

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

A Special Called Budget Hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, June 2, 2007 beginning at 5:00 o'clock p.m. Commission Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presided, and Commissioners Eddie Freeman, Johnie McDaniel, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and David Phillips were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute, and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

A. Call to Order.

B. Discussion and comments relative to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.

There were no questions from the few public in attendance, and Mr. Wilson noted there were very few changes during the budget review process by commissioners. He praised the Staff, Department Heads, and Elected Officials who worked hard to manage their budgets during this time of economic downturn.

Commissioner Phillips stated that when fuel prices go this high and county collective belts must naturally be tightened, it is gratifying to have employees who understand, have been very polite and who express gratitude even though a cost of living increase is not in the cards this year. This is not his favorite budget, but he felt it was the best under the circumstances and demonstrated that all could work in one accord.

Commissioner McDaniel appreciated everyone's willingness to make sacrifices for the sake of citizens. Character is built during hard times and this process showed character. He, too, commended all.

Chairman Goss echoed the previous comments and noted he particularly appreciated the job of Staff and Department Heads for renegotiating health benefits and working so diligently on this budget.

C. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned, on motion and second by Commissioners McDaniel and Freeman, at 5:10 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman

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