

**Floyd County Council
Budget Workshop Minutes
August 7th, 2023
4:30 P.M.**

**Pineview Government Center
Meeting Room #104**

Denise Konkle called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also Present- Attorney, Steve Langdon; Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Commissioner, John Schellenberger

1. 2024 Budget Deficit discussion \$800K/Plan to shore-up?

- Transfer \$350,000.00 out of Riverboat due to Animal Shelter funding changes
- Receive \$200,000.00 for Federal Inmate
- Tim Stricker, Reedy Group, stated Certified shares for 2024 will increase \$400,000.00 - \$600,000.00

Danny Short will check on an adjustment on Riverboat Funding distribution.

2. 2024 Budget Preparations Discussion with Office Holders

- A. Cola or no cola?**
- B. Employee contribution to Perf or not?**
- C. Spend Cash reserves?**

Jim Freiburger stated he would like to give 3% COLA to everyone except the few that are above their pay level according to the salary survey and keep the rest of the budgets flat for 2024.

Danny Short would like to postpone the Judicial LIT until next year. He would like to work with through the current taxes until they have a better idea on this year's budget.

The consensus is to keep the 3% COLA to all employees except for the 15-20 that were identified at already above the amount on the salary survey.

3. Efficiency Study RFP?

Brad Striegel stated the last efficiency study was in 2015. Dale Bagshaw cautioned the Council to be careful because it could come back with results that they do not want to address.

Danny Short said they need to look at Best Practices in other counties.

The Council decided to hold off on the Efficiency Study at this time. Danny Short said he will investigate their options.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

**Floyd County 2024 Budget Hearing
September 12, 2023
9:00 AM**

Denise Konkle called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also present: Auditor, Diana Topping

1000-232 Circuit Court Judge Brown

1000-201 Superior Court 1 Judge Stiller

1000-227 Magistrate Judge Flanigan

1000-225 Superior Court 3 Judge Granger

1000-226 Superior Court Judge Hancock

The PATB employees pay were increased 9%. The judges were able to cut their budgets to cover the increase. The increase was within the salary survey range.

1000-236 Probation Kelly Deuser

2100 Supp Adult Probations User Fees Kelly Deuser

1220 County Offender Transfer Kelly Deuser

2500 Juvenile Informal Adj Fee Kelly Deuser

1122 Project Income Daraius Randelia

Moved the Surveillance Officers to Grant 9143.

9143 Adult Community Corrections Grant Daraius Randelia

1000-007 Coroner Greg Roution

Decreased Supplies -\$500.00, decreased Training -\$500.00, decreased dues -\$1000.00, decreased Gas -\$500.00, decreased Computer System -\$500.00

1000-009 Prosecutor Chris Lane /Cami Lipps

Removed Receptionist 1000-009-1000-19 -\$33,000.00. No COLA, use 2023 Salaries. The 2nd Deputy Prosecutor, Lead Misd Deputy Prosecutor, 3rd Deputy Prosecutor, Paralegal 2, Victim Advocate and 5th Deputy Prosecutor will receive 3% COLA.

1000-660 Child Support Chris Lane/Cami Lipps

No COLA, use 2023 Salaries except Asst Director/Caseworker and Caseworker

2501 Diversion Fund Chris Lane/ Cami Lipps

4932 Drug Investigations Chris Lane/Cami Lipps

4939 Bad Check Fund Chris Lane/Cami Lipps

Zero out the entire budget

9126 State Forfeiture Fund Chris Lane/Cami Lipps

8897 Prosecutor Title IV-D Chris Lane

1000-271 Public Defender Matthew Lorch

Matt Lorch stated the Indiana Public Defender Commission recommended to move the Public Defenders that were in the Superior II to the Public Defender's Budget. The County is reimbursed 40% by the Commission. He requested the Public Defenders in Superior Court be paid the same, \$60,000.00. Change Administrative Coordinator the same rate as Court Staff,

