

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in a Special Called Budget Workshop on Wednesday, June 13, 2001, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Greg Dunn, Chairman
Linda Wells, Vice Chair
Herb Frady (exited the meeting at 12:30)
A.G. VanLandingham

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris W. Cofty, County Administrator
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Mark Pullium, Finance Director
Janet Camburn, Assistant Finance Director
Margaret Malone, Budget Officer
William R. McNally, County Attorney
Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Federal Confiscated Property - 291

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Board would not have much to say about this item because this was a Federal matter and mandated.

Commissioner Wells questioned the funding of a school resource officers. She asked if this was funded out of the Sheriff's Department.

Finance Director Mark Pullium replied yes and Commissioner Wells asked why was that also being funded out of this budget.

Mr. Pullium responded that he was not sure but this would be something that the Sheriff's Department could address.

Commissioner Wells asked if all of the money in budget 291 was drug seizure money.

Mr. Pullium replied that all of the money was from confiscated funds.

Chairman Dunn said the money was not necessarily from drugs.

Margaret Malone replied that the funds were confiscated and there was no county funding there.

Commissioner Wells said if they wanted to increase something ten fold they could do so with this money.

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Chairman Dunn said it was clear that the Board could not offset it if they wanted to do that. Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that the Board could not reduce the budget because they have this money.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve budget 291. The motion carried 4-0.

Parks and Recreation - 160

Mark Pullium remarked that the county had a lot of needs in this budget. He said the fields and parks had been addressed. He said if this budget was implemented there would be a significant improvement to the playing surfaces of all of the fields throughout the county. He said in addition the capital items had been incorporated in the capital budget to try and address some needs that had been identified at various parks by the Recreation Commission and various recreation associations. He said there were a couple of items that had come up as supplemental requests that were not incorporated in this request. He said one was a supplemental request from the Youth Football Association to crown and refurbish the football fields at McCurry Park. He said that cost was estimated to be \$50,000 and would be a joint venture contribution in kind from the Football Association who would provide some funding and some level of manpower to see that these needs were addressed. He said it was anticipated that the total cost would be split 50/50 between the Football Association through their inkind donation and actual dollars contributed. He asked for the Board's consideration to add this to the request and be incorporated in the recommended budget.

Mr. Cofty said he had met with the Association on two or three occasions and they were supposed to have this request to the Board before now.

Mr. Pullium remarked they had made this request a while back. He said when he did some checking and tried to get quotations of outsourcing the crowning of those fields that those prices came in at approximately \$120,000. He said everybody felt like that was just too much money to pay for that. He said staff had gone back to the Football Association and asked them to come up with another idea. He said that was one of the reasons for the latest of this request. He said the bill had gone from \$120,000 bill to less than \$50,000 based on their inkind contribution. He said this was one that he could support as a recommendation. He said this would be for crowning of the Blue Devil ballfield at McCurry Park. He said field number 1 had been crowned in the past and it could be renovated without the total recrowning. He said the other fields were flat and they needed to be crowned.

Mr. Cofty interjected that the improvements also included some ADA accessible ramps and pathway to the park and significant amount of work to go into this process.

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Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that it would be a \$50,000 contribution from the county with a matching fund from the Football Association.

Mr. Pullium remarked that the Football Association would be hosting the State football playoffs and would be bringing in a lot of youth associations from other parts of the State. He felt they were right in asking for this request.

Commissioner Frady asked about the \$350,000 check from the State for recreation.

Chairman Dunn said he had received a letter yesterday saying that Fayette County could use the money for recreation services in Fayette County.

Commissioner Frady asked where this money was and Mr. Pullium replied that the money was in the general fund and designated for future expenditures in recreation.

Director of Recreation Mary Alice Lawrence remarked that she had received a letter from the Football Association stating that they were asking the county for \$38,000 and that would be the official request.

Commissioner VanLandingham said this was the first time he had heard about \$350,000 for recreation.

Chairman Dunn remarked that this was a grant that the county received. He said Senator Hecht had brought the money down from the Governor at the end of last year. He said the money was originally going to be used for a gymnasium at McCurry Park and the county came back and felt a park in the northern part of the county was more of a necessity. He said the Governor's Office said that was alright as long as the money was used for recreation in Fayette County.

Commissioner Wells questioned the expense of the handicapped ramps being included in the budget. She said she wanted to make sure the A.D.A. issues were addressed.

Mr. Pullium remarked that the cost for these ramps was incorporated in the budget.

Mary Alice Lawrence clarified the Recreation Commission's policy. She remarked that they would like to leave the door open for the Football Association to raise some more funds. She said the Football Association would have an opportunity to raise money in the upcoming season and they would be able to present to the county a better proposal with additional funds. She said it would be a 50/50 match.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that they were asking for a \$97,000 job right now and this would include grading and crowning of the fields, rework sprinklers and double sprigged grass. He said this figure did not have anything to do with ramps or anything else. He said they were asking the county for \$38,000 of the \$97,000. He asked if the Recreation Commission had the money.

Mrs. Lawrence replied that their Board of Directors had set aside \$10,000 at this time.

Chairman Dunn asked them how this project would get done.

Commissioner Wells exited the meeting at this time.

Mrs. Lawrence interjected they would use creativity on their part.

Commissioner Frady said the Board could do the same thing it had done with the Soccer Association. He said the Soccer Association needed \$250,000, the county loaned this to them and they were paying the county back.

Chairman Dunn said he wanted to support the effort but was concerned about this issue become confusing in the future and no one would know what the agreement was. He felt the agreement should be in writing.

Commissioner VanLandingham said if the Association could not put in writing that they would do to support their effort then the Board should hold off until this was received. He said the Board could earmark the funds but not release the money until the Board gets in writing what they would do. He felt this should be spelled out. He said he had no problem in funding the A.D.A. portion of this.

Mr. Cofty said he could send a letter to them today and state the County's position in rebuttal to their letter. He felt \$50,000 was enough leverage to address their \$97,000 request.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that money had to be put in for the A.D.A. improvements. He said he would even be willing to go ahead to make sure that the field was ready for the Fall season and the county loan them the money like it had the soccer Association. He said the Recreation group could hold fundraisers to pay this money back. He said he very much agreed with Chairman Dunn and that was that this must be in writing. He felt time limits should also be put on it.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the Board would get the Recreation Commission's commitment in writing before the money was released.

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On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady that the county fund \$50,000 for the renovation of the football field at McCurry Park and make the A.D.A. improvements in the bleacher foundation pursuant to their detailed agreement. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Wells was absent for the vote.

Mark Pullium said that since this budget was submitted he had received a letter from the Town of Tyrone requesting \$48,500. He said this was a 50/50 split to build two baseball fields at a total cost of \$97,000. He said they had requested \$48,500 from Fayette County and this had not been incorporated in the budget because the budget was completed prior to this request. He said this was a supplemental request.

Chairman Dunn remarked that he was hesitant to commit money to it. He said they had requested the county unofficially in the past to give up the old park and to eliminate the reversion clause on the old park.

Mr. Cofty interjected that a request in writing had been received this week.

Commissioner VanLandingham said the official request in the letter that he received just a while ago was to remove the restriction on Shamrock Park.

Commissioner Frady said he did not want to eliminate it.

Chairman Dunn said he did not want to eliminate it either. He said if the Board did not eliminate it then the Town of Tyrone might leave the park where it was. He said Tyrone had another problem that the Commission was not involved in. He said some of the groups in town had informed him and others and it was even in the newspaper that they were building this park on wetlands. He said if that was the case he did not want to donate money to build on wetlands.

Commissioner Frady said the Board needed an official response from the Town of Tyrone on this.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to inform the Town of Tyrone that the County was willing to support their recreation program as soon as they settle their differences with the wetlands situation around Shamrock Park but will not rescind the reversion clause in the contract for their park, discussion followed.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he would have no problem in contributing to Tyrone's recreation program. He said the county had helped Peachtree City and Brooks. He said he did not want to give money to where it was going to be disbanded. He said he would not contribute to a dollar figure but he would contribute to helping them.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that the county built the park that they have now and after it was finished the county transferred over the ownership of the park to Tyrone. He said the county also funds the position of the person who works there. He said the new park would be strictly a city park. He said Tyrone had also indicated that they were going to pay for it with impact fees. He said if Tyrone was using impact fees did not know why they would need the county's money. He felt there were so many potential issues involved in this that he would be afraid at this time to committing to giving Tyrone money in the future. He felt the issues needed to be worked out before any money was sent over there.

Commissioner VanLandingham said even if this was going to be termed as a city park, Tyrone had indicated that the county would benefit through the use of this park. He said he did not have any problems with that.

Commissioner Frady said if the county gave Tyrone money for the park they would be unable to keep Fayette County citizens out.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he had no problem supporting Tyrone's efforts but he did not want to do this until the county was sure that the park was going to stay there. He said by that time the county would know if the impact fees were participating in it and what level the county would need to contribute.

Chairman Dunn remarked if the park stayed where it was now and if the county purchases one of the site locations in the northern part of the county, the county would incur huge expenses building a park in northern Fayette County. He said this park would be an additional city park when Tyrone already has a park. He said Tyrone was talking about shutting down the old park, putting city hall where the old park was and then building their new park. He said the county had already paid 100% of the old park. He said this was an issue that would get really tight as time goes on. He said if Tyrone actually moved the existing park to the new park area, then this would just be a replacement park and would not be an additional park. He said Tyrone would be taking a park that the county had already built and closing it down. He remarked that the county had already paid an enormous amount of money for the park that was already there.

Commissioner Frady said he did not feel like the county could consider recouping funds from recreation services during past years.

Chairman Dunn called for the vote.

The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Wells was not present for the vote.

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Finance Director Mark Pullium remarked that the next request was one from the City of Peachtree City. He said they had requested \$192,500 from Fayette County Recreation budget. He said \$50,000 had been included for support of Peachtree City program in the recommended budget.

Chairman Dunn said this had been the policy of the Board to give Peachtree City \$50,000 and then thank them for allowing citizens in the unincorporated county to use their facilities. He felt this was adequate for this coming year as well.

Commissioner VanLandingham felt the \$50,000 was appropriate. He said it did enhance the total recreation program in the county. He said county residents were allowed to use this even though it was located in the city.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the \$50,000 to go to the City of Peachtree City for recreation. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Wells was absent from the vote.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned Mary Alice Lawrence about the vehicle replacement fund and if there was an area in her budget for that.

Mary Alice Lawrence replied there was enough money in her budget to cover that.

Chris Cofty pointed out that a lot of items were deferred to the C.I.P.

Chairman Dunn questioned item 5432 regarding maintenance of all operational equipment in the sum of \$18,000. He said if this was reduced the reduction would reflect the reclassification of maintenance of athletic field lighting to account 5451. He said when you go to account 5451 it stated that the reduction there reflected a reclassification of expenditure between this account and account 5432. He asked for clarification on this.

Mr. Pullium said that \$16,254 in expense and in line item 5432 \$18,000 was being asked for next year. He said there was a good over budget there last year. He said the \$18,000 should be sufficient to cover that line item and that was what he was recommending to the Board.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the budget request in both lines was \$76,000 for construction services and maintenance. He said the Board had reduced these \$42,000. He asked if this money had been put somewhere else and if so where was it.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that the hard figure on the work sheet did not support what was on the footnotes. He said the \$18,000 was the three year trend.

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Mr. Pullium said there were some capital expenses here in the lighting area that would not be needed this year. He said these were needed last year. He said he was just speaking of the actual electrical costs.

Mary Alice Lawrence said the C.I.P. had covered some of her electrical costs and she was fine with the recommended figure.

Margaret Malone interjected that some of the money had been transferred to the C.I.P. She said some things were not being coded exactly the way they needed to be in the past and it inflated some things. She said they had cleared that up some of these were transferred to the C.I.P. She said this was where the missing money went.

Commissioner Wells re-entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Dun questioned the maintenance of the fields relating to item 5451. He asked if this was enough money to take care of the fields.

Mr. Pullium replied that \$18,000 should be sufficient.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the item for enhancing the ADA walkway. He asked if this was a duplication of money.

Chairman Dunn remarked that this was for all of the parks.

Mr. Pullium said the money would not be spent twice. He said this money was for all of the parks and not just the football fields.

Mr. Cofty said they did not want to have a supplemental request during the year.

Mary Alice Lawrence remarked that the Wieman soccer field needed to be crowned.

Mr. Pullium remarked that quotes had been received for the Wieman field and there would be more outsourcing than budgeting for this.

Mrs. Lawrence said she would need to know as soon as possible.

Mr. Cofty remarked that the blue field was never crowned. He said the game field needed crowning.

Commissioner Wells said the Board would consider this request as the Wieman field crowning came on line.

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Mrs. Lawrence remarked that there needed to be enhancements to the parking lot at the new south side of McCurry Park. She said the inhouse crew was too busy to handle this job and their estimate was \$16,000.

Commissioner Wells said the Board needed definitive figures and budgets now.

Chairman Dunn suggested that \$16,000 be left in this budget for the crowning of Wieman soccer field.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve budget 160. The motion carried 4-0.

Administration - 110

Chris Cofty remarked that this budget had significantly decreased and noted that one position had been transferred to another department.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 110 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Contingency fund - 119

Mark Pullium remarked that there was \$600,000 in the contingency fund to implement the market study although he felt it would come in less than that.

Chairman Dunn said he had no problem with the contingency fund.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 119 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Finance Department - 111

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the category of technical services.

Mr. Pullium replied that an outside consultant had been hired to do property and casualty. He said he would like to train the Assistant Finance Director in this area to help his department.

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On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 111 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Human Resources - 112

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the increase in item 5105 and Margaret Malone said this was already built in the budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve budget 112 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Purchasing Department - 113

The Board had no comments or questions on this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve budget 113 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioners' Office - 115

Carol Chandler reviewed this budget. She said she was concerned about the fact there was no money in technical services. She noted that the video and sound equipment in the meeting room were in need of repair but she did not have any quotes on this at this time.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve budget 115 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Tax Assessor's Office - 118

Chairman Dunn asked Ellen Mills if she had everything she needed to run her budget and she replied she did. He also asked about the \$25,000 that was recommended to be cut from digital mapping.

Ms. Mills said it looks like the Engineering Department said they could work with the program the Tax Assessor's office has now. She said the original program wasn't working, and that her department had gotten some ESRI but they are saying they can train the department on it and they were very certain that it would work.

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Chairman Dunn said the Board put money into the GSI system and the Commissioners want to do the follow-up things necessary to get the benefit from it, but if we can get it that way, that will be great.

