief deputy.

Mr. Lloyd also said that Linda Thibodeaux should be compensated for all the work she does. She is paid for 2 days a week as a part-time employee with the 911 office but she volunteers with the VA officer.

Linda Thibodeaux said she also has taken the test for the sewer inspector and is qualified in that area. She said Gordon could not do it all by himself.

Gordon Thibodeaux is the part-time VA Officer and handles on-site sewer applications. He is paid the same as a regular deputy in the other offices except the Sheriff's department. His proposed salary in the budget for 2011 is \$22,331.00.

Judge Watson said we may need to look at how much time Ms. Thibodeaux is volunteering and just let Gordon do what he can. We do not pay volunteers.

County Treasurer, Tricia Jacks, asked the Court to consider instead of giving a \$300.00 per year raise for employees, to give a merit pay. This would be a one time payment. It would not be figured into salaries. The employees would see more from a one time payment instead of \$12.50 per pay period which would only put some into a higher tax bracket.

The Treasurer also said we don't know at this time about the Auditor position or how it will be funded.

Martha Stone, Tax Assessor, asked if some of the state funding could be looked at to compensate Mr. Lloyd and Ms. Thibodeaux.

Judge Watson said that may be an option.

A budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Warner seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Charles E. Watson CHARLES WATSON

Keith Clark KEITH CLARK

Jimmy M. Daniel JIMMY MCDANIEL

Doyle Dickerson DOYLE DICKERSON

Fayne Warner FAYNE WARNER

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

Janice McDaniel JANICE MCDANIEL

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County Of Sabine
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