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WORKSHOP
MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 17,
2023

The Board of Sumter County commissioners (BOCC/Board) convened in a workshop session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at The Villages-Sumter County Service Center in Wildwood, Florida, with the following members present to wit: Roberta Ulrich, District No. 1, Vice Chairman; Andrew Bilardello, District No. 2; Craig A. Estep, District No. 3, Chairman; Jeffrey A. Bogue, District No. 4, 2nd Vice Chairman; and Donald Wiley, District No.5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator; Stephen Kennedy, Assistant County Administrator; Jennifer Rey, with The Hogan Law Firm, Attorneys for the Board; and Melissa Elliott, Deputy Clerk. Commissioner Estep called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the invocation given by Commissioner Bogue followed by the flag salute, led by Commissioner Bilardello. The Complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the Clerk's Website - www.sumterclerk.com.

1. Public Forum

The following individuals spoke during Public Forum:

1. Gilbert Windsor, 2354 Bramble Terrace, The Villages
2. Reed Panos, Sunset Ridge Dr., The Villages

2. Sunshine Law, Public Records and Quasi Judicial Proceedings (For Information Only)

1-17-23-2-Sunshine Law Public Records

Jennifer Rey, County Attorney, presented this item with a slideshow, and discussed at length each item. Ms. Rey and Mr. Arnold answered several questions from the Board along the way, ensuring clarification of all procedures.

1-17-23-2-Sumter County Quasi -Judicial Hearings Procedures

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3. 2023-27 Strategic Plan (For Information Only)

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, presented this item, verifying the strategic goals of the Board. It was a consensus of the Board to go forward with the plan presented.

1-17-23-3

4. Workshop and Budget Calendars (For Information Only)

1-17-23-4-Worshop and Budget Calendars

1-17-23-4-Budget Calendar

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator presented this item.

5. Purchasing Training (For Information Only)

1-17-23-5

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator presented this item and also addressed some of the concerns that Mr. Windsor had during Public Forum.

6. Medical Examiner Budget (For Direction)

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator presented this item. Commissioner Bogue had discussed this item under his time at the January 10, 2023 meeting and asked that it be put on a workshop agenda for discussion. Commissioner Bogue said that he wants to talk to the Medical Examiner for a concrete answer on whether they are on board to move forward with building a new facility for our district. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to give direction to Mr. Arnold to draft a letter to the Medical Examiner's office, informing them that the Sumter County BOCC will give their support for the new facility.

1-17-23-6-Medical Examiner Advisory Committee

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7. FY23-24 Employee Services and Benefits (For Direction)

1-17-23-7

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator presented this item. Mrs. Kitty Fields, Employee Services Director, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Arnold also discussed budget impacts as they pertain to cost of living increases of 8.7%, to comply with the CPIW (Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers). This would not just be for the BOCC, but also for the employees of the Constitutional Officers as well. Mr. Arnold, discussed the future increases in the BOCC's health insurance costs and its effects on the employees and retirees as well as resolving some current inconsistencies in the plan. Mr. Arnold discussed a 5 year plan in which, at the end of the five years, everyone on the plan would be paying 25 percent of the total premium in keeping with industry standards. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Arnold to go forward with 8.7% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment). Commissioner Estep acknowledged Mrs. Fields for her years of service as she plans to retire in April.

8. The Village Center Community Development District Fire & EMS Contracts (For Direction)

1-17-23-8

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, presented this item. Mr. Arnold first explained that he had spoken with, and met with on two occasions, The Villages District Manager, to ensure that he understood and supported the Mr. Arnold's and then shared with the Board that his intent is to recommend to the Board to continue two of the contracts for Mutual Aid between the BOCC and VCCDD (Villages Center Community Development District) for one year in a similar, but not same fashion. Mr. Arnold shared that in his proposal, the hard line between the two Fire Operations in Sumter County would remain and that if they need each other's support, it's still a Mutual Aid request. This would allow them to provide data related to how well we have staffed up the ambulances for availability and how well we are handling the responses. He talked with the District Manager about changes to the terms and language for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Need, in which he was in favor of. In addition, Mr. Arnold shared that Fleet Maintenance for Fire and EMS would continue to be provided by The County, with updated terms as well. The County would also continue to do the Fleet maintenance for all the non-fire and EMS district with updated terms.

Mr. Arnold also explained that The County is handling the dispatch activity for the 911 call processing for the District Government into Lake County and intends to change the term and increase the per call dollar amount to \$138. This is a result of the initial data provided being a lower volume. Lastly, Mr. Arnold discussed the funding of EMS Operations and presented a spreadsheet regarding such. After discussion, it was the consensus of The Board to direct Mr. Arnold to go forward with the items discussed.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.