Ms. Mills said she understood that she did not get the money for the training but if an emergency comes up, that she could go somewhere else and get the money from the Board through the contingency fund. She commented there was one thing under category #5694 we did not get the funding there which was basically what the Field Appraisers use to go out in the field. She stated she did not understand why her office didn't get approval on this.

The Board confirmed that the item was listed and it was put in the Tax Assessor's budget. Ms. Mills remarked that it stated under category #5699 that phone was not recommended but she assumed that was just the \$25,000 and not the \$3,600.

The Board confirmed the \$3,600 was approved in the budget.

On motion made by Vice Chair Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to adopt the Tax Assessor's budget 118. The motion carried 4-0.

Information Systems - 114

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the Information System's knew they were left out and Ms. Chandler advised that they knew and were on standby.

Mark Pullium commented that the salary line item for the department head was still funded and had not yet been acted on to his knowledge. He recollected that a kiosk system request was in this budget for internet connection.

Chairman Dunn questioned line item #5467 and asked why the internet connection was so expensive. He said we already have the internet connection and the web site is functional and has been redone several times. He also asked if we want every employee to have unlimited access to the internet 24-hours a day. He said according to this, that is what it looks like we are paying for.

Mr. Prince stated we pay for one connection to the network and then we decide on who gets the internet. He said the main reason for the increase, and he didn't know if the board saw the letter he sent Mr. Cofty, was we had one T-1 line to the internet and in December 1999, Jay Wright signed a contract to increase that to two T-1's. He explained that Mr. Wright had \$24,000 budgeted for the year which was \$2,000 a month, well, he increased it to two T-1's which increased it to \$4,686.00 a month and never actually changed the budget. He said we have been paying the account in arrears because we pay out almost \$5,000 a month for two

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T-1's when we only budgeted for one T-1. He remarked he was trying to work to get this decreased if he had everybody's permission, he had been working with Bell South to drop it back down to one T-1.

Mr. Cofty said there would be with no loss in service.

Chairman Dunn inquired how many departments had unlimited access to the internet at this time.

Mr. Prince stated all departments had at least one person that had an internet access connection, some departments had a couple. He said it did not matter how many people had the access because you do not pay per user, you just pay for the one connection.

Chairman Dunn said he was more concerned what the worker was doing with his time.

Commissioner Frady said yes, we do pay for each person to be connected to the internet.

Mr. Prince said if you will notice in #5699, the software budget, he put in, besides the anti-virus software, item #3, internet monitoring software. He said that will do two things that will allow us to monitor our web site to see from the outside world, who is accessing our website and what information they are getting. He said it would also allow the county to monitor every employee's access going out, the sites they go to, and how much time they spend.

Chairman Dunn asked if we were going to become the internet police.

Mr. Prince said he wanted to create reports that log how much time is spent, where the employee is logging onto, so that we can easily find out if the internet is being abused.

Chairman Dunn said there were departments like Planning that would have to have internet access.

Commissioner Frady said he would like to have a list of those who have access.

Commissioner VanLandingham said prevention was a lot easier to install than remedy and he thought that the departments that needed it ought to have it, but he thought the restrictions should be prevalent and just not let everybody sit in front of a temptation and spend time on the internet.

The Board discussed problems various companies had with employees using the internet.

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Chairman Dunn complimented the department for upgrading the county's web site. He added they were doing a remarkable job.

Mr. Cofty said when Mr. Prince came on board he was put in a tough situation with Jay Wright leaving. He added that Mr. Prince had done a tremendous job and he had looked into the dollars and cents aspect of each account line item as one could see by the increase in the T-1 services. He said in addition to that, he had suggested that a program be implemented where a couple of spare computers and laptops could be issued to people when traveling. He said this would eliminate the need to constantly be purchasing laptops.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Prince how he was doing with the Tax Office and the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Prince replied that he was doing pretty good. He said it had been rough because he was short two employees right now and he needed to reserve one day this week so he could go out and do tech work because he has work orders. Mr. Prince called attention to #5316, Technical Services. He remarked he has \$6,845.00 in this year's budget and had not used any of it because he was told he needed some money in that account because the Building Operator was transferred to Information Systems. He stated when the operator was out sick, his department had to hire a temp and he was told the money would come out of Technical Services.

Mr. Pullium stated even though that money was budgeted there were no expenditures in that line item to date.

Mr. Prince confirmed the department had not used any of the money in this category.

Mr. Cofty stated for some reason the receptionist had always come out of the Administration budget and this person needed a supervisor that was in close proximity.

Mr. Prince said \$2,000 would cover sixteen days which would cover sick leave and/or vacation time.

Mr. Cofty stated he felt this was a reasonable request.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Vice Chair Wells to approve the budget for Information Systems 114 with the addition of \$2,000 for Technical Services to cover the receptionist's sick leave and vacation time. The motion carried 4-0..

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Tax Commissioner Wingo advised the Commissioners his office was having to change their software.

Commissioner Frady questioned if the purchase of the software was \$28,000.00.

Mr. Wingo said that was going to be the maintenance charge. The said the software was going to be free. He commented that he had to buy some computer equipment out of this year's budget and the annual agreement and maintenance is built into this budget; that is \$28,000 of this new program and Mark Pullium built in the \$15,000 for salaries.

Mr. Pullium stated this was built in because of HB302.

Mr. Wingo remarked there was no choice here either because it was built in. He said he hoped that the new software would not require anymore expenditures then Mark Pullium and he discussed. He added that he may come back and ask for more money.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Wingo if he was getting good support from Information Systems and Mr. Wingo said they were doing great.

Mr. Wingo said it was not easy changing software and under the circumstances, there was no documentation or source code and Mr. Prince and Mr. Bass have literally had to expose the programs and try to decipher.

Mr. VanLandingham asked Mr. Wingo if he was documenting the change over from the old system to the new.

Mr. Wingo said he believed they printed the written word and they were using that.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Vice Chair Wells to approve the budget for the Tax Commissioner, Category-117. The motion carried 4-0.

Marshal's Office - 136

Chairman Dunn stated in reference to line item #5742, that the vehicle had been funded. On motion made by Vice Chair Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Marshal's budget, Category 136. The motion carried 4-0.

Permits and Inspections - 134

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Mundt if there was anything removed from his budget that he couldn't live without and he replied no.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Vice Chair Wells to approve the budget for Permits and Inspections, Category 134. The motion carried 4-0.

Engineering Department - 140

Mr. Cofty called attention to the supplemental request for the Engineering Department.

Commissioner Frady asked Mr. Cofty if he had any comments.

Mr. Cofty said Mr. Salmons has done a great job since he has been with the county. He pointed out that Mr. Salmons request was \$30,000 less than last year's budget. He stated he has asked Mr. Salmons to keep in mind that he has an ongoing issue with regard to the landfill aspect of this budget in assessing correct measures for the ongoing monitoring we have to do there.

Commissioner VanLandingham commented the Board was going to have to start looking at an zoning overlay for S.R. 85 south. He asked if there would be any expenses incurred for this study.

Chairman Dunn said he had no problem with the base budget for Engineering.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the budget for the Engineering Department, Category - 140. The motion carried 4-0.

Solid Waste Management - 511

Chairman Dunn said Category 511 was a problem and from what he could determine, Mr. Salmons was asking to add \$112,000 to this budget because HDR/WL Jorden came up with a different estimate than he originally put in.

Mr. Salmons stated out of the ACM for the landfill to address the groundwater, there are basically three recommendations that are coming forward and he put a memo together to try and summarize that to Mr. Cofty and copied the board. He added in those items one of them was to have a natural continuation which involved doing some design work in putting monitoring wells there to monitor that to make sure that our ground water contamination was naturally correcting itself. He said another recommendation was to put both active and inactive venting systems in the waste units on the south side and this was the big ticket item.

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He said they were adding passive vents out in the waste itself, plus they were going to rebuild the existing active system. He added the importance of this was to reduce the driving force or the pressure from the landfill gases, primarily methane, from pushing the contaminants into the groundwater, that is the theory behind it. Mr. Salmons stated the third item Jorden was recommending was to have institutional control of the land and that goes into fencing around some wells on the Board of Education property, down along the Mundy, Rupenthal property. He remarked the big item was the venting system as far as dollars.

Mr. Pullium reminded the board that all of the information had been submitted to the EPD.

Mr. Salmons said he submitted this information to the board in the form of a memo and there was a schedule of events that will curb it. He stated first of all, the EPD has to approve it and he tried to put those items in the budget as he thought they might come up. He said some of this may lag over into the next year, it just all depends on how soon that the EPD approves the document. He said there will be a public hearing and develop a plan of action and then it has to be approved and then we begin. He added he tried to put down the best figures he had available to him.

Chairman Dunn said we have to do what the EPD tells us to. He pointed out this would make item number two, the venting system, \$392,000 instead of \$280,000. He said what #5953 actually was, it goes from \$384,000 to \$496,000 and that was the only change.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked who owned the landfill and Chairman Dunn said the county and the City of Fayetteville own it.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the City of Fayetteville was sharing in any of these expenses and Chairman Dunn remarked heretofore to have not.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if there were any plans for the city to help with this budget.

Mr. Salmons stated certain costs associated with this we have applied for a refund as far as the monitoring cost was concerned.

Chairman Dunn said Commissioner VanLandingham's question was, is the city going to help us pay for this and Mr. Salmons said he had no idea.

Commissioner VanLandingham said would be an ongoing cost for everything.

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Chairman Dunn said the county had spent well over a million dollars there already. He stated as the permanent owner we were responsible to get it done, and we are trying to question the ownership and what was fair to pass along and we do not know that yet.

Commissioner Frady asked what part of the landfill did the city own and Chairman Dunn replied the city owned half of the landfill.

Chairman Dunn stated he heard at one point we tried to take it from them and they would not give us ownership of it. He said further that this was an old situation and we were researching this to present data to the board as a whole and say, here is where we are, and then make a decision whether or not we want to ask them for assistance and if we have the legal grounds to do it.

Commissioner VanLandingham stated when he received Mr. Salmons memo, he remembered someone advising him that this was a joint ownership. He said it was good that we were looking at this and he didn't know where it was going to lead but we still have to take care of the landfill regardless.

Mr. Pullium pointed out regarding the revenue side of this issue, that we estimate to get about \$230,000 or more from the revenue disposal charges. He said we actually transferred from the general fund, \$478,000 and since these numbers were changing, the implication is that number that we transfer in from the general fund will be another \$112,000, and the impact was that the general fund will have to fund this additional amount.

Mr. Salmons said he wanted to make a comment with regard to the additional request for money. He stated he thought the general expenditures were going to occur but they were time dependent upon when things were approved, once we have a public hearing. He remarked some of the expenditures may even be pushed off until the next fiscal year. He said he put this in the budget because he thought it was prudent to do so to make sure that management knows possible expenditures, but also, knowing how the EPD operates, it may take sometime to get them to approve things before we can move forward.

Commissioner Frady left the room at this point in the meeting.

Chairman Dunn said he understood that but the board needed to put the money in this budget. He added that state wide, Fayette County was ahead of the game in taking care of our landfill problem. He commented that these things get worse over time if you don't fix them.

Vice Chair Wells asked if the county had been using C & C fencing company or were bids sent out. She asked where this figure came from.

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Mr. Salmons replied that it had not been bid out. He said the figure of \$50,000 was used as a estimate based on past history on what they have done. He added we did do some fencing work to repair some fencing and, yes, we did bid that out. He stated C & C was not the low bidder, another company was and we used that company. He commented that when he puts something out for bid, he was going to go with the low bid, he was not going to play games with trade ins and that kind of business. He said if he could not define it good enough in his bid proposal to take the low bid then he has a problem with what he receives.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he had a question on something Mr. Salmons said earlier. He said Mr. Salmons commented on the venting system and said this was how it worked in theory.

Mr. Salmons said this was not in theory, that was practice and professional judgement.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the system was out there working.

Mr. Salmons said yes, we have a system out there and it severely needed to be upgraded, we have constant maintenance problems on it, and we don't have enough wells on that system. He remarked that our current consultants were recommending that additional active, and when I say active, those are the ones that are hooked up to pumps to pump the gas out along the outside edges.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if these were the passive wells.

Mr. Salmons explained how the passive well worked. He said a 3-foot hole was drilled in the waste unit itself and they take that waste and will have to get rid of it. He said they put in a 4" or 6" PVC pipe with holes in the bottom and it has a hook-on and the waste comes out as it will. He added that the other wells have motors that actually suck out the gas.

Mr. Cofty said he thought what we were recommending now is that we go in and put in a significant ditch with gravel to help release the methane so it won't attach itself to the groundwater.

Mr. Salmons stated the idea was that if we do this it will lessen the contaminants and hopefully lessen the time that it takes to get through this problem.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Solid Waste Management budget as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

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Mr. Cofty said he would like to point out how hard Ron Salmons had worked on the transfer station and the operation for citizens.

Mr. Salmons said he had some preliminary plans from H.D.R. to do some layouts on the transfer station. He said the county was also in the process of negotiating the new contract with Republic.

Street Lights - 211

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure on this item. He said there were no issues in this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Street Lights budget 211 as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Planning Department - 150

Director of Planning Chris Venice discussed the technical services portion of this budget. She said she would like the money in the budget for a traffic sense study although she and Pete Frisina are looking at doing that inhouse.

Commissioner Frady re-entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Dunn said he had no problem with this budget. He pointed out that the Planning Department as well as the Water System were going to be impacted by the new North Metro Water Board. He said there was no way at this point that he could assess what that impact would be but it was clearly another huge unfunded mandate. He said there would be several people in this county and every other county in the area working on that.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Planning Department budget 150 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Zoning Department - 151

The Board said they had no questions about this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Zoning Department's budget 151 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Stonewall Village - 190

Mark Pullium said he was proposing that the principle and interest that has accrued on this building be paid off. He said he was also proposing that \$3.9 million be prepaid in paying off the debt on the Stonewall Administrative Complex. He said with the decline in interest rates the county's earnings on invested funds was also declining. He said he was proposing that funds be taken from the instant cash reserves to pay the debt off. He said this would significantly lower the fixed cost over the next six years.

Chairman Dunn said he totally supported doing this for several reasons. He stated the county had built up enough funds in the past several years to pay this debt off. He said he also liked the idea of having \$762,000 less to budget for over the next six years. He said if the county paid this debt off this year or next year there would be no penalty for an early payoff. He said if the county waited to pay this off until later there would be a substantial penalty. He said the interest rate would also be going up every single year during the next seven years. He said by paying this debt off early it would enhance the county's rate with Moody and Standard if the county needed to do any bond work in the future. He said the county already had an excellent rating and this would enhance it further. He said the county would get lower interest rates on any future bonds.