\$54,395.00. Add a full-time Administrative Assistant at \$40,000.00. Add three contract Public Defenders at \$40,000.00 each

1200 Supplemental Public Defender Matthew Lorch

Move the PT Office Support pay up to reflect her increase in experience and knowledge, and education to \$21.50/hour from our supplemental fund. One independent contractor Public Defender pay at \$60,000.00. Add a Law Clerk contractual at \$1,000.00

1000-001 Clerk Danita Burks

1000-062 Election Danita Burks

1000-010 Voter Registration Danita Burks

1000-810 Records Danita Burks

1217 Elected Official Training - Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer/Auditor Danita Burks

1119 Clerk's Records Perpetuation Fund Danita Burks

9122 County Elections Danita Burks

1000-012 Veterans Service Office Marti Snider

1000-003 Treasurer Steve Burks

1217 Elected Official Training - Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer/Auditor Steve Burks

1189 Recorder Perpetuation Fund Lois Endris

1217 Elected Official Training - Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer/Auditor Lois Endris

1000-006 Surveyor John Brinkworth

1202 Surveyor Corner Stone John Brinkworth

Requested Part Time position to Full Time position at \$47,000.00. Benefits will be paid out of Cornerstone Fund.

1000-008 Assessor Terry Watson

Lower 1000-008-2000-04 Cartridges to \$1,000.00

1000-066 Board of Appeals Terry Watson

1188 Reassessment / Mapping Terry Watson

Reduce 1188-000-1000-03 PT Help to \$24,000.00

1131 Disclosure Fee Fund Terry Watson

1000-005 Sheriff Steve Bush

Dispatchers increase is 4.5%

1233 LIT-Jail Tax Steve Bush

Change Specialists to Sergeants at a cost of \$25,000.00 with a possible addendum to Bargaining unit contract.

1192 Sex/Violent Offender Steve Bush

9002-005 Employee Benefits Fund – Sheriff Steve Bush

Reduce Police Pension Line to recommended \$1,582,487.00

4909 Youth Services Leah Pezzarossi

Need to budget \$45,000.00 4909-000-1000-20

1112 EDIT Don Lopp

1112-000-4000-20 Change name to GO Bond

Economic and Redevelopment Bond moved to Commissioner Capital Fund

1000-068 Commissioners Don Lopp

Change 1000-068-3000—09 All Insurance to \$650,000.00

1135 Cumulative Bridge Don Lopp

1169 LR & S Don Lopp

1176-530-533 MVH Don Lopp

1197 Storm Water Don Lopp

4933 Redevelopment Don Lopp

1222 E911 Don Lopp

1207 Unsafe Building Fund Don Lopp

1000-079 Plan Commission Don Lopp

1173 MVH-Restricted Don Lopp

1000-324 IT Don Lopp

9113 GIS Dept Don Lopp

9121 Highlander Point/ Edwardsville TIF Don Lopp

9130 Commissioner Capital Projects Don Lopp

9129 GO365 Non Reverting Fund Suzanna Worrall

1179 Parks N/R Operating Matt Denison

1219 County Parks & Recreation Admin Matt Denison

1159 Health Department Charlotte Bass

1168 Local Health Maintenance Charlotte Bass

1161 Local Public Health Maintenance Charlotte Bass

1206 Local Health Trust Charlotte Bass

1000-361 Emergency Management Kent Barrow

Asking for a Full Time Deputy Director. The position will need to be on Council agenda and go through the WIS process.

1000-750 Soil & Water Conservation District

1000-808 Co op Extension Service Janet Steffens

1000-309 Human Resources Michelle Portwood

Added \$500.00 for mileage

1000-308 Weights & Measures Stephen Ingraham

1000-002 County Auditor Diana Topping

Moved Gloria Jones' meeting stipend pay moved to Auditor budget from County Council budget. Stipend pay was increased to \$100.00 per meeting. Change line amount to \$5,000.00 The budget dropped \$74,000.00 in 2024 but will increase in 2025 because of new financial and taxing software.

1217-000-3000-04 Elected Official Training - Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer/Auditor Diana Topping

1000-061 County Council

Connie Moon stated she thinks the Council salaries should not include 3% COLA.

Add \$500.00 to 1000-061-3000-02 County Council Travel

7303 Riverboat

Add \$75,000.00 to Animal Shelter 7303-000-3000-37

9002 Employee Benefits Fund

Increase 9002-000-1000-14 BluMine Monthly Fee to \$242,000.00

Increase 9002-000-1000-09 Longevity to \$180,000.00

Increase 9002-000-1000-07 Group Health Insurance to \$3,500,000.00

9120 Interest Fund

New Albany Fire District Reuben Cummings

Georgetown Fire District Chief Banta

Highlander Fire District Reuben Cummings

Waiting on Gateway for Form 3. There will be a separate budget hearing.

NAFC Library - Melissa Merida

River Hills - Cory Cochran

Rauch - Scout Hardin

Life Spring - Nick Clarke

NA FC Building Authority

Solid Waste

All budgets will be taken under advisement.

**Motion to recess 2024 budget hearing. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Danny Short.
Motion passed unanimously.**

**Floyd County Council
Budget Hearing Minutes
Highlander Fire Protection District
October 10, 2023
4:00 P.M.
Pineview Government Center
Commissioner Meeting Room #104**

Denise Konkle called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*
Roll Call – Present: President-Denise Konkle, Vice President-Brad Striegel, Tony Toran, Jim Freiburger, Dale Bagshaw and Danny Short. Connie Moon -Absent
Also Present- Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Commissioners, John Schellenberger and Jason Sharp

1. Highlander Fire Protection District 2024 Budget

Reuben Cummings presented the Highlander Fire District Budget.
He stated in 2024 Lafayette Fire District and Greenville Fire District combine to create Highlander Fire Protection District.

Recess Budget Hearing

Motion to recess. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

**Floyd County Council
Special Budget Meeting Minutes**

2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104

New Albany, IN 47150

October 10, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Denise Konkle called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also Present- Attorney, Bridgette Cantrell; Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush; Treasurer, Steve Burks; Recorder, Lois Endris; Coroner, Greg Roution and Commissioner, John Schellenberger

PUBLIC

1. 2024 Budgets

County Council Salaries

Motion for the County Council 2024 Salaries to remain the same as 2023 Salaries. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners Salaries

Tony Toran asked why the Commissioners are being singled out from all elected officials. Connie Moon said the Council and Commissioners make a lot of decisions and need to set an example to the public.

John Schellenberger stated the Commissioners are under paid according to the salary survey.

Motion for the Commissioners 2024 Salaries to remain the same as 2023 Salaries. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Danny Short. Motion passed 4-3. Dale Bagshaw, Denise Konkle and Tony Toran opposed.

EMA Deputy Director Budget

Motion to give EMA Deputy Director a part-time position up to 28 hours. Moved by Denise Konkle. Motion failed for lack of second.

Motion to move EMA Deputy Director from full-time according to the budget to part-time 11 hours, the same as 2023. Moved by Danny Short. Seconded by

Connie Moon. Motion failed with a count of 3-4. Denise Konkle, Tony Toran, Brad Striegel and Dale Bagshaw opposed.

Motion to change EMA Deputy Director from 11 hours to 15 hours per week. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Danny Short. Motion failed with a count of 3-4. Denise Konkle, Tony Toran, Brad Striegel and Dale Bagshaw opposed.

Motion to change EMA Deputy Director to 25 hours maximum. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion failed with a count of 2-5. Connie Moon, Denise Konkle, Brad Striegel, Jim Freiberger and Tony Toran opposed.

Motion to make EMA Deputy Director part-time up to 28 hours. Moved by Denise Konkle. Motion failed for lack of second.

Motion to make EMA Deputy Director part-time 15 hours a week. Moved by Danny Short. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed 4-3. Denise Konkle, Brad Striegel and Tony Toran opposed.

Building Authority Budget

Danny Short said he would like to see a breakdown on utility cost. He researched the cost for Commercial property maintenance, calculated what the savings could be and believes they need to cut costs.

Denise Konkle said she is not comfortable cutting the budget without discussing with the Building Authority. She suggested having a meeting with the Commissioners and Building Authority to discuss ways to reduce costs.

Danny Short stated they have lost their way on holding the purse strings of the County. They need to ask questions when the budgets are presented.

Prosecutor Budget

Diana Topping asked if the entire prosecutor's office being held at 2023 salaries. The 3rd Paralegal and 5 Prosecutors will be brought up to mid-point salary.

Motion to bring the 3 Deputy Prosecutor positions to \$86,634.00, one 4th Deputy Prosecutor position to \$80,281.00, 5th Deputy Prosecutor to \$77,250.00 and Paralegal to \$47,725.00. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Defender Budget

Motion to make the Prosecutor Office Administrator and the Public Defender Office Administrator at the same amount with no 3% COLA. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to add Administrative Assistant position to Salary Ordinance. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Denise Konkle. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Budget

Stan Heil requested to move \$80,000.00 from 1000-005-2000-08 Equipment to 1000-005-1000-80 Merit Pay. Brad Striegel asked Mr. Heil to send an email with the request.

IT Budget

Jim Freiberger questioned an extra \$56,000.00 for Cyber Security in General Fund that was pulled from the EDIT Budget.

Denise Konkle requested to add the GO Bond Resolution to the next Joint Meeting. County Council passed a resolution for \$500,000.00 but Commissioners did not sign the resolution.

Court Staff

Jim Freiberger asked about the salaries for Court Staff. Dale Bagshaw stated the judges offered cuts to pay for salary increases. The Court staff is paid less than PATB.

Jim Freiberger questioned the Employee Insurance Budget. \$3.7 million was budgeted for 2024. He asked if they were going to get the cost down without cutting jobs. Denise Konkle stated the Commissioners control benefits. Mr. Freiberger stated they really need to look at the benefits since they have brought the salaries up.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

**FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL
2024 BUDGET ADOPTION MINUTES**

October 16, 2023

5:30 P.M.

PINEVIEW GOVERNMENT CENTER
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM #104

2024 BUDGET ADOPTION

Denise Konkle called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*
Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also Present- Attorney, Steve Langdon; Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush;
Commissioners, John Schellenberger, Al Knable and Jason Sharp; Judge Carrie
Stiller and Public Defender Matt Lorch

1. BINDING UNITS

a. Solid Waste

Fund	Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Binding Unit	Solid Waste	\$ 579,234.00		

Motion to approve 1a,b and c as advertised. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Georgetown TWP Fire District

Fund	Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Binding Unit	Georgetown TWP Fire District	\$ 2,989,967.00	\$ 1,541,146.00	.3105

Motion to approve 1a,b and c as advertised. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

c. New Albany TWP Fire District

Fund	Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Binding Unit	New Albany TWP Fire District	\$ 2,343,200.00	\$ 1,546,905.00	.1920

Motion to approve 1a, b and c as advertised. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

2. FLOYD COUNTY

Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Floyd County	\$ 38,353,567.00	\$ 12,787,000.00	0.3795
Home Ruled Funds	\$ 14,957,951.00		

Motion to cut \$56,000.00 from the IT budget for System Software from County General. Moved by Jim Freiberger. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed 4-3. Denise Konkle, Brad Striegel and Tony Toran opposed.

Jim Freiberger stated the Building Authority did not appear at the budget hearing to answer questions. Their budget has increased \$600,000.00 since 2020. Brad Striegel stated he is not comfortable cutting their budget without understanding the impact and implications of the cut. Denise Konkle stated she is in favor of cutting their budget with discussions with the Building Authority and the Commissioners.

Motion to cut \$250,000.00 from the New Albany Floyd County Building Authority budget out of Commissioners building and office space rental. Moved by Jim Freiberger. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed 4-3. Denise Konkle, Brad Striegel and Tony Toran opposed.

Jim Freiberger stated he would like to fund the additional PERF 2% instead of the 3%. Danny Short stated they have been talking about these cuts for a while. They will either have the employees pay the contribute 1% or the money will have to come from someone else. Denise Konkle stated she is not opposed to the cut but is handled out of order.

Motion to cut \$183,800.00 out of Employee Special fund for Perf. Moved by Jim Freiberger. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed 4-3. Denise Konkle, Brad Striegel and Tony Toran opposed.

Motion to amend the budget for Commissioners' 3% COLA. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion failed with a 4-3 vote. Connie Moon, Danny Short and Jim Freiberger opposed. Super majority (¾) vote is needed.

Motion to amend the budget for the EMA Deputy Director position to full-time. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion failed with a 4-3 vote. Connie Moon, Danny Short and Jim Freiberger opposed. Super majority (¾) vote is needed.

Motion to approve the budget, as amended and signed outside of meeting, Ordinance 2023-04. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Danny Short. Motion passed 6-1. Brad Striegel opposed.

3. 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE

a. Part-time Employees pay rate

b. 2024 Salary Ordinance

Brad Stiegel stated the Commissioner 3% COLA and EMA position will be appropriated in January.

Motion to approve 2024 Salary Ordinance with amendment of Part-Time employee pay rate at \$16.00, 3% COLA for the Commissioners and make EMA part-time position to Full-Time. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed 4-3. Connie Moon, Danny Short and Jim Freiberger opposed.

Motion to recess. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Floyd County Council
Budget Adoption Minutes

Pineview Government Center
 Commissioners Meeting Room #104

October 24, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Denise Konkle called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*
 Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also Present- Attorney, Steve Langdon; Auditor, Diana Topping; Commissioners,
 John Schellenberger, Al Knable and Jason Sharp

1. Budget Adoption –Binding Unit

a. Highlander Fire Protection District

Fund	Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Binding Unit	Highlander Fire Protection District	\$ 3,638,442.00	\$2,990,354.00	0.2765

Motion to approve 1a & b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Solid Waste

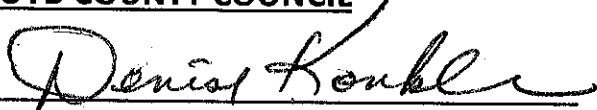
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Binding Unit	Solid Waste	\$ 579,234.00		

Motion to approve 1a & b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment of Budget Adoption

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL



Denise Konkle, President



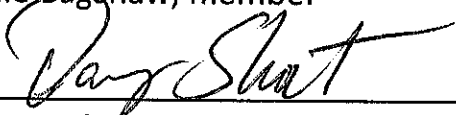
Brad Striegel, Vice President



Connie Moon, member



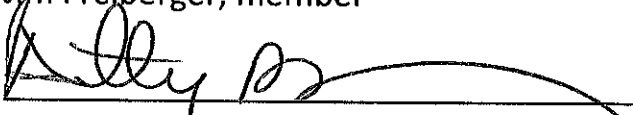
Dale Bagshaw, member



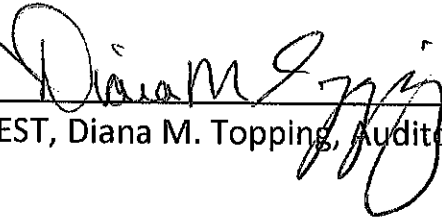
Danny Short, member



Jim Freiberger, member



Tony Toran, member



ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor