

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

December 2, 2013

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the special meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Frank Pinter led the flag salute.
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioner District 1 – Randy Neatherlin; Commissioner District 2 – Tim Sheldon; Commissioner District 3 -Terry Jeffreys.
4. 2014 Budget Hearing - Theresia Ehrich, Chief Finance Manager, reviewed the budget process. She noted that Equipment Rental & Revolving Department (ER & R) rates are included in the 2014 budget. She provided a recap of the changes and adjustments made since the preliminary budget was presented.

Questions for Staff

There was a discussion of the Timber revenue. Cmmr. Neatherlin clarified that it was showing as an expenditure, but the intention is to reserve for one-time expenditures.

There was no public testimony.

Cmmr. Jeffreys commented the budget is still a work in progress. There has been a discussion to consolidate services and hopes to move forward and implement the 2014 budget with a consolidated Central Support Services which will bring efficiencies. She also noted that the Budget Manager position was recently added.

Cmmr. Sheldon commented that he hopes to fine tune the consolidation of services and Equipment Rental & Resolving Department to become more efficient and centralized. He is very encouraged with the progress.

Cmmr. Neatherlin stated that though these are tough times, a cost of living increase brings parity across all employees, including Union and Non-Union members. We are moving forward and working together and he gave special thanks to Bill Kenny, Human Resources Director for the work he has done with the Unions. Cmmr. Jeffreys noted that the last cost of living increase was in 2009.

Cmmr. Jeffreys/Neatherlin moved and seconded to continue the public hearing for the 2014 Budget to Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried. N-aye; S-aye; J-aye.

5. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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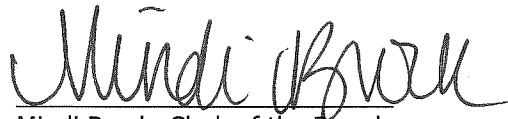


Randy Neatherlin, Chair




Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Mindi Brock, Clerk of the Board



Terri Jeffreys, Commissioner