Mr. Pullium said the Board would need to make a decision ahead of time so that the certificate holders are notified before December 1st. He said it would be sixty days notice. Chairman Dunn said this was just a decision to pay the debt off on December 1st. He said the county would earn interest on the money until that date.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to pay off the debt for Stonewall Complex. The motion carried 4-0.

Criminal Justice Center - 191

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure on this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the criminal justice center budget 191. The motion carried 4-0.

Emergency 911 - 860

Director of 911 Cheryl Rogers remarked that Mr. Pullium had made the statement that no department would carry funds over from one year to another. She said in this year's budget there was a considerable amount of consultant monies that she was using for the proposed

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radio systems. She said because negotiations with the tower company had taken much longer than felt they would, she needed to carry this money forward to next year. She said the 911 budget has money put in from the municipalities. She said they had already paid the \$115,000 and she could not charge them again next year for this. She said this related to item 5316.

Mr. Cofty felt this money should be carried over.

Mrs. Rogers said the amount was just under \$115,000.

Commissioner Frady asked how Mrs. Rogers had come up with the \$115,000 for a consultant.

Mrs. Rogers replied that she had asked around how much it would cost for design. She said it would have to be bid out.

Commissioner Frady remarked that professional services could not be obtained without having them sent out for bid. He said this also pertained to goods and materials.

Mr. Pullium interjected that the project for the towers and the 800 MHZ system needed a significant amount of funding. He said this was not incorporated in the C.I.P. He said he wanted to make it clear that this needed to be done and there would be a significant price tag. He said it would be according to the county's contractual agreement the county's responsibility to fund the capital outlay portion.

Commissioner Frady felt \$100,000 should not be put back into the budget but put in the capital improvements fund for 911.

Chairman Dunn said he had no problem with that.

Mrs. Rogers said she would have to work up an R.F.P. for the consultant's services.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve budget 860 for E-911 in the amount of \$1,620,528 plus \$14,811 for new programs and \$118,400 in the capital improvements program. The motion carried 4-0.

Jail Construction - 216

Chairman Dunn said there was a 10% surcharge for municipalities and the courts would pay a 10% surcharge on fines and forfeitures. He said the county would be renegotiating this two months from now with the cities on their municipal court issues. He said all of the cities had

indicated to him that they wanted to continue to take the surcharge. He said the issue was on the municipal court prisoners if the county would charge a per diem for municipal court prisoners. He said even if the county did this the cities would be better off to keep the 10% surcharge because the courts pay for this rather than the citizens.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 216. The motion carried 4-0.

Animal Control - 133

Commissioner Wells questioned item 5467 for communication services and the new phone lines. She asked how many more new lines did the Animal Shelter get for an additional \$4,000.

Animal Shelter Director Bill Newman said all of the old lines had been taken out of the old building and the new office building had to be wired. He said there would now be a monitoring system with cameras and that would be an added expense as well.

Commissioner Wells pointed out that cell phones and pagers were also listed.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the cell phones should be included in the county wide package.

Mr. Newman said the department had five pagers and one cell phone used as a back up for after hours calls.

Commissioner Frady said the county had a blanket contract but the Animal Control department would still have to pay for their share.

Commissioner VanLandingham said this was billed under one contract but each department would share their expense.

Commissioner Wells also questioned item 5612 relating to the cleaning and sanitizing the animal areas. She asked why Clorox could not be used on the new floors.

Mr. Newman responded that Clorox would eat up the new runs that were being put in. He said some of the old runs had even been replaced because of using Clorox. He said Clorox could not be used on the Epoxy flooring because of the sealant used.

Mr. Cofty interjected that there would no longer be an odor at the shelter. He said the problem previously was with the porous concrete floors.

Commissioner Wells asked if Pine Sol had to be used.

Mr. Newman responded that the Animal Shelter would not have to use Pine Sol. He said he had been checking with several of the chemical companies out there for something that might be a little less expensive.

Mr. Cofty said he and Mr. Newman had visited six or seven counties' shelters who had used the Epoxy flooring. He said a Pine Sol type solution was what they used to clean their flooring.

Mr. Newman said he could assure the Board that if he could save a dollar he would do it.

Mr. Cofty encouraged the Board to visit the facility since the remodeling. He said there were vents in there now that allowed employees to hose the animal waste down. He said this facility should last for many years to come and should not be overcrowded.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Animal Control budget 133 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Newman commended the County Building and Grounds Maintenance crew for building the new facility. He said they had done an outstanding job.

County Extension - 152

Chairman Dunn said the County Extension Agent had a death in the family and would not be present. He asked for the Board's pleasure on this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve department 152 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Clerk of Superior Court - 120

Commissioner Wells remarked that there was an increase in seminars and dues.

Commissioner VanLandingham felt the new software program that the clerk was looking at was the reason for this increase.

Commissioner Frady said a new software program would not come under seminars and dues.

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Commissioner Wells said she had a question about 5641 regarding books and magazines. She said this went from \$750 to \$4,110 and that was for two subscriptions of West Law. She felt two subscriptions of West Law were not needed there and pointed out that there was a computer access to the law books on line.

Mark Pullium said the number 1 and 2 were priority number 1 and 2. He felt the \$3,360 was the cost of one subscription.

Commissioner Frady asked what the West Law was.

Commissioner Wells replied that West Law was all of the laws in the current update on line. She said all of the Judges have access to this.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that in that building the Clerk could access it too. He said the West Law was what the attorneys use to research cases that they are defending. He said this was an interactive program for attorneys to do their research.

Commissioner Wells said this was \$3,360 that they have and the county was providing for them all of the current updates for the law books.

Commissioner Frady said they certainly did not need two set of these books and Commissioner Wells remarked that she had misread this and there was only one subscription.

Commissioner Wells pointed out that not only did the law library have the books, the Clerk of the Superior Court also had a set of the books.

Mr. Pullium pointed out that the Board was correct in the law library and that the Clerk of the Superior Court was requesting \$12,764 for the City updates.

Commissioner Wells said anybody could come in and use that in the law library. She said there was no reason people could not use the books. She said the West law was really designed for attorneys and judges.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked why this office would need the West Law anyway and Commissioner Wells replied they didn't and that was her point.

Chairman Dunn interjected that the Clerk of the Superior Court did not try cases.

Commissioner Frady suggested the \$3,360 amount be deducted from this budget.

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Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that in department 120 item 5641 would have \$3,360 deleted from it for the West Law.

Commissioner Wells said she had a question regarding the utilities issue 5624. She said the amount of water cost that was being allotted to that particular group. She said she did not understand this increase.

Mr. Pullium remarked that the cost for water was \$5,000. He said this proration was based on the square footage.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that there was one water meter for the entire building.

Commissioner Wells said she had not seen this type of increase in any of the other departments. She felt this was not equitable and there must be a better way to look at this.

Commissioner Wells commented on the natural gas and said that \$4,140 was being recommended and it was \$5,244.

Chairman Dunn said this was just like a road map for the Board to look at because just one bill was paid.

Commissioner Wells felt there needed to be a systematic formula.

Chairman Dunn remarked that in the new building there were different water use levels that will be programmed into the staff, for prisoners and for police officers. He said each group would use different amounts of water. He said this heretofore had not been done and the county receives one water bill for the entire complex.

Commissioner Frady suggested this to be determined by each person and how much each one uses.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that when the population increases and more people in the building this would cause an increase in water usage. He felt like the bill should just be paid and deducted from one account.

Mr. Pullium said one of the reasons that this was being done was to try to come up with the actual true cost of running any one governmental function or program. He said the way that it was being allocated was just one way. He said there might be a better more preferred method that could be looked at.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that when court was in session or the Grand Jury was in session there might be as many as 400 people in the building.

Commissioner VanLandingham interjected that the water estimate might be low.

Chairman Dunn interjected that the water use in the court did not come from the employees but from the public.

Commissioner Frady commented on figuring the cost of inmates.

Chairman Dunn said he would always break that one out separately.

Commissioner Frady asked if anyone else had any comments.

Chairman Dunn felt the only thing the Board had on this was the \$3,360 being removed from the West Law.

Commissioner Wells said she would like to have some consistent way of looking at the water consumption over there. She felt right now it looked to be hit and miss.

Commissioner Frady said when it would come down to the cost per inmate then there would have to have some costs over there because this would be quite extensive.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the budget for the Clerk of the Superior Court dept. 120 with the deduction of \$3,360 out of line item 5641. The motion carried 4-0.

Law Library - 290

Chairman Dunn asked about the \$12,764 request for the law library.

Mr. Pullium replied that was for the West Group.

Commissioner Frady said if this was not a necessity, he would not be in favor of it.

Chairman Dunn said if the Clerk needed to look anything up, she could go into any of the judges offices and do that.

Commissioner Wells said they also have the books.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to eliminate \$12,764. The motion carried 4-0.

Clerk of State Court - 128

Commissioner Wells questioned item 5314. She called the Board's attention to legal services and remarked that this figure had almost doubled. She pointed out a conference with the County Attorney regarding transition. She said she assumed that every month the Clerk would be speaking with the County Attorney.

Commissioner Frady said so far only \$169 had been used out of the \$700.

Commissioner Wells said last year they used \$150 and now this year it was being requested to go up a thousand times. She said every time the Clerk speaks with the County Attorney the county was charged \$135 per hour. She said the Clerk was planning on doing that one hour per month.

Commissioner Frady said he did not want anybody in this entire corporation to have a monthly schedule to consult with any attorney for any reason that they can come up with. He said he did not need this and nobody needed this.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the Board was opening this discussion up for any department head or anyone to call and talk to the County Attorney and bill the county for it.

Chairman Dunn said no but they could call Mr. McNally and if he decided to he could bill the county.

Commissioner Frady said at one point in time it was said that any department head who needed to speak with the County Attorney would consult with the County Administrator and the County Administrator would determine if the County Attorney should be called.

Commissioner VanLandingham said if the Board approved this request it would allow all department heads to call the County Attorney and Commissioner Wells agreed.

Chairman Dunn said the Clerk of State Court was not a department head but a constitutional officer.

Commissioner Wells felt there did not need to be an hour every single month designated to speak to the County Attorney and Chairman Dunn agreed.

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Chairman Dunn said if the Clerk calls the County Attorney then the county would be getting the bill one way or the other.

Commissioner Frady felt department heads should go to Mr. Cofty for an answer and then he could determine if the County Attorney should be called. He said Mr. Cofty needed to be aware of any problems in the county.

Commissioner Wells said it bothered her that an hour every single month was being planned and Commissioner Frady agreed.

Chairman Dunn said he was aware that the Sheriff speaks to the County Attorney sometimes but he did not see anything in the Sheriff's budget.

Commissioner Wells said she would like to cut that considerably. She suggested \$250 for speaking with the County Attorney.

Mark Pullium felt \$250 was reasonable.

Commissioner Frady said he would like to recommend that the Board accept the recommendation made by Mr. Pullium for \$250.

Commissioner Wells remarked that item 5435 regarding building maintenance services had more than doubled. She said the Clerk had renovated her office at considerable expense. Commissioner VanLandingham felt \$500 was a reasonable amount. He said anything could happen.

Commissioner Wells asked why it had to be budgeted. She said anything could happen.

Commissioner Wells said nothing had been spent on this and now they were more than doubling it. She suggested this be left at the same amount as last year.

Commissioner Wells questioned item 5699 - computer software and upgrade. She said this had gone from \$2,000 to \$12,480. She said the reason that she had a problem with that was because the county would be purchasing software to network the Superior Court and State Court together as well as retrieval access to judges. She said the judges were not doing this and were not on the network. She asked why something would be set up that only went in one direction.

Commissioner Frady asked if something had been set up in capital expense for computers. He said he heard someone say that the county had a plan that would replace all computers in the county every three years.

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County Administrator replied no that this was not done now. He said that procedure had been in force until this year.

Commissioner VanLandingham called the Board's attention to item 5770. He said four employees each got a scanner.

Commissioner Wells said it stated that this was in compliance with Senate Bill 176.

Mr. Cofty said this would allow them to process their paper work. He stated that their data was electronically transmitted. He said with four scanners they could do the work four times as fast. He felt there might be a rational explanation for the \$12,480 but he would like to have Russell Prince from Information Systems discuss this.

Chairman Dunn said he wanted to clarify what the Board had decided. He said on item 5314 it would be reduced \$1,310.

Commissioner Wells agreed and said this would be \$250.

Chairman Dunn said on item 5435 it would be reduced \$300.

IT Director Russell Prince entered the meeting. He said he had heard rumors that the clerk of Superior Court was looking at new software but she had not contacted Information Systems at all.

Commissioner Wells asked what the purpose was in networking the Clerk's office with the Superior Court and the State Court.

Mr. Prince felt the Clerk was looking at a court software package that would do court calendaring and stuff like that.

Commissioner Wells questioned the cost of \$12,480 and said her computer did calendaring.

Mr. Prince said the Clerk already had a calendaring system. He said the Clerk had been put on line with the county's calendaring system.

Commissioner Frady asked why the Clerk would want to be independent of the county's calendaring system.

Chairman Dunn said the Clerk had come in determined to upgrade the computer systems and the courts and she had done a lot of good work.

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Mr. Prince said he thought the Clerk was getting twenty PC's from the Clerk's Authority. He said the Clerk wanted to replace some computers on the property side with some PC that can do Word, Word Perfect and so forth.

Mr. Prince said normally the process was that when a department wanted some software they would get Information Systems involved so that they could help support it. He said the Clerk of Superior Court had not contacted Information Systems at all.

Commissioner Frady said he would like to make a motion to remove the \$12,480 from budget 128.

Commissioner Frady said the Clerk had asked for \$2,000 and she had spent \$348.

Mr. Cofty said the Clerk might incur some expenses during the year. He said she had spent \$350 to date.

Commissioner Wells felt \$1,500 should be more than adequate.

Chairman Dunn clarified that budget 128 was being reduced by \$10,980 and this would leave in the \$1,500 for expenses.

Chairman Dunn clarified that \$1,310 would be deducted on line 5314; \$300 would be deducted on line 5435 and \$10,980 would be deducted from line 5699. He asked for the Board's pleasure.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Clerk of Superior Court's budget as discussed. The motion carried 4-0.

Judges & Court Reporter - 121

Commissioner Wells said she would like to make a motion.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to adopt budget 121 as presented, discussion followed.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if this was the area where the increase was received for the law assistant.

Chairman Dunn remarked that request was not included in this budget. He said he had no problem with this budget.

The motion carried 4-0.

District Attorney - 122

Chairman Dunn questioned line item 5526.

Commissioner Wells said this request was based on the census increase of the county's prorata share.

Mark Pullium said with the increased population and the county's prorata share also increased.

Commissioner Frady said he would like to know how much it would cost the county to have its own circuit. He said he has had a lot of questions from people on this issue and he wanted to know the answer about how much it would cost so he could answer them appropriately.

Commissioner Wells said she recalled a salary increase for the law clerk and she did not see the request in here.

Mr. Pullium said this was incorporated in the budget and he would get this information for the Board. He said \$15,000 would be multiplied by 47.8 so the salary supplement was based upon the population. He said the case loads was how the remaining budget was divided out. He said the salary supplements were incorporated in the \$15,000.

Chairman Dunn remarked that this was the District Attorney's budget and he did not think this had anything to do with the Court Clerk or the Superior Court.

Commissioner Frady said if the county was paying 40% of \$2 million that was a lot of money and he wanted the figures on it.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the District Attorney's budget as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

County Coroner - 132

Chairman Dunn said the County Coroner had submitted a supplemental budget. He said the Coroner had no choice on the body bag request because that was a State requirement. He said this was an unfunded mandate for body bags. He said the Coroner was requesting an increase in 5617 from \$100 to \$781. He said the State Crime Lab now requires him to use disaster pouches when bodies were moved. He said it would cost \$681 for twelve disaster pouches.

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Mr. Pullium remarked that this request had come in after the budgets had already been submitted.

Chairman Dunn said the Board would have no choice but to approve the supplemental request because it was a State request. He said 5617 would go from \$100 to \$781 and this would be a \$681 increase. He said there was also a question about a computer.

Carol Chandler remarked that she and Russell Prince were still meeting with the Coroner. She said the Coroner had a new mandate imposed upon him by the G.B.I. Crime Lab that all reports must be done through the web site. She said he would have to access their site and get the crime lab reports in that way. She said the Coroner had asked the county to help out with that. She said there was a used computer available and they were just trying to find a site at this time to put it so that the Coroner could have around the clock access. Chairman Dunn asked why the Coroner could not put this in his office.

Ms. Chandler replied that he did not have a place for it at his location.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Coroner was asking for a computer, printer, internet access and a place to put them.

Ms. Chandler said the county already had the equipment on hand and this would not have to be purchased.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned 5497. He said it appeared to be a new program regarding land and buildings.

Chairman Dunn said this appeared to be a request for funding in the amount of \$200 per month for rental of morgue facilities for a total of \$300. He remarked that the Coroner had always used the morgue in the past and never charged the county.

Margaret Malone stated that Mark Pullium had some discussions with Bill McNally about this item.

Mr. Pullium said the Coroner had mentioned to him that he wanted this in his budget.

Chairman Dunn asked if the Coroner had submitted a budget this year.

Mrs. Malone replied that the Coroner had submitted it after the fact and he was told what had been done and the Coroner agreed to it.

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Chairman Dunn asked if this had already been added in the budget at that time and Mrs. Malone replied.

Mrs. Malone said it had been her understanding that it was recommended that this be done.

Chairman Dunn said this was the first time he had heard of it.

Commissioner Wells said there was the flat \$100 per month allowance for space rental for an office and then the coroner was also requesting an additional space.

Commissioner VanLandingham said this was the reason he was asking the question. He said if the county was paying \$3,600 for rent then there was where the computer was supposed to be. He said if the county was paying the rent then the computer should go where the rent was being paid.

Chairman Dunn said in the Coroner's letter he was requesting space for somewhere to put the computer.

Mrs. Malone pointed out that the Coroner had requested a computer and it would not have to be a new one. She said the Coroner needed access to a computer.

Chairman Dunn said there would not be any cost incurred by the county if an older computer was used. He remarked that the county had in past years the cheapest Coroner services in the world.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the request for internet access for the phone line.

Ms. Chandler replied that any phone line could be used for that. She did not feel it would have to be a dedicated line.

Commissioner VanLandingham interjected that he did not feel the county could do any better than \$3,600 a year for a morgue and an office.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there were very few investigations in the county that the coroner needed to take part in.

Commissioner Frady said he would like to make a motion to approve the request.

Commissioner Wells asked which request Commissioner Frady wanted to approve.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that item 5497 had two things in it. He said there was \$100 for an office and \$200 a month for morgue facilities.

Commissioner Frady said he would like to make a motion to approve budget 132 with the office expenses in the total sum of \$3,600.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the county would be paying Mr. Mowell \$200 per month for a morgue plus \$681.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve department 132 budget as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Frady exited the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Georgia Forestry Commission - 135

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve department 135 for the Georgia Forestry Commission as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was not present for the vote.

Department of Children and Family Services - 172

Chairman Dunn said he would like to make a motion to approve department 172's budget. On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 172 for the Department of Children and Family Services as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Youth Protection Home - 174

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure in this matter.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve budget 174 for the Youth Protection Home. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was not present for the vote.

Domestic Violence - 175

Chairman Dunn said he would like to make a motion on this budget.

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve budget 175 for the Domestic Violence as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was not present for the vote.

Visiting Nurses - 176

Chairman Dunn said he would like to make a motion on this budget.

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 176 for the Visiting Nurses as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was not present for the vote.

Senior Services - 173

Commissioner Wells questioned item 5518 regarding the increase in the meals on wheels program. She said she recalled Senior Services receiving funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission, United Way and the Community on Aging. She asked if these agencies contributed any funding at all to the Meals on Wheels Program.

Director of Senior Services Andy Carden replied that they do contribute a portion.

Commissioner Wells asked Mr. Carden for the total of the Meals on Wheels Program and how much of this was the county funding first and others were funding. She said she was aware that organizations such as Kiwanis would have fund raising activities specifically for the Meals on Wheels Program. She asked what the total budget was for this, how much the county was funding and how much funding was received from other sources.

Mr. Carden responded that there were 28,080 home delivered meals. He said this was the total projection for next year. He said the request he had asked the county to supplement was 18,989 meals. He said the difference was in the meals supported by United Way and A.R.C. He stated Kiwanis did not give this program the same amount all of the time so that a routine amount could not be projected. He said money was received from the Rotary and from the Kiwanis Club and so forth. He said some of the money did come in to support the meals program. He said Senior Services did have fundraisers including a country concert and project love. He said as Senior Services proceeds to the new building a third fund raiser would probably have to have a third fund raiser. He said improvement was seeking support for the 18,000 of the 28,000 meals.

Commissioner Wells asked Mr. Carden what the total budget for Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Carden replied that it was \$159,000.

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Commissioner Wells asked if this was a cost basis or the Medicare approved rate of \$6.33 per meal.

Mr. Carden replied that the \$159,000 represented a total cost for home delivery meals.

Commissioner Wells asked if this amount included employees' salaries.

Mr. Carden replied that it included salaries and the meal cost and the depreciation.

Commissioner Wells said the Board of Commissioners had always been very, very clear with Senior Services that the Board would not pay any employee salaries at all.

Mr. Carden replied no, the Board had always been clear about transportation.

Commissioner Wells said no, when Mr. Carden's predecessor was there she had a number of meetings with him and Billy Beckett and it was extremely clear that the Board would not be paying for any employee portion of salaries. She said she would like to see taken out of that amount was the employees' salaries so the Board would be covering the meals portion. She said the Board would not pay any employee's cost. She said the Board had not done this for any of the non profit organizations and the Board was extremely clear with Mr. Carden's predecessor on that issue. She said employees' costs would not be included in the county's funding.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the meal rate was \$6.33 per meal.

Mr. Carden replied that \$6.33 was the reimbursement rate per meal under Medicaid.

Chairman Dunn asked if the county was paying for food.

Mr. Carden said there was a contract from November of 1994 and there were certain limitations on that. He said most of the limitations addressed transportation and Billy and others believed some salary and so forth. He said to that end he had moved into a reimbursement rate for participation in the meals program. He said to establish a reimbursement rate the Medicaid rate was set several years ago at \$6.02 and then Senior Services had asked for an increase of up to \$6.33. He said the \$6.33 would buy 12,438 meals. He said the meal expense total agency budget was \$108,000. He said this was the figure for the number of contracted meals that are purchased through project open hands.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the \$108,000 was for food and Mr. Carden agreed.

Chairman Dunn asked if this price included the new vendors and Mr. Carden replied yes.

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Chairman Dunn asked for the cost of a meal.

Mr. Carden replied that the cost of a meal was \$2.95 at the present rate. He stated that historically this had been based on the \$6.33. He said if it was going to be approached from that way then he would need to figure it in a different way in terms of reimbursement. He said the county did not participate in the total meals for the year. He said his rationale was that Senior Services had worked out with the county before to seek reimbursement on and that figure was an undebated rate of the Medicaid rate. He said he had just charged the Medicaid rate. He said Senior Services could charge the county by the number of meals per month and then the county would be paying over twelve months as opposed to having paid the contract out in six and one half months.

Commissioner Wells said her primary concern was that the county had been very adamant no transportation and no employees' fees because this was a non-profit organization. She said the county was not going to pay salaries, insurance or transportation. She said if Senior Services was getting money from the A.R.C. and the United Way for the Meals on Wheels Program the county would not mind paying a proportionate share of that but nothing for employees.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the \$2.95 figure. He asked if this was for the frozen unit and not for any enhancements to the meal.

Mr. Carden replied that the food was included in the \$2.95.

Chairman Dunn clarified that it was costing Senior Services \$2.95 per meal and it was costing the county \$6.33 per meal.

Mr. Carden replied this was on the reimbursement rate. He said he could reverse that and charge the county a monthly fee and it would come out in twelve months. He said Senior Services uses the \$6.33 as a conduit by which to seek the reimbursement from.

Commissioner Wells remarked that the total cost of the meals on wheels program was \$159,000 and it looked like the county was paying almost half of it.

Chairman Dunn said the county was paying \$96,000 and that was more than half.

Commissioner Wells said she would like to see what the United Way and the A.R.C. were paying. She said she wanted to make sure the county was paying only for Meals on Wheels.

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Mr. Carden said he would have to double check the salary side of it. He said he had been working with the limitation in transportation in that the county was not going to pick up any costs associated with that in any way. He said the salary issue was not something that he had been privileged to and he would have to check this out.

Mr. Carden further remarked that the home delivered meals budget outside of A.R.C. participation and the program income and other things associated with the A.R.C. was \$106,737. He said this would buy 18,989 meals. He said the reimbursement for home delivered meals was \$46,090 under one program and then the income tax check off which comes in after the tax season ends was estimated to be \$5,002.

Commissioner Wells asked how much the A.R.C. gave Senior Services.

Mr. Carden replied the A.R.C. gives Senior Services \$20,497 and this requires a local match of 10% and the State match would be for 5%. He said the program income USDA income and so forth added up to \$46,090.

Commissioner Wells asked if the Council on Aging had given money for the Meals on Wheels Program and Mr. Carden replied no.

Commissioner Wells asked if there was another agency that gives money to this program.

Mr. Carden replied that the United Way, A.R.C. and Fayette County were the main contributors to the program.

Commissioner Wells said she was aware that the Kiwanis Club holds a Walk A Thon on an annual basis.

Mr. Carden replied that last year Senior Services had received \$1,000. He said Senior Services had also received \$700 from Metro Fayette of which he personally had put in \$600 worth of membership dues.

Chairman Dunn said he did not recall any major objections to the county paying for these meals since he had been on the Board. He said the county was paying approximately \$75,000 per year for this, then it went up to \$78,000 and now it has gone up to \$96,000. Mr. Carden said the cost could hold at \$78,000 because this was a continuation. He said the difference in the increase to \$96,000 was the picking up of the cost increase of \$2.03 per frozen unit.

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Chairman Dunn asked if somebody said that Senior Services gets reimbursed from several different sources for Meals on Wheels and when all of these reimbursements are totaled up they were more than Senior Services pays for the meals, would this be accurate.

Mr. Carden replied no. He remarked that the \$6.33 was not the cost of the meal but the methodology for reimbursement. He said he would be glad to go back to the figure of actual meals consumed each month. He said he had stopped sending bills to the Board back in January because he had consumed all of the contract. He said he would be glad to go back to a twelve month cycle.

Chairman Dunn said if the county was just paying for food it could do so all year and pay less than that.

Mr. Carden said Senior Services also liked the county to participate in the congregant meals program and he said he recalled no limitation in the contract.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the congregant meals program was not the Meals on Wheels Program. He said the Board was saying that they would give Senior Services money for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Mr. Carden said he could show the Board full cost in that program.

Commissioner Wells asked if the county was reimbursing for the cost of the food at \$2.95 and there were 28,080 meals that total cost was \$82,836 of which the county was currently paying \$78,731. She said if the other \$17,000 was added the county would be paying in excess of the cost of the food for the entire program.

Chairman Dunn interjected that several other agencies pay for that program as well.

Mr. Carden remarked that they pay for the salaries and that type of thing.

Commissioner VanLandingham said it would not matter to him where Mr. Carden put the money. He felt the county's money could pay for all of the Meals on Wheels and it would not bother him one bit. He said it would not bother him if this figure was even higher. He said when he looks back at this morning and the money the Board put in other areas, there must be something for senior citizens. He said there was recreation for seniors also and that was part of this program.

Commissioner Wells said she agreed with Commissioner VanLandingham 100% but this was a non-profit 501C3 organization of which there were over fifty in the community. She said the Board would have to be very careful as to how it funded non-profit organizations. She said if

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Senior Services was a department within the county organization the Board would not be having this discussion because it would already have been budgeted for. She said the Board had agreed to put the money in this particular area and this was the reason she was asking for clarification on it. She said the Board could not just give a non-profit a certain amount of dollars and not hold them accountable for the accounting method. She said the problem was that Senior Services was a non-profit organization and not a department under the county. She said the Board was giving Senior Citizens \$104,000, plus \$17,469, plus \$25,000 included in a building project. She said the Board was not doing that for anyone else. She said the Board respected the seniors and wanted to support the seniors but when it was put into a non-profit context you would have to be very careful as to how this was done because the Board was accountable to the entire county.

Mr. Carden said maybe the Board wanted to initiate a study that said Senior Services was part of the county.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had previously discussed this and he did not feel that Mr. Carden really wanted that.

Mr. Carden remarked that on any given question there could be a win on one way or the other.

Chairman Dunn clarified that Mr. Carden had said the cost figures for the Meals on Wheels was \$159,000 and that included everything to run that program and Mr. Carden replied yes that was correct.

Chairman Dunn clarified that Mr. Carden was asking the Board for \$96,200 of that or 60% of that program. He said in addition to that Senior Services was getting other monies to run the same program and Mr. Carden replied that was correct.

Chairman Dunn asked if this had come out to 100% or 140% or what. He said the Board had just named a whole list of people who also contribute to the Meals on Wheels Program. He said he was having a lot of trouble figuring out this program. He said he thought the county was paying for the food.

Commissioner Wells said there had been previous discussion regarding insurance, employee cost, salaries, transportation, and gasoline. She said the Board had been very clear that the county was only going to be paying for meals on wheels.

Chairman Dunn said that no one was questioning the amount but the Board only wanted to pay strictly for food and nothing else. He said to do that the county would be paying approximately 90% of the food bill or \$96,200 of \$108,000 total food center cost. He felt the Board just

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wanted to make clear was that the county would be paying only for food. He said the county would not be paying for the employees who work there that the county does not control. He said the county would just be giving Senior Services a donation for food for the elderly citizens. He said he did not want to reduce the funding level.

Mr. Carden remarked that the agency food budget was \$108,000. He said if \$11,000 was taken out for the United Way that would come to "x". He said if the county wanted to support "x" that was fine.

Chairman Dunn asked how many agencies give Senior Services money for the meals program.

Mr. Carden replied that they would be A.R.C. and United Way.

Commissioner Wells said those amounted to \$31,800. She said it cost \$108,000 and if the \$31,800 was deducted that figure would be less than the county paid to start with.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the contribution received from the A.R.C. was designated.

Mr. Carden replied that they are put together on a budget.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if there would be a problem with Senior Services receiving money from the A.R.C. for the rest of the program if the county assumed the portion stated as the food for Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Carden replied no.

Chairman Dunn said the county was only paying to feed the senior citizens in this county. He asked if this could be constructed whereby Mr. Carden would not lose funding from anybody and the county has an agreement that the county would only be paying for food.

Mr. Carden responded that his total meal service contract was \$108,000. He said if he took out the United Way contribution this would leave \$97,000. He said if the Board agreed with \$97,000 then he would agree with that.

Chairman Dunn asked if United Way donated exactly \$11,000.

Mr. Carden replied that the United Way donated \$11,452.

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Chairman Dunn said this would leave \$96,530. He asked what the county would be responsible for in the future. He asked if the county would pay for the total food bill and deduct the amount received from the United Way no matter what that amount turned out to be.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he did not think the Board could be obligated for next year.

Chairman Dunn said Mr. Carden would have to be able to plan. He said this program had been going on for a while.

Mr. Carden interjected that based on reimbursement, the county might not end up paying all of that amount out. He said his figures might be a little bit high or they could be a little low. He said he did not want the Board to give him anymore than he deserved just as long as it was \$96,530.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the Board would need to add \$330 to the recommended amount.

Commissioner Wells felt every non profit who receives funding should give an accountability.

Mr. Cofty said Mr. Carden had sent this information.

Commissioner Wells asked Mr. Carden how much the food for the Meals on Wheels Program cost.

Mr. Carden replied that the Board was changing the contract because the contract stated that the funding from the county was for the Meals on Wheels Program. He said it did not distinguish from home delivered meals or congregant meals or anything else.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the contract stated it was for home delivered meals.

Mr. Carden responded that was because the strategy was that way when he walked through the door. He said since he walked through the door the Board had created new rules.

Commissioner Wells said to her Meals on Wheels were home delivered meals.

Mr. Carden responded to him it was bigger than that because he would have to deal with more than that.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that home delivered meals was synonymous with meals on wheels. He asked for the cost factor for the food for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Mr. Carden replied that was \$87,818.

Commissioner Wells said she did not see why the Board should give Senior Services any more than the cost of the Meals on Wheels Program because that was what the county had agreed to do.

Chairman Dunn said this was a \$10,000 raise from last year. He said not only Fayette County citizens eat the meals.

Commissioner Wells said they were charged and paid for the meals.

Mr. Carden replied that most of them give contributions. He said only eight in the entire program were charged any sliding fee.

Commissioner Wells said the rest pay for the meal.

Mr. Carden remarked that they give a donation. He said there was only about eight on a fee schedule and most of that was only about \$4.00 per day. He said this included salaries and everything.

Mr. Carden remarked that a donation averaged about 63¢ for the congregant meal program and about 33¢ per meal for the home delivered program.

Commissioner Wells said she had people tell her that they were paying a whole lot more than that.

Mr. Carden said he did not know what individuals do because it was private information and that was between the person and the box.

Commissioner Wells said if this discussion was about the home delivered meals program and the total cost for that was \$87,818, she did not see how the Board could in good conscience designate any more than that.

Chairman Dunn said if this was what the Board decided to do would this be for this day forward that it was the intention of the Board to pay for the Meals on Wheels food each year no matter what it was.

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Commissioner Wells replied no, this was what the Board was willing to pay this year.

Chairman Dunn said if the Board said next year that it would not pay for the Meals on Wheels Program then there would not be a program at all. He felt there needed to be some kind of commitment to Senior Services as to what the county would pay for.

Commissioner Wells said the county would be paying for the Meals on Wheels food this year and next year the county might pay a whole lot more or less. She said it would just depend. She said somebody might come along next year and decide to adopt the Meals on Wheels Program. She said if that happened it would be wonderful and the county might decide to pay for something else. She said the Board might decide to increase what was given for their building fund.

Chairman Dunn clarified that what he was hearing from Commissioner Wells was that the county would pay \$87,818 for the Meals on Wheels Program food only.

Commissioner Wells said it was only for this year. She said the Board had said it was funding the home delivered program or the Meals on Wheels. She felt the Board would get into trouble if it paid for salaries and things of that nature. She said she was willing to pay the \$96,000 when she understood that was the cost of the Meals on Wheels Program but it wasn't. She said it was the \$87,818. She said she was willing to pay for whatever it cost for that program this year.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Carden if he had anything in writing as to what this Board had agreed to do in the past.

Mr. Carden replied that he had a contract signed in 1994. He said he had also had correspondence that referenced what was agreed upon.

Commissioner Wells said this happened when Jim Price was involved in the Senior Services. She said the Board had really discussed this thoroughly as to the money going toward salaries, transportation and things like that. She said she may still have that communication.

Mr. Carden said he would send Chairman Dunn a copy of the documents.

Chairman Dunn said he had been informed by the past County Administrator when he inquired about this program that the money was just for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Mr. Carden said this was the reimbursement figure that he sends. He said the list of clients was kept confidential. He said each one of those lists add up to a certain number of people

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and then he multiplies that number of people times \$6.33 and the county had reimbursed Senior Services up to \$78,731 and then he quit sending it. He said next year he would do the same list and send it to the Board for twelve months at \$2.95 each. He said some meals were \$3.25 and some meals were \$2.95 and this depended on what the meals was.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve \$87,818 for the cost of food only for the Meals on Wheels Program, discussion followed.

Chairman Dunn felt after this budget cycle that the Board needed to sit down with every association that the county had agreements with and decide exactly that the county was going to do. He said the Board was ending up in these kinds of discussions with the baseball association, soccer association and so forth. He said this Board supported the Senior Services and wanted to continue to do so. He said in the past this budget had been in the mid \$70's range and had been so for several years. He said this year the figure represented a substantial raise regardless of whether it was half of what was asked for or the whole thing. He felt the Board was going in the right direction.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he did not see any way that this was going to get better today. He said he had a reluctance to do it.

Commissioner Wells said the Board was not cutting the program.

Commissioner VanLandingham said Mr. Carden had a fixed increase that had to be absorbed.

Chairman Dunn said because of the fixed increase there and the population increase Mr. Carden would be getting some increases in the other budgetary monies too.

Mr. Carden replied that was a possibility but title three was not going up a lot in regard to the proportionate increases of the aging community.

Chairman Dunn said there would be some increases from the A.R.C. this year. He called for the question on the motion.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he was having a problem with this.

Chairman Dunn said then the Board would not be able to give them anything.

Commissioner VanLandingham said there was a majority of the Board.

Chairman Dunn said it would take three members to have a majority.

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Commissioner VanLandingham asked that Chairman Dunn call for a revote. He said he would reluctantly vote for it.

The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was not present for the vote.

Chairman Dunn said the Board would be glad to work out an agreement with Mr. Carden later in the year.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Senior Services entire budget was in the amount of \$113,271.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve department 173 in the amount of \$113,271 as amended. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was not present for the vote.

Development Authority - 153

Commissioner Wells questioned line 5316 for technical services was more than twice than the previous year. She said last year the budget was \$104,269 and this year the same budget was \$239,965.

Chairman Dunn said last year there was not an entire year with a director's salary. He said the Board had budgeted the prior year and ended up with them reducing their budget request.

Randy Hayes remarked that he had written the Board a letter last year regarding the Development Authority cutting their budget \$100,000 because two year's ago the Board had funded the Authority so that Chris Clark could be hired. He said the Authority had not needed the money this last year.

Commissioner VanLandingham interjected that it looked like the Development Authority had held the line on everything.

Mr. Hayes said they had purchased new computers and new start up costs on the web site. He said there was a newsletter now and the printing costs had risen. He also pointed out that insurance had increased a lot. He said Chris' assistant's salary was also included.

Chairman Dunn asked how much income the Development Authority received from other sources.

Chris Clark responded that starting this year the Authority would have lease payments starting in April.

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Chairman Dunn suggested this was not the Authority's money. He said that money would come back to the county and the county would budget the Authority's money. He said the Authority receives income interest from some bonds and things like that.

Mr. Hayes remarked that the Authority had not had that many bonds during the last two years. He said they might have done one bond for Cooper Lighting. He said the fee that Cooper had paid the Authority was approximately \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Clark said that money goes into an account that was just Cooper Lighting's account. Mr. Hayes remarked about four or five years ago the Authority had significant income from some of the bond issues but there had only been about one bond a year since then. He said the money from this goes into the Authority's operating fund and was used to offset other things what were supplemental to the budget numbers.

Commissioner Wells asked Mr. Hayes if they had already upgraded the computer equipment or was he going to do this.

Mr. Hayes replied that some had been done toward the end of last year and there was some planned for this next year. He said computer upgrades seemed to be an ongoing thing.

Commissioner Wells said she had noticed this had doubled.

Mr. Hayes commented that the Authority had won an award for their web site. He said Chris and Kelly had done that work.

Chairman Dunn questioned there was a request for an additional \$5,000 for web site development.

Chris Clark said they had done approximately two thirds of what they wanted to do with the web site from what they had originally planned. He said they did not have the funds last year so some of the items were put off. He said one of them was to have a searchable data base on the web site. He said someone could go in and search for available commercial, industrial and office land. He said the State does that State-wide and also the competing communities were also doing this. He said the web site was getting approximately 100 hits per week.

Chairman Dunn asked for some information on the educational type programs that the Authority had initiated and how they were related to industrial development.

Mr. Clark said it was not industrial development but economic development. He said it was the whole picture and what makes the economy locally stable, what makes it diversified, what keeps it healthy and what keeps the tax burden off the residents. He said there was

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approximately 450 acres of industrial land was left and marketable in the county. He said the economy here was based largely on entrepreneurs and if the Authority was going to continue to diversify after that runs out there would have to be a support system for small business and also for the entrepreneurs. He said the chamber does this for their members but there was nobody out there helping the start up people. He said they had done their first program with Clayton State last month and there were approximately seven attendees. He said a couple of them were start up entrepreneurs and a couple of them had small businesses who came to learn about customer service.

Chairman Dunn asked how much this cost for the chamber to put this on.

Mr. Clark replied that this cost the attendees \$19.00 and that goes to pay for the instructor and their box lunch. He said all the chamber was doing was helping with the publicity and the advertising. He said the meetings are held upstairs in the chamber. He said they were going to start rotating these meetings in Tyrone and Peachtree City ever so often.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Clark about the report that had been sent over stating that there had been a loss of \$2 million in hospitality figures. He asked if this category had been targeted in any way. He said Mr. Clark had implied that they were trying to do something to get that back on track. He said they had an outline that they were reviewing. He said a lot of residents leave the community and spend their tax dollars elsewhere. He said the most important thing they were going to work on was coordinating local events. He said they had a community wide calendar on their web site. He said they were seeing Tyrone and Fayetteville were at odds with each other in scheduling events. He said the first thing he wanted to do was to try to create a group that could work together and also to take a look at small businesses. He said there was pretty serious vacancy rate here in the City of Fayetteville among small businesses.

Chairman Dunn said there was starting to be a vacancy rate in the Pavilion already.

Mr. Clark said he agreed and stated that rate would grow as well as the rate downtown. He said they had tried to help Fayetteville with some of those issues. He said one of the ways to do that would be to try and create a funnel of new businesses consisting of small businesses because they would take that kind of space. He said the Board was trying to look at community and economic development for the citizens and people who live here and not just at industry but at everything in the economy and what makes the local economy diversify and strong. He said so far this year there had been 450 layoffs. He said those people were absorbed right away. He said the unemployment figures for Fayette County went up one month and then went back down again. He said he did not see any sizeable fallout from that.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that Fayette County had commercial and residential and he wanted to have a nice balance in there for the taxpayers so that no one group was over burdened by the other two. He said in this county it was very easy to very quickly over burden residents. He asked Mr. Clark what he would like to see the tax digest be percentage wise to be in balance.

Mr. Clark replied they were doing a study right now with Georgia Tech to help determine what that was. He said he had been working with Georgia Tech for the last six months and they expect that report toward the end of this month. He said it would also look at the schools and the individual cities in the county as a whole and what a healthy number would be for Fayette County.

Chairman Dunn said a healthy number would have to be determined for this county and also be able to retain the citizens way of life in this county. He said nobody wanted Fayette County to become DeKalb County in order to get a balance.

Mr. Clark said that was what he was told when he was hired and that was to keep the quality of life in Fayette County.

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure on this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Development Authority's budget as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Juvenile Court - 124

Phyllis Harris of Juvenile Court was present for this discussion.

There were no questions on this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the Juvenile Court's budget. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Juvenile Supervision - 217

Phyllis Harris of Juvenile Court was present for this discussion.

There were no questions on this budget.

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On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 217 as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Magistrate Court - 123

Judge Kenny Melear and Debbie Barron were present for this discussion.

Chairman Dunn said this budget totaled \$360,274. He said he had no problems with this budget.

Commissioner Wells commented that energy supplies were estimated to increase by 5%. On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve budget 123. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Probate Court - 125

Martha Stephenson was present for the discussion. She said she would like to take out the \$1,800 listed for expenses. She said she just could not justify that.

Commissioner Wells pointed out that when the award went out for the best department the Probate Court won that award. She said nothing had been done to recognize the Probate Court.

Ms. Stephenson remarked that nothing was ever publicized.

Commissioner Wells felt if Probate Court was selected as the number one department that it should be acknowledged in some fashion.

Ms. Stephenson said this was the result of a survey that was mailed to property owners about five years ago. She said there had been a lot of talk about the cost of the survey being \$25,000 and because of that the results were never published. She remarked that Carolyn Combs in the Elections Office was only a fraction of a point below Probate Court. Commissioner Wells also noted that the library had been the winner of the recent mystery shopper.

Chris Cofty said there had been several departments who had received that. He said the mystery shopper compared Fayette County government to other State and local governments.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve budget 125 as presented including the deduction of \$1,800. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

State Court Solicitor - 127

Steve Harris said he had no problem with his budget. He said he had met with Mark Pullium and Janet Camburn of the Finance Department and discussed several changes. He said Mr. Pullium had changed 5491 meals and lodging item. He said this had been an increase over last year. He said last August there was a change in the Sheriff's Department withdrawing the G.C.I.C. information. He said the Board had granted him permission to hire a part time employee to run the criminal history and driving history. He said State law also mandated that they complete certain training. He said this training was offered one time of the year and it was always offered on Jekyll Island. He said the \$1,000 covers the additional cost of expenses plus all of her training. He said he also had to attend the same seminar.

Commissioner Wells asked Mr. Harris if they received VOCA funding.

Mr. Harris replied yes they had just received some but it would not show up on department 127. He said he thought it showed up in department 218 in the victim assistance fund. He said he had just received \$31,000 from the State and that was a grant and was reimbursement of expenses being paid for out of the 5% money. He said all of the Victims' Advocate Bonnie Campbell's expenses, equipment and salary were non taxpayer supported. He said this comes out of the special fund which was the 5% victims assessment on fines generated by the cities by the county and even Magistrate Court. He said the 5% money totally supported that department which was ultimately under him but it was victims advocate money. He said he planned to come before the Board next year for permission during this next year for more space. He said he had three offices located in his own office. He said he would be looking to see if he could find some space to put Bonnie. He said the money and revenue were there to get a part time person and also to get a special prosecutor for domestic violence crimes. He said from he was seeing in the inflow of money there was enough to support this without having to affect one tax dollar. He said as those plans get more defined he would come back to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Wells clarified that all of the money from department 218 was from the 5% and Mr. Harris agreed.

Commissioner Wells asked if Bonnie was included in department 127.

Mr. Harris replied that Bonnie was not included. He said there was himself, one attorney, one office manager. He said Gloria served as the office manager. He said there was one

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secretary/receptionist. He said there was also the part time G.C.I.C. person. He said Bonnie was in his office space wise but she was covered completely under department 218. He said he had specifically tried not to get these funds co-mingled for the pure purpose of the grant reimbursements. He said Bonnie has her own computer and printer paid for under department 218 and all of this was segregated out.

Commissioner Wells questioned the heating and cooling services in the amount of \$500. She said this was a fairly new office and she asked if there were any problems with the air-conditioning on an annual basis.

Mr. Harris said it was not really a new office but it had been renovated.

Commissioner Wells said it would basically be new from the heating and air perspective.

Chairman Dunn asked what had been used last year.

Margaret Malone replied that zero money was spent last year on this.

Mr. Harris said he was just trying to budget for the possibility of expenses that might be incurred. He said the biggest problem over there was with gutters and rain.

Commissioner Wells said if money was not used last year for heating and air then she questioned it being budgeted this year.

Mr. Harris felt it was put in there because of a suggestion a couple of years ago made by the Finance Department to cover this.

Chairman Dunn said this recommendation was based on historical experience but the historical experience was zero.

Commissioner Wells said she saw no reason to budget for this since there had been no problems. She suggested this be taken out.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to remove the \$500 from the heating and cooling category. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Commissioner Wells questioned the protem charge of \$150 per hour.

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Mr. Harris said they pay them on a per diem and that would amount to a half day. He said it would be \$150 regardless of how many hours they work. He said it was a lot easier than paying them for an hourly rate.

Commissioner Wells asked for the purpose of this.

Mr. Harris replied that this was started in 2000 when the Legislature passed two bills that had impacted all courts State wide particularly Magistrate Court in every county. He said one of the bills authorized Magistrate Court to start prosecuting crimes themselves without a jury of certain misdemeanor such as criminal trespass, shoplifting, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and other misdemeanor offenses. He said it was the discretion of the Magistrate Court as to whether or not they would prosecute these offenses. He said the Fayette County Magistrate Court opted because of the way that State Court handled things and because of the back log not to prosecute those offenses. He said the second one was a requirement of pre-issuance hearings for all warrants that were issued at the request of a citizen non brought by a law enforcement officer. He said nine times out of ten those offenses would be misdemeanor offenses. He said the purpose of that would be to provide assistance to the individuals bringing the warrants to help them present a case and to have somebody there to be involved with the issuance of warrants, to give the opinion to the judge as to what they think about the case to start with and to take notes and in some circumstances they have been involved in actually asking the questions on the procurement of the warrant. He felt this was an important thing to be involved with and individuals seeking warrants for the primary issue of family violence cases. He said bad check cases did not have to go through the preissuance hearings and they were covered through his office. He said that was for family violence cases and other types of theft and citizen brought cases and not law enforcement cases.

Mr. Harris further remarked that there were times when his department was literally stretched out to where there was not enough personnel to cover it. He said he could recall on two occasions this budget year actually utilized the same contract person to come up to State Court or Magistrate Court to fill in the necessary space. He said this had to be an individual who did not practice in the criminal defense sector in the county so there was no conflict of interest that could be run into later on.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the qualification of this individual and Mr. Harris replied that it had to be an attorney.

Mr. Harris said it would have to be an attorney in good standing and experienced in criminal law and also has to be an attorney that does not practice criminal law in Fayette County. He said his experience was former employment with Webb and Lindsey. He said at that firm he

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had served as a solicitor in the city court of Peachtree City. He said that was his background coming in.

Commissioner Wells said she understood that he did zonings and things of that nature and not of the criminal nature. She said her concern was how would the individual know if it was a good warrant or not if he was not a criminal defense attorney.

Mr. Harris said this position was not committed to one person. He said this was a position capable of being filled by someone else. He said he was not asking for money for an individual but for a position. He said this was a position that would be covering a protection that he felt the citizens deserved and his level of commitment and protection both victim wise and in prosecuting the offenses required.

Commissioner VanLandingham said this item holds three different functions. He said in looking at last year's budget Mr. Harris had spent to date \$9,833. He remarked that this was not broken out as to which part this went to, but there was a decrease in technical services from \$23,000 to \$13,000.

Mr. Harris remarked that was correct and pointed out that the software program was up and running.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the 75 day calendar.

Mr. Harris replied said this was an estimate of the needs of the court running for 52 weeks for preissuance. He said it also took into account that he had to give his current full time attorney who was on staff two weeks worth of annual leave and the county give her ten days of sick leave available. He said when she was not there and the court calendar dictates he had to have the support to be there.

Commissioner Wells said she recalled Mr. Harris coming before the Board and stated that there was some extra money that was supposed to be going toward drug abuse.

Mr. Harris said that money was supposed to go toward drug abuse, treatment and education program.

Commissioner Wells asked where that money was, how much did the county get and what was it being used for.

Mr. Harris replied that he no longer knew. He said he had come to the Board and stated that there was about \$75,000 and was continually coming in to a special fund. He said he had met with the Sheriff's Department and Attorney McNally regarding this. He said Ken Rose through

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the Sheriff's Department operates a D.A.R.E. program which handles drug education. He said there were several drug officers and so forth. He said this program was in the schools even though it was a Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Dunn asked if the Board wanted to make a motion on this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to adopt department 127 as presented with the \$500 for heating and cooling removed. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Victims Assistance - 218

Chairman Dunn asked for the Board's pleasure on this budget.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve department 218 as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Physical Health - 170

Chairman Dunn said he had no problem with the physical health budget except for item 5516 salary item.

Commissioner VanLandingham said there was no breakdown on this category.

Mark Pullium remarked that the physical health request was in support of their entire budget. He said if the Board had any questions, they could ask the physical health representatives present.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that there had been a discussion in the Board of Health meeting about salary increases. He said this did not show up anywhere in the budget as presented. He said it seemed to be covered in item 5516 without any breakdown on it whatsoever. He remarked that he did not know how it got this far without a breakdown. He said the only explanation was that it represented the county's portion of operating cost for the Health Department.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that the increase in pharmaceuticals was the only listing. Commissioner VanLandingham said then the \$26,000 cost in pharmaceuticals was partially going to be offset by an increase in fees.

Chairman Dunn asked what was included in the \$65,000 budget line.

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Merle Crowe remarked that last year it was more than \$200,000 initially. She said the carry over funds enabled the Health Department to reduce that approximately \$25,000 because the State aid had been increased more than expected.

Commissioner Wells asked if there were salary increases in this particular line item and if so to whom and how much.

Mrs. Crowe replied yes there were. She said this was actually mandated by the State and it was a 3% salary increase across the board.

Commissioner Wells asked if that was all and if there was any increase for environmental health employees.

Mrs. Crowe replied no there was not.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he recalled the Board of Health voting an increase.

Mrs. Crowe replied no, not that she was aware of. She said it was proposed but never voted in.

Commissioner VanLandingham said the Board of Health had debated this. He said it started out at 10% and then reduced to 7%.

Mrs. Crowe replied that he was correct and this was her mistake.

Chairman Dunn said the Board would need a breakdown of this.

Commissioner Wells asked how much of an increase and to whom was it going.

Mrs. Crowe responded it would have been environmental health and it was 7%. She said it involved only environmental health salaries.

Commissioner Wells said they had asked for several positions. She said one position they were not going to fund. She said one of them was currently unfilled. She said there was another unfilled position that was not going to be filled. She said all of those were going to get the 7% also. She said she thought they were going to take one of the positions and apply those funds to the rest of them.

Mrs. Crowe responded that never happened.

Commissioner Wells asked if there were two vacancies.

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Rick Fehr replied that one of the positions was just filled on June 1st and now they were down to one vacancy and a half.

Commissioner Wells said she recalled when she was sitting on the Board of Health that Mr. Fehr had stated that they did not need that other position because things had been slowing down. She said she had asked about all of the swimming pools that needed to be inspected. She said Mr. Fehr had stated that they would not need that position. She said at that point in time the funding and the 7% increase of that particular employee position was being added and divided amongst the rest.

Mr. Fehr remarked that this was in a prior proposal that would be correct.

Commissioner Wells asked if this person was still needed or not.

Mr. Fehr replied that the person was needed but at risk of adding that person was a greater risk of losing one. He said that was the greater concern. He said there was a State freeze on the department being able to hire someone. He said about three weeks ago the State had put a freeze on all positions including environmental health department positions. He said there was no reason given.

Mrs. Crowe interjected that Governor Barnes had initiated the freeze.

Commissioner Wells said if the State had put a freeze on positions because of economic reasons and if the county gave a 7% increase to employees here then the county would not be doing what the State had wanted to do.

Mrs. Crowe said the health department had received a notice that there was a freeze.

Mr. Fehr said regardless of whether there was a freeze or not a freeze the greater concern was what would happen in the future.

Commissioner Wells asked how much of the \$265,000 was based on a 10% increase.

Mrs. Crowe said she had not done a breakdown and could not adequately answer that question. She said she could certainly look and provide future figures. She said there were six employees in Environmental Health.

Chairman Dunn remarked that some individuals received a 3% mandatory increase from the State.

Mr. Fehr remarked that this was for all health departments throughout the State.

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Chairman Dunn asked if some individuals also received 7% on top of the 3% increase.

Mr. Fehr replied that to his understanding the Board of Health had included in this budget a 7% increase over and above the 3% increase.

Chairman Dunn asked for whom this would apply.

Mr. Fehr replied this was for all environmentalists.

Chairman Dunn asked if Mr. Fehr's position was considered environmental health.

Mr. Fehr replied yes that was correct.

Chairman Dunn asked how many environmental positions there were.

Mr. Fehr replied there were six.

Mrs. Crowe remarked that at one time Governor Barnes had wanted to fold environmental health into the D.N.R.

Mr. Fehr remarked that at one time this was a proposal.

Mrs. Crowe stated this had not happened because most of the counties preferred to have local control. She said when this did not happen, the next thing on the agenda was to cut anything for environmental health from the budget. She said at this point in time if she was an environmentalist and had that degree and wanted to go to work in that field she could work in Fayette County for \$26,000 a year or she could go to the E.P.D. and go to work for \$31,000 with a six step process for continued increases. She said this explained why Fayette County Health Department was having so much trouble in hiring people.

Commissioner Wells said there was a lot to be said for commuting to Atlanta as opposed to commuting to the local community. She said if she had chosen to commute outside of this area she could have made at least \$20,000 more a year. She also stated that the E.P.D. was not hiring everyone. She said this was a State wide problem in a lot of areas.

Mr. Fehr remarked that the E.P.D. had tried to fill over 160 positions.

Mrs. Crowe remarked that the people with the necessary degree were not easy to come by in any area.

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Commissioner Wells said she could not vote on this budget until she reviewed it broken down and knew what it was.

Commissioner VanLandingham said when the Board requested information it wanted to be able to identify where the money was going and this could not be done the way in which this was currently presented. He said even though he was in the meeting he could not remember. He said he would have to see it broken down.

Commissioner Wells said the Board was having to speculate on this budget. She said the impact on the morale for the rest of the county would be catastrophic if the Board gave six employees a 10% raise. She said the county was having difficulty in hiring people in the Road Department and if the Board gave a 10% increase to these six people it would set a horrible precedence.

Mr. Fehr remarked that the decisions regarding sewage systems was a much different world today than it was even ten years ago. He said the department had personnel with ten, fifteen and twenty years experience.

Commissioner Wells said this could be argued for law enforcement. She said Fayette County was paying law enforcement less than what other counties were paying. She said the Board could not just indiscriminately say that a certain group of people was so much more vital and give them a 10% raise.

Mr. Fehr said he could appreciate that. He said he was in the trenches day in and day out.

Chairman Dunn said he had not seen anything from the Board of Health recommending this.

Commissioner Wells replied it was in the Board of Health minutes.

Commissioner VanLandingham said the county was currently in the process of doing a market study. He said this would be what the Board was looking at as far as giving raises beyond what the normal procedure was. He said this happened after that action by the Board of Health meeting.

Chairman Dunn said the market study would have very little to say about the Health Department salaries. He said the Health Department employees were State employees.

Mr. Fehr responded that the Health Department employees were not State employees. He said they were employees of the Board of Health just as teachers were employees of the Board of Education.

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Chairman Dunn said before he could vote on this budget, he would need to see a breakdown of this budget. He said the Commission had not voted yet as to whether it agreed with the 7% recommendation from the Board of Health. He said he would need that breakdown as soon as possible.

Mrs. Crowe remarked that she could get that for the Board by this afternoon.

Mr. Fehr remarked that this situation was not done haphazardly and was done with the endorsement of the District Medical Director, staff as well as the Board of Health. He said this was a crucial, crucial situation.

Chairman Dunn said he was aware of that but the Board needed to sort this out. He asked if the State moratorium was a hiring moratorium.

Mr. Fehr replied yes it was.

Chairman Dunn clarified that no empty slots in the health department could be filled and Mr. Fehr agreed.

Chairman Dunn asked if this was State wide in the entire State of Georgia.

Mr. Fehr responded that they had made some exceptions.

Mrs. Crowe remarked that there had been some exceptions for health care workers that were considered vital.

Mr. Fehr said that evidently environmentalists were not considered vital.

Cynthia Grant of the Health Department interjected that nurses were not included in the freeze.

Mr. Fehr said he could certainly understand all of the other demands. He said environmentalists were a specialized group and there were no more than 700 of these in the entire State of Georgia. He said these people could not just be picked up at the drop of a hat.

Mrs. Crowe said environmentalists were a very specialized group of individuals.

Chairman Dunn said it was a consensus of the Board that this budget not be voted on until a breakdown was received. He said a 10% raise seemed high to this Board. He said the highest raise that a citizen in the work force in Fayette County this year would be 8.4%. He said there was a C.O.L.A. of 3.4%. He said the most superb of the employees might get a

5% merit pay raise. He said the best employee walking could only get an 8.4% raise. He said the Board wanted to make sure it was doing the right thing.

Mrs. Crowe said she would get this information for the Board as soon as possible.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the Board could discuss this at the Thursday evening Commission meeting.

Chairman Dunn said this could be handled during the public hearing for the budget that night.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that there was a history of this with this Board and going back to Caroline Price. He said a few years ago Caroline Price came and asked for \$25,000 and the Board gave her \$25,000. He said the next year Ms. Price came in again and asked for \$25,000 and maybe a little more. He said Ms. Price had said that she was going to try and get money from the cities as well. He said the Board told her to go to the cities and then come back to the Board. He said the Board did not want to be the only one contributing to this. He said Ms. Price went to the cities and apparently none of them would give her anything. He said last year the Board reluctantly gave the \$25,000 saying is this a program or is it not a program. He said the Board was told that Keep Fayette Beautiful was trying to raise money through events and everything but not very much of anything had been raised plus the fact that the cities were beautifying their own cities and didn't really care. He said now the Board is here today. He said if this Board gave this program \$25,000 it would not accomplish very much. He asked Marie Short if she would be making any money.

Marie Short replied that she had taken over the program in November of 2000 and she said she was the Director and a paid employee. She said she had submitted with the initial budget request a copy of the things that had been accomplished, which was from November until June 30th of last year. She said she had actually come up with approximately \$80,000 of in kind services, donations or volunteer hours. She said Keep America Beautiful has a formula that they put together on an annual report.

Commissioner Wells said she had a copy of that annual report.

Chairman Dunn asked if anything was unchanged regarding the cities' indication that they would pay anything into this program.

Marie Short replied that she had not approached the cities about paying. She said the only city that probably could afford to would be Peachtree City and possibly Fayetteville. She said she would use Woolsey as an example. She remarked that Woolsey had some extra money

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in their budget to the tune of \$3,000. She said instead of giving the money per se to her she was working with Woolsey and taking that \$3,000 and going and getting donations from corporations where she could do a beautification project in Woolsey. She said this project would involve everything from stone structures and so forth. She said she had been to the D.O.T. and gotten approval. She said instead of them giving the money to Keep Fayette Beautiful she would rather they give the money to help beautify Woolsey as a service to Woolsey. She said she had gotten matching funds. She said she had gotten Home Depot who said they would donate plants. She said Yamaha Motor Corporation gave a cash contribution. She said this organization was supposed to be a public/private partnership.

Commissioner Wells asked how much money Yamaha Corporation had donated and Ms. Short replied \$10,000.

Ms. Short remarked that the \$10,000 was to be spread over several different programs. She said part of it was the Woolsey beautification project. She said two weeks ago she had awarded a high school student a \$2,000 savings bond. She said tomorrow night she would be giving money to Fayette County school students. She said the \$2,000 savings bond was for the student of the year who had done the most to do a beautification or environmental protection project in Fayette County. She said this award had gone to Kathy Sumpter who had arranged for the bowl planning in Peachtree City. She said she would be awarding \$1,500 in savings bonds tomorrow night to three Fayette County students. She said this was the second year they have had the earth day essay contest.

Chairman Dunn said what he had been told basically was that the Board was paying her salary.

Ms. Short agreed and stated \$20,000 of the \$25,000 was a salary and expenses for her. She said this left \$5,000 for an operating budget. She said everything else had to be donated.

Chairman Dunn asked Ms. Short for the total amount of her budget last year including all contributors including Fayette County.

Ms. Short responded through cash and in kind services she had reported to Keep America Beautiful approximately \$80,000.

Commissioner Wells felt it was misleading when Ms. Short used the terms cash contributions and in kind services.

Ms. Short responded that there was a formula and the Board was welcome to look at it.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that the cash and contribution category included Fayette County's contribution of \$25,000. He said beyond that it would have been \$55,000 for cash and in kind services.

Commissioner Wells asked how much of the \$55,000 was cash.

Ms. Short replied that she did not have the figures in front of her. She said she had not studied this in a while. She said she had taken over the end of November and this was done as of June 30, 2000. She said there would be another report done in a month that would give exact figures.

Ms. Short passed out the calendar of events for Keep Fayette Beautiful for 2001.

Commissioner Wells remarked that she had no doubt that the work that Keep Fayette Beautiful did was very good but the Board was very clear last year when this was funded. She said the Board had said at that time that if there was not more input from the cities and all that the Board of Commissioners would not re-fund this program this year.

Chairman Dunn remarked the Board had taken this position for the last two years.

Ms. Short remarked that actually she was not clear on that but that was probably her first experience with the Board and it was kind of overwhelming.

Chairman Dunn felt that one of the things that happens was that the cities do recycling and they would not need Ms. Short's help on that. He said the City of Fayetteville had planted all of the trees worth \$250,000 down S.R. 54. He said the City of Peachtree City spends tons of money on their stuff and in the county we beautify and do all kinds of things ourselves. He said he certainly would not challenge anything that Ms. Short did because it was a positive thing. He said the question was the "bang for the buck".

Ms. Short remarked that Yamaha gave her a \$10,000 donation and as a non profit they could do that. She said she had not asked them to pay her salary or administration cost. She said this money was going straight to projects and so forth.

Chairman Dunn asked exactly how much money Ms. Short had gotten donated to her rather than just in kind services.

Ms. Short replied last year it probably wasn't a lot because she was not very established. Chairman Dunn said the county had been paying for three or four years.

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Commissioner Wells interjected that it had been longer than that and stated it had been since 1985.

Ms. Short remarked that last year \$500 had been donated plus \$300 and that was as of June.

Chairman Dunn asked Ms. Short not to take this personally. He remarked that the county was paying \$25,000 and that buys you and then noted that Ms. Short was able to get \$500 of that. He said in effect, the Board could say that the county had paid \$25,000 for her to raise \$500. He said obviously Ms. Short was also coordinating activities for the volunteers. He said he was just saying that the Board was not seeing a whole lot of a "bang for the buck" in this program at this point.

Chairman Dunn asked Ms. Short if she was certified by the National Program and Ms. Short replied yes she was.

Commissioner Wells stated that the Love Your Mother Essay Contest was a wonderful thing but she did not know how this would come under Keep Fayette Beautiful.

Ms. Short replied that this was the Love Your Mother Earth Essay Contest.

Chairman Dunn asked if anyone else wished to comment on this.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that this was the first exposure that he has had to budget Keep Fayette Beautiful. He said he was under the impression that this was a county-wide effort that everyone participated in. He said now he was finding out that the county was the lone ranger in this thing and Ms. Short goes to private donors for funding.

Chairman Dunn said this was fifteen to sixteen years later and one would think by that time the program would have expanded. He pointed out that Caroline Price had been with this program for a long time. He said he loved the work she had done too on this program, but he asked if they were worth the \$25,000 seed money.

Commissioner Wells remarked that every year the county was on the cusp of doing bigger and better things and fifteen years later the county was still on that cusp.

Chairman Dunn said two years ago they were telling the Board about some events that they had raised \$300.

Ms. Short remarked that all she could say was that this was the report that ended in June of last year and to date she would venture to say that the program had easily approached the \$12,000 to \$15,000 donation this year running from July 1st to June 30th. She said she had

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gotten \$10,000 from Yamaha, money from Keep America Beautiful, and she had a grant in Peachtree City. She said whether or not Peachtree City was able to facilitate the use of the grant at this point was the question of \$75,000 that had to come through non profit and public/private partnership grant money.

Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that the City of Peachtree City was getting a grant after the county had paid Ms. Short's salary.

Ms. Short remarked that this was something where Peachtree City wanted to expand the recycling center and they applied for it. She said these grants were also available to Fayette County.

Chairman Dunn said Peachtree City had applied for the grant. He asked if this had anything to do with Ms. Short.

Ms. Short replied no that this was Peachtree City and Keep Fayette Beautiful. She said it was a partnership.

Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that Peachtree City would not help fund Keep Fayette Beautiful.

Ms. Short replied that was correct. She said she had not asked the City of Peachtree City to give her money. She said she was not aware that she needed to.

Chairman Dunn interjected that Caroline Price did. He said Caroline had gone to every city and she did it two years ago as well at the Association of Fayette County Governments meeting. He pointed out that Fayette County was the only entity to give her any dollars.

Commissioner Wells remarked that over the last fifteen years the county had put in \$25,000 just about every year. She recalled at one point in time the county put in more than that when she first came on the Board.

Chairman Dunn remarked that most of that money was probably going for the salary of the coordinator.

Commissioner Wells remarked that this was \$375,000 over a fifteen year period of time. She said she just did not think there was enough to show for it to continue it and the Board's stance last year was very clear. She said the program needed to either get larger and more people needed to participate in it or the Board was going to stop it.

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Commissioner Wells said she would like to make a motion not to fund Keep Fayette Beautiful this year.

Chairman Dunn asked if there was a second.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he would second the motion for discussion.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he was looking at some of the activities that Keep Fayette Beautiful was doing here. He said there was Christmas tree recycling.

Commissioner Wells said the county also does this.

Commissioner VanLandingham replied that the county did not do it on this scale. He said this took a load off the county landfill. He said there was the Fayette County Science Fair. Ms. Short remarked on the Christmas tree recycling event. She said she was able to get not only the chipping and the hauling off of the trees but citizens could have free mulch. She pointed out that the relief on the landfill was pretty substantial. She said the landfill/chipping bill by itself that quarter was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000 to \$30,000. She said that was excluding all of the trees that were diverted out of that. She said in working with Arbor Day she was able to get a lot of trees donated through the Forestry Service. She said this was something that the county might be able to do with or without her help. She pointed out that the "Bring One for the Chipper" was a Keep Georgia Beautiful program. She said this year she was going to expand with a local tree service that wants to expand to do the chipping out at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds. She said the Kiwanis Club had said that they wanted to have an eighth location for that. She said that was probably the biggest service that the program offered the county other than the coordination with the School System of essay contests and the beautification projects. She said she works with D.O.T. to get approval for the small towns like Woolsey, Brooks and so forth. She said she did not know what had happened over the last fifteen years. She said she had only been involved in the organization the last two and a half years.

Chairman Dunn asked without the county's \$25,000 would this organization go away or does a volunteer come and take Ms. Short's place. He asked what would happen.

Ms. Short responded that in Coweta County the program went away. She said Coweta County had approached her six months ago and asked her if she could coordinate between both counties. She said she went to her board and the board said no that they did not think that the personality of Coweta County was the same as the personality of Fayette County. She said she had talked with the Coweta County Environmental Engineer and Coweta County was not happy.

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Commissioner Wells questioned the individuals who were the members of the board. She said they were from the Peachtree City Public Works, Peachtree City Beautification, Pathways Communities, Peachtree City Attorney, City of Peachtree City, Southern Conservation, Town of Tyrone, Town of Woolsey, and the City of Fayetteville.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked who appointed the board.

Ms. Short replied that the board appointed itself.

Chairman Dunn said there was an organization and an individual and for the county she just had an organization. He said Fayette County did not even have a board member and it was the only one paying into this thing.

Commissioner Wells interjected that Fayette County did not even have a representative on this board.

Ms. Short remarked that hopefully Fayette County's representative was her.

Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Short if the county had hired her.

Chairman Dunn said it was not like the Board did not care but was questioning the "bang for the buck". He said the county spends a lot of money picking up trash along the side of the highway and that was to keep Fayette County beautiful too. He said there were prison details and the county pays for that. He said he did not think because the cities did not contribute to this organization they did not care. He said this organization did a good job as compared to most places and he felt the county did as well. He said he was hoping that the \$25,000 that the county had been paying this organization for several years, that he would see geometric improvements in things. He said the Board has not seen that this whole time. He said this was not an indictment of Ms. Short because she had just gotten here.

Ms. Short said she realized that. She said she also realized that the organization was in distress for several years.

Chairman Dunn remarked that Caroline Price had taken this program over after she had left the City Council and before that he did not know what was being done. He said all he knew was that this Board was paying.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked who appointed the Keep Fayette Beautiful to begin with.

Commissioner Wells remarked that they had appointed themselves.

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Ms. Short remarked the board elects the board member

Commissioner VanLandingham asked how this had come into existence in the first place.

Carol Chandler remarked that in 1985 there was some desire on the Board of Commissioners' part to have some kind of beautification. She said there were three people and she was one of them went to the Keep America Beautiful organization and acquired the first certification by that group. She said the funding started then. She said there was the original board of directors at that time that said they were appointed. She said the Keep America Beautiful program had criteria for board members. She said the county had agreed to those conditions and the first board was put together at that point in time.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if there had been any participation by anyone else or had it just always been this county funding.

Ms. Short said this was not unusual for the county to fund a program that adds quality of life to the cities. She said Fulton County had five beautification programs going. She said there was Keep South Fulton Beautiful, Keep Atlanta Beautiful, Keep North Fulton Beautiful, Keep Roswell Beautiful and Keep Alpharetta Beautiful. She said Fulton County pays approximately \$2.5 million every year to pay for staff. She pointed out that there was about four or five people at each staff location. She said her piers in Fulton County go out and fund raise for the projects, school programs and scholarships. She said this was an educational program. She said it was supposed to educate the community about the environment and protect the beautification of it and preserve it and do beautification projects. She said she had actually started working on the beautification projects in Woolsey in October with the Woolsey Council. She said it takes approximately six months to get D.O.T. approval to do a highway project on a State highway. She said in the meantime she had gone out and tried to acquire and had acquired donations to fund the majority of the expense. She said Woolsey had \$3,000 that they were willing to give Keep Fayette Beautiful to help with this beautification project in downtown Woolsey.

Chairman Dunn remarked that was a one time occurrence. He questioned if Woolsey was going to give her \$3,000 a year.

Ms. Short replied that they were going to give her \$3,000 each year and the project would be an ongoing project. She said they would be doing a twenty-five or thirty foot section and then add to it. She said Home Depot had agreed to go in every year and donate the plants as they refurbish the gardens.

Chairman Dunn said this could be done without Ms. Short or without the county.

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Ms. Short said she had certainly taken on the responsibility of a volunteer to do the plans and so forth.

Chairman Dunn said he was certainly not denigrating Ms. Short's efforts in any way. He felt after fifteen years, this should have either expanded into a viable county-wide program involving all of the cities or it should not.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked Ms. Short if she anticipated getting more participation out of local businesses and merchants.

Ms. Short replied yes she certainly did. She said she had worked for a year to stabilize the program and prove its value to the community to the point where Yamaha was asked for \$1,000 and they said they wanted to give her \$10,000. She said at that meeting they had stated that the money was for scholarships and beautification projects and was not for any administrative costs. She said NCR was at the meeting where they handed her the check. She felt major corporations were in this community who have the money set aside to do environmental projects. She said they cannot give the money to the government and get a tax write off.

Chairman Dunn remarked that heretofore they had not given the money to Ms. Short either.

Ms. Short said she had just gotten the program to the point where it was viable enough to have projects.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there were tremendous industries located in Fayette County.

Chairman Dunn said there was a motion and a second for the purpose of furthering discussion.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked what the motion was.

Chairman Dunn replied the motion was to deny the request. He said this would mean that the county would no longer fund this program. He said this would effectively, from what Ms. Short had told the Board, kill it.

Ms. Short said it came down to whether or not Fayette County wanted to be a part of the Keep America Beautiful organization.

Chairman Dunn remarked that Ms. Short had said that there was no way that a volunteer would come in and do what she was doing.

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Ms. Short said as it was, she volunteered a lot.

Chairman Dunn said there would either be somebody paid or they would not do it.

Ms. Short interjected that there were volunteers who would do all kinds of stuff. She said she had not had anybody approach her and agree to take on the volume of work that she was doing as a volunteer.

Chairman Dunn asked if there was any further discussion.

Commissioner VanLandingham replied yes but he did not know how to say it. He said for something that could be meaningful and helpful, he felt it was un-American to kill it. He said he saw some good in the program.

Commissioner Wells remarked that she had come onto the Board in 1992 and it was Keep America Beautiful. She said there was a big push to change it from Keep America Beautiful to Keep Fayette Beautiful with the auspices that it was going to become something that was very local and the county was going to make it something that was very unique to Fayette County to maintain the quality of life in Fayette County. She said at that point in time, the Board designated quite a bit of money from the landfill's collection fees. She said she did not remember the figure but felt it was \$60,000 or \$75,000 or something like that. She said there was a big push to make this a very viable product. She said the next year there was not a good response. She said one year the county paid \$25,000 to print coloring books. She said the Board had tried really hard to make this a viable community project. She said she still had a t-shirt that said Keep Fayette Beautiful on it and everyone was very involved in that. She remarked that nothing had happened in fifteen years. She felt it was un-American to continue limping a program along and paying \$25,000 every year when the county was not getting anything in return. She said the concept was excellent but if the return was not there, she felt it just as wasteful to continue. She said every year it was promised that things would be done and the county had funded this program.

Chairman Dunn said if he voted for it he was un-American and if he voted against it he was un-American.

Ms. Short asked the Board to think about this program just going away. She asked where citizens would recycle their Christmas trees. She asked the Board if they wanted every resident in Fayette County to go to the Peachtree City recycling center or to the county landfill. She said the hauling companies would not pick up the trees.

Commissioner Wells said the Board was not going to get into a discussion about whether the county cared or not.

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Ms. Short remarked that there were five or six other locations that she arranged and got the dumpsters, hauling, tree services and the chippers and grinders for those locations. She said she did not know what the expense would be to the landfill in chipping and grinding 10,000 additional trees in the landfill. She said there would definitely be an expense. She said if it was \$2.00 or \$3.00 a tree then the county would spend \$30,000. She said these services have been donated to Keep Fayette Beautiful.

Commissioner Wells said she would like to call the question.

Chairman Dunn said he would repeat the motion. He said the motion was to not support this. He said the motion was made by Commissioner Wells and seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham for discussion.

The motion failed 2-1. Commissioner VanLandingham voted in opposition to the motion and Commissioner Frady was absent.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the motion did not pass.

Commissioner Wells said the Board needed to make a motion now to accept that. She said there had not been a motion to accept it.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had voted to reject it.

Commissioner Wells said the Board had voted on each and every budget item and the Board needed to vote on this.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had to get 3 votes to kill it and 3 votes to pass it.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he would like to make a motion to adopt budget 147.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the motion failed for lack of a second. He said this was an interesting question right now because the Board did not have approval or disapproval of this item.

Chris Cofty said he was hesitant to even mention this but he felt that in the past this process had been funded on a quarterly basis. He said he would offer his services to work with this organization for the next ninety days to see if they could be viable to start producing some revenue to offset some of this. He said he would do that if it would help the Board in making a decision.

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Commissioner Wells said she felt Mr. Cofty's plate was full and she did not want him taking on something else.

Commissioner VanLandingham said Ms. Short had stated that she was not sure that she was supposed to approach the cities and had not done so recently.

Chairman Dunn remarked and said that there was not a community wide program.

Ms. Short remarked that was not true. She said she had been to council meetings and worked with the cities. She said she had worked with Peachtree City to become a Tree City in U.S.A. City this year. She said she had been in Peachtree City a couple of weeks ago giving an award for the Tree City U.S.A. Program.

Chairman Dunn said the program was funded by the county and it was helping the city. He asked what had been done for the unincorporated county.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he understood what the Board was saying and he agreed with what they were saying but not to the point that he would reject the program. He felt the balance was not there for the program to work. He said the Board of Directors in this program for the most part were not contributing anything to the program but they were on the Board of Directors. He said he was aware that city residents were part of the county but the city governments were doing their own program and were not participating in this program. He said he wished they would combine and do this.

Chairman Dunn said he would like to say what he would be willing to do. He said technically speaking the thing that the Board had to do as a board was approve the budget. He said because there were not 3 votes on this issue, this budget was not approved and therefore, it was technically defeated. He said he would be willing to look at this again if Ms. Short could come in here six months from now or one year from now with a viable program with other participants. He said the county had funded this for fifteen years. He said at least two Commissioners don't see the great benefit that has been derived from all of the revenue.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he agreed with that part of it and was not disagreeing with the Commissioner Wells and Chairman Dunn's thoughts. He clarified that Chairman Dunn wanted Ms. Short to come in six months from now. He said the Board had cut everything off for Ms. Short to come back here in six months.

Chairman Dunn interjected that the Keep America Beautiful can do some things here whether there was a viable program here or not.

Ms. Short replied yes.

Chairman Dunn said the county had never seen any effort made by the national organization here either even though the county funded the program for the last fifteen years. He said there might be something that could be done by Ms. Short contacting them and perhaps they could keep the program alive for a year.

Ms. Short replied that they would not do funding of local programs.

Chairman Dunn said unfortunately right now regardless of which way he went he was un-American.

Mental Health - 171

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Mental Health budget as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Judges and Court Reporter - 121

Commissioner Wells said the Board had wanted to know whether or not the law clerk's salary was included in this budget. She said the law clerk's salary was increased to the level of the district attorney.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had committed to the judge that they would support him on this.

Margaret Malone said their memo stated that the only significant item in this budget was the increase in the supplement for the law assistance position. She said she believed this had been discussed with each Commissioner by either Judge Edwards or Judge English. She said it was incorporated in budget 121.

Chairman Dunn said budget 121 was the Judges and Court Reporter.

Commissioner Wells said this had already been approved in a previous motion.

Chairman Dunn said this had been approved and there was no reason to relook this.

State Court - 126

Fletcher Sams was present and there was no discussion or questions by the Board.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the State Court budget as presented. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Judge Sams said he wanted to thank the Board for allowing him to have a law clerk last year. He said the criminal and civil divisions were as current as they could be. He said the law clerk had really made a tremendous difference.

Solid Waste Management - 511

Margaret Malone of the Finance Department said the landfill budget had a transfer to the general fund of \$25,000 to fund Keep Fayette Beautiful. She said if the Board did not want to fund that program it would need to vote to remove that amount. She said this related to the \$25,000 in line item 5902.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to remove \$25,000 from budget 511 that was previously marked for the Keep Fayette Beautiful program. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Frady was absent for the vote.

Physical Health - 170

Merle Crowe said there was no way that she could say the county paid for certain areas because it all goes into one slot and comes out of one slot. She said she could give the Board a comparison of this year's budget and last year's budget. She said there was also a draft of salaries that the District had done regarding increases. She said she also had her rough draft of the salary table with the 3% increase and a 7% increase.

Chairman Dunn clarified that from the list it appeared that everybody would receive a 3% raise and Mrs. Crowe agreed.

Chairman Dunn clarified that 5.5 people would be receiving a 7% raise. He asked if there was a recommendation from the Board of Health.

Mr. Fehr remarked that there was a unanimous vote by the Board of Health to approve 7% increase in the budget proposal just for environmental health. He said this was his understanding.

Commissioner Wells asked if the Board of Health was aware that increase would also include a 3%.

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Mrs. Crowe replied yes the Board was aware of that. She said that was after a comparison with other surrounding counties including Coweta, Henry, and Carroll. She said counties were selected who were comparative population wise and income wise.

Chairman Dunn reviewed the figures with Mrs. Crowe and said it stated there was a 7.5% raise that had been approved. He pointed out that only a 7% raise had been approved by the Board of Health.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he recalled it was for 7%.

Mrs. Crowe said the budget had been figured for a 7.5% raise. She said the salary increase amounted to approximately \$6,000 or \$7,000 overall. She said the difference was between fiscal year 2001 and fiscal year 2002.

Chairman Dunn remarked that according to the sheet he had the total cost of the raises would be \$20,000.

Commissioner Wells said that figure was not correct either because it was based on a 10% raise and it should be a 10.5% raise.

Commissioner Wells said it would still not have been accurate because only Mr. Fehr, Mr. Kilgore, Mr. Kurbes and Candice Clay's salaries were listed totaling \$148,162. She said three people were missing and these included one vacant spot and two currently filled positions. She said this was not really reflective of what the difference was. She said the Board was missing information on at least two individuals. She said there were two EHS2's that were vacant. She asked what the salary would be for those.

Mrs. Crowe replied that the EHS2 had been filled.

Commissioner Wells said there was no salary listed there.

Mrs. Crowe responded it was approximately \$30,000.

Commissioner Wells asked what an EHS1 would start at.

Mrs. Crowe replied that person would start at approximately \$26,000.

Commissioner Wells remarked that another \$86,000 would need to be added to the \$148,162 for a total of approximately \$254,000.

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Chairman Dunn said the Board would have to make sure the money would be there for the new hires.

Mrs. Crowe remarked that the 3% raise that the health employees receive every year was not a cost of living raise. She said none of the employees there get a cost of living raise. Commissioner Wells said on one sheet there were seven persons listed and on another sheet there were eight listed. She said the figures were so nebulous that she did not have a clue as to what it would have been at the 3% raise rate versus what it would be at the 10.5% rate.

Chairman Dunn asked how long the hiring freeze was going to last.

Mrs. Crowe replied that this was up to Governor Barnes.

Commissioner Wells clarified that if a position was vacant because someone left, then that position could not be refilled.

Mr. Fehr replied that was correct.

Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that if four persons left then they could not be replaced and Mr. Fehr replied that was correct.

Chairman Dunn asked how many authorizations were in Environmental Health.

Mr. Fehr replied there were seven environmentalists and one secretary.

Chairman Dunn asked if the secretary was entitled to receive the 7.5% raise.

Mr. Fehr replied no.

Commissioner Wells remarked that was the problem. She said the secretary should not be included in the 7.5%

Chairman Dunn said there were 6.5 people who would receive the 7.5% increase in addition to the 3%.

Chairman Dunn said he was not comfortable to vote on this now or to even make a decision on the 7.5% raise. He said this was the only line item in the budget that was not finished. He said on Thursday evening the Board must present this budget to the community. He said as part of that public hearing the Board could address this last issue. He said the Board would need good numbers, exactly who was getting raises and how much. He said he wanted to know how much of a raise each employee would be getting and not a total figure for each

employee after the raise was figured in. He said he would like that broken down for a 3% raise and then with the 7.5% and then a total raise figure for each person. He said he would also need to know the cost of the benefits.

Chairman Dunn also asked Mrs. Crowe to verify if the raise was 3% or 3.5%. He said he did not know if the other figures were based on 7% or 7.5%.

Commissioner VanLandingham interjected that the raise was for a 7.5% total request.

Coroner - 132

C.J. Mowell said he needed office space to put a computer.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had approved the \$100 per month rental space for an office. He said Information Systems was looking for a computer for him to use.

Mr. Mowell remarked that the State was requiring him to go on line July 1st.

Chairman Dunn said they would be getting him a computer.

Mr. Mowell said he had no place to put a computer.

Commissioner Wells suggested Mr. Cofty go over and determine what Mr. Mowell needed. Mr. Mowell said he just needed an office to put a computer where he could get on line.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Cofty would determine what Mr. Mowell needed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Gregory M. Dunn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 5th day of September, 2001.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk