

Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia met in a Budget Workshop on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 8:30 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
Peter Pfeifer
A.G. VanLandingham (entered meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Venice, Acting County Administrator
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Mark Pullium, Director of Business Services
Mary Holland, Assistant Finance Director
Tom Sawyer, Budget Officer
Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk

Director of Business Services Mark Pullium reviewed the general fund. He said staff had projected \$46 million in total revenues. He said this was approximately \$1.5 million of revenue growth over the 2005 budget. He remarked that this revenue formula incorporated the directive parameter that the Board of Commissioners set that the county would roll back the increased assessed values on property. He said this only incorporated the new growth from new construction and then some growth from prospective growth in sales tax. He commented that a good portion of the county's revenue growth did actually come from the sales tax. He remarked that this would be the fourth year that the county had rolled back the millage rate.

COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET

Chairman Dunn pointed out that no new programs had been requested. He said he had no problems with this budget.

Chairman Dunn asked for the figure that had been factored in for every department for the cost of living increase.

Mr. Pullium replied that 3.5% had been factored in. He said this was based on the CPIU which covered approximately 80% of all workers.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there were several cost of living indexes and he felt the one used here was high. He said he would like to know the index used for Federal and State government and also take a survey of surrounding counties that have C.O.L.A.

Mr. Pullium said staff would be glad to provide that information to the Board.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Board did not receive this C.O.L.A. and it did not apply.

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Commissioner Wells asked for the cost of meals per day for Commissioners. She asked what the standard was for this cost.

Executive Assistant Carol Chandler responded that it would be the I.R.S. per diem.

Mr. Pullium interjected that he was working on a draft travel policy that would be presented to the Division Directors next week. He said the chart included in this policy was based on the I.R.S. per diem.

Commissioner Wells asked what the figure was for the daily cost of meals by I.R.S. standards.

Mr. Pullium replied that he believed it was \$43 per day but it would depend upon the city the person was in at the time. He said staff was proposing an in-State versus an out-of-State rate. He said they had used the rate adopted by the Board regardless of where the meals were purchased.

Commissioner Wells asked if the \$43 per day was for in-State meals.

Mr. Pullium replied that was correct and stated that it was \$47 for out-of-State meals.

Commissioner Wells suggested each department review their seminar needs and decide which seminars were absolutely critical and which were not.

Chairman Dunn said he had seen training in the past that was more individually enhancing than mission critical. He said sometimes several people attend a seminar where one person would have been adequate and that person could bring the information back.

Mr. Pullium also remarked that the draft travel policy did designate out-of-Country reimbursement guidelines.

Mr. Pullium remarked that one of the other issues was the cheapest way to achieve the mission in order to get to the seminar. He said it was being recommended that staff check to see if a county pool car was available and if it was available and they decided to take their personal car it would be looked at as a personal choice and not reimbursed for mileage. He said employees would have to use the county vehicles first if available.

Chairman Dunn said the P-Card policy would also be updated in coordination with this.

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Commissioner Wells said she appreciated the fact that the \$11,000 was being taken off under public relations. She said she was not in favor of this last year and felt it was a waste of taxpayers' money.

Chris Venice said she had not put money in the budget for a possible staff day retreat with department heads. She said there had not been a retreat in five years. She estimated the cost of this at \$1,000.

Chairman Dunn felt it was absolutely essential for Ms. Venice to meet with the departments heads. The Board said they were in favor of putting \$1,000 in the budget for this.

Elections Office

Chairman Dunn asked if voting machines were still in the capital budget for Elections.

Mr. Pullium replied that 50 machines were coming in.

Mr. Pullium further remarked that Elections had requested new carpet in the capital budget. He felt this carpet was actually a safety hazard because of the waving and buckling of the carpet. He said they did have money in their budget this year and they had been authorized to proceed with replacement.

Commissioner Pfeifer questioned the items listed for inmate meals.

Ms. Holland interjected that inmates help in Elections in moving voting machines and this office was feeding them during the day.

Mr. Pullium remarked that the jail budget already had money budgeted for this and these funds could come out of there.

Chairman Dunn asked if the Elections Board's budget was separate or was it included in the Elections Office budget.

Mr. Pullium replied that they were included in this budget.

Commissioner Pfeifer questioned the State training requirements.

Chairman Dunn interjected this training was required by the State and there was not much the county could do about that.

Commissioner Wells noted that the amount requested had almost doubled from last year.

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Ms. Holland interjected that there were two in-State sessions planned for 2006.

Mr. Pullium remarked that there was also a series of Legislative changes where training would be necessary.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that the Elections budget had gone down by \$200,000 and Mr. Pullium remarked that this was because there was not a Presidential election this year.

Commissioner Wells clarified that the carpet was being replaced and there would be 50 new voting machines under the C.I.P.

Chairman Dunn confirmed that there would be no changes in this budget.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Dunn remarked that staff was recommending a new position.

Ms. Holland replied that the new position was tied into the S.P.L.O.S.T. program coming on board this year.

Chairman Dunn said the county was going to appeal to the State to allow the Cities to manage their own 30% funds. He said this would relieve a new person in getting involved in the three Cities S.P.L.O.S.T. monies.

Ms. Holland said she had done some calculations based on the information that she had. She said this was in regard to the payable items. She said there was an estimate of 1,400 items per month to be processed related to the projects that had been outlined including the Cities. She pointed out without the Cities it was still 780 items. She said this just involved the Accounts Payable part. She stated there was also the revenue coming in from the State. She said there would have to be proper accounting of these payables and with this volume somebody would need to be on top of that. She noted that these payables would have to be charged to the correct project as well as the proper reporting as required by the State that has to be published. She said with the Cities involved she had requested one and a half people. She stated without the Cities she believed this could be done with one person. She said she had also requested a part time person in regard to the S.P.L.O.S.T. as well.

Ms. Holland further remarked that besides the S.P.L.O.S.T. coming on board they had experienced an 8% increase in payable transactions over this past year.

Chairman Dunn felt the S.P.L.O.S.T. was not a work load factor. He noted that without the Cities involved these transactions would be cut in half to 780 items.

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Mr. Pullium said it would be incumbent upon the county to account for the money. He said an Intergovernmental Agreement might work if established but questioned if the audit responsibility then shifted from the County to the Cities.

Mr. Pullium remarked that in terms of these position requests irrespective of the end result, the County had the auditing requirements that must be completed. He said it required meticulous accounting and error free accounting. He said he was asking for these two positions in order to be able to meet the requirements of the S.P.L.O.S.T. and meet the requirements from an auditing perspective and this was the reason he had asked for them. Ms. Holland interjected that the volume of transactions would be in the county's portion. She noted that the transactions were more project accounting versus just maintenance.

Chairman Dunn interjected that nothing would be happening in many of the projects for several years. He said the 70% lump sum would be spent over the next twenty-five years and not over the next five or six years.

Mr. Pullium said they would need to start right up front and establish the project by project budgets, set them up and get them approved by the Board, publish it in the newspaper and then from that time on the Finance Department would have to keep this meticulously. He said this would have to be done not only on the budgeting side but also on the expenditure side of it. He said this work would be on top of what the Finance Department was already doing.

Commissioner Wells said the county would just be handling 30% of the money this first year. She asked if one full time position could handle that this year and then have it reviewed next year.

Ms. Holland said these items needed to be closely analyzed. She said she believed they could start with one new person.

Mr. Pullium said he would like to add a caveat to that and that was if the county was going to end up doing the Cities' work, then he would like to request an additional part time position.

Commissioner Wells agreed and said if Mark felt like this was going to be a lot more work with the Cities involvement, then the Board would need to approve the additional manpower to accomplish that.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the Board was approving the full time position now and would reconsider additional personnel later.

Commissioner Wells questioned the new position requested in the Purchasing Department's budget for an Accounting Technician Inventory Control person. She asked if this should be in the Finance Department's budget.

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Ms. Holland said right now the Finance Department was just not able to handle that inventory.

Commissioner Wells said this would work for people who go through Purchasing but not for people who did not go through Purchasing.

Ms. Holland replied that she understood and that was fine. She said she was willing to do that but needed someone to help do it.

Mr. Pullium interjected that they could make the transfer.

Chairman Dunn noted that Mr. Pullium was actually looking for almost three new people.

Ms. Holland said this actually came to two new people.

Commissioner Wells said she was in favor of the full time person in Finance Department and the part time for the inventory. She said the part time person doing inventory should be taken out of the Purchasing budget and put back into Finance. She said this came to one and three-quarters new people. She said they would not be approving the part time accounting technician at this time but relook it at a later date.

Mr. Pullium asked for the Board's consideration to outsource EMS billing. He said this was a reduction of one person in Finance.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that if the EMS billing was not outsourced, then Finance would need the person.

Commissioner Wells questioned seminars and dues and asked which seminars were required.

Ms. Holland replied that the main ones were the GFOA, the GGFOA and then the Munis training as well.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the Board agreed to the full time position and Purchasing can have the 73% person but that person would be assigned to the Finance Department.

Mr. Pullium clarified that the part time position would be moved to the Finance Department.

Chairman Dunn asked that Director of Purchasing Tim Jones know that the Board had taken care of this.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the other position request would be looked at later if the work load became heavy.

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Mr. Pullium said there was a promotion requested in this department and he just wanted to make sure the Board was in agreement with that request.

Chairman Dunn said he wanted to make sure that this person had a different job with a different job description and increased responsibilities.

Ms. Holland replied yes that was the case here.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wells said she had a question about lodging and meals. She questioned lodging and meals as listed on page 31 regarding seminars that were listed. She felt this was far too much training.

Mr. Pullium felt the lodging and meals category could be reduced down to \$400.

Chairman Dunn questioned the \$21,000 on page 32 which was a new program. He noted that this would be migrating to the Finance Department.

Chairman Dunn questioned the \$300 for car rental.

Commissioner Wells said she had no problem with leaving that in to cover a reasonable expense of car rental after flying to a seminar.

Mr. Pullium said these travel issues were being addressed in a new county travel policy.

Chairman Dunn said a county travel policy would dictate what needed to be done.

Mr. Pullium asked Mr. Sawyer to clarify the Purchasing Department budget.

Mr. Sawyer remarked that the rental car allowance would remain in the budget; reduce lodging and meals by \$1,200 down to \$400; eliminated the position from Purchasing by \$20,383 reduction; also remove the two Sams Club memberships.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the position of \$20,383 would go to the Finance Department's budget.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

Chairman Dunn remarked that this department had requested two new positions.

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Mr. Pullium stated that the request was for a System Analyst and an Information System Technician. He said staff felt the best solution for IS would be to contract this out on a project by project basis with an outside firm to handle any additional work load. He said staff felt that was a better solution than hiring full time staff with full time salaries and benefits.

Mr. Pullium remarked that staff was in the process of developing business continuation plans as well as developing a more moderate computer replacement program. He said he would not recommend at this time outsourcing this entirely.

It was the consensus of the Board to deny the request for two new positions.

Commissioner Wells questioned the seminars and dues category of this budget.

Mr. Pullium remarked that the biggest difference in training with this department was related to the GIS program. He said the other aspect of the budget was to ensure training for all of the staff in this department. He said one of the issues that he had with this particular department was making sure that all of the IS personnel go for training. He said some of the staff members had not been able to go to training. He said this was the reason he was in agreement with the \$17,000 request for this category. He pointed out that some of the classes were quite expensive because they were technologically advanced and the teachers were experts in their fields.

Chairman Dunn said he had no further questions in this budget.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Director of Human Resources had asked for a new position. He said staff had recommended approval of the position but he noted there was absolutely no justification for the position. He said the request was for an Assistant Director of Human Resources.

Mr. Pullium explained the justification for the new Assistant position. He pointed out that there were a lot of projects that the current Director just could not get to due to the workload and mandates that were coming out in this arena as well as the changing legal compliance environment. He said there was a need for additional strength in the Human Resources' staff.

Commissioner Wells felt policy oversight and compliance needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Frady felt the Assistant Human Resource Director would be a perfect new position in the organization that might be flexible and also work for other departments and not just one department. He said the county would not want to hire ten new people and this one

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Assistant could help in more departments. He said a Human Resources person could be used in all departments.

Chairman Dunn felt in the last few years there had not been justifications for new positions. He felt departments just picked these randomly and asked for them.

Mr. Pullium said he felt the new person should have a Master's Degree with training in Human Resources from an academic background with an appropriate amount of experience to be able to come in and have a definitive impact on the policies, procedures and compliance.

Chairman Dunn said he wanted to see a job description before he could vote on this request and the Board agreed.

Chris Venice said she had two issues to discuss under this budget. She said several years at Christmastime had given out certificates for employees to get a turkey or a ham at a designated store. She said this was very well received. She remarked that last year for some reason the Board had given each employee a certificate for \$10 to go toward the purchase of a turkey or ham. She said this was a small change but huge in its perception and gratuitousness. She asked for the Board's consideration to return to the certificate for an entire turkey or ham at a certain poundage limit. She said she had been informed that if the Board approved this approximately \$3,500 would have to be added in the budget to cover the cost of this. She said this was under the public relations category of the Human Resources budget.

It was the consensus of the Board that they agreed with going back to the certificates for a turkey or a ham.

Ms. Venice remarked that the second issue was the Mystery Shopper Program. She said this would save the county \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year. She said this program had been in place for the last seven years or so. She said there had been concerns about the program in that the questions asked did not necessarily relate to a certain department. She said over the years the results had gone up and down. She suggested that the new mystery shopper program would be that twice a week she would make an unsolicited phone call through the major line to a department and she expected four things. She said she expected good morning, good afternoon, the department and may I help you. She said if she did not get that greeting then she would have a conversation with the department head. She felt this would be as effective as any mystery shopper program that the county would pay for.

Chairman Dunn said he felt the mystery to him was why the county had paid for this program during all of these years and never gotten anything out of it. He said that was the mystery to him. He said the concept was great but no one ever saw any feed back from any results.

It was the consensus of the Board to take out the Mystery Shopper Program from this budget.

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Tax Assessor had asked for a new person and staff had denied this. He said staff was recommending the promotion.

Commissioner Wells said this came back to the Board's question on promotions if the person was actually responsible for more or just getting a promotion because of certification.

Chairman Dunn asked for clarification first if the Board agreed with staff's recommendation that another assessor was not needed.

Mr. Pullium said staff felt another person would not qualify to perform the work they had requested but suggested a C.P.A. firm would be necessary.

It was the consensus of the Board that a new position was not necessary in this department.

Chairman Dunn commented on the request for a promotion in this department. He said this was the same issue that the Board would be dealing with at the Water System, in the Permits and Inspections Department and in some cases Emergency Services.

Ms. Venice felt there should be a county-wide policy to address this issue drawn up during the next year.

Chairman Dunn said the policy should be that there are no promotions if there are no vacancies for certain level positions regardless if that employee gets certification. He said that employees would have to qualify for a promotion to fill an existing position.

Chairman Dunn said he firmly believed in training and the county paying for this training but he was not in favor of paying an employee earlier for a job that they were not really doing and had not been hired for.

Commissioner Wells said an employee was paid and hired for a certain position and unless they were qualified and a position open at the next level, they would not automatically fill that slot with an increase in pay.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there needed to be a policy stating that employees would not be promoted to be in jobs that did not exist.

Commissioner Frady clarified that the Board was not approving any hiring or promoting in this department.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - ADMINISTRATION

Linda Jones asked for the Board's consideration in approving the new position for the clerk. She presented the justification for this position as well as work load indicators to the Board for review.

Chairman Dunn remarked that staff was not in favor of this new position.

Ms. Jones said she firmly believed that she adequately justified the need for the additional clerical position. She said of the current personnel in this section of her division, two of these were GCIC operators and one of which worked evenings. She said the other two positions who worked during the day were dedicated to entering all of the incident reports, accident reports and did all of the filing. She remarked that there had not been a person added to this section in ten years.

Ms. Jones remarked that the total request was for \$27,760 annually including all benefits. She said the only additional cost would be for a computer. She said the benefit of this position would greatly enhance the work productivity of the Sheriff's Office as well as the citizens of the county.

Ms. Jones said she would also like to discuss the figure listed for gasoline on page 151. She said this was based on the annual mileage for five vehicles which included the Sheriff and Captain Meyer who was over the canine division and he had two vehicles. She said they had based this on the actual mileage year-to-date driven as well as the total mileage for 2004.

Commissioner Wells remarked that this figure had been down graded because there was not an accurate record of exactly what each vehicle used.

Ms. Jones said the gasoline pumps at the Sheriff's Office were computerized. She said they had not worked properly since installation. She said the person who ordered the gasoline and got the gasoline bill had been charging her division 1% of the gasoline bill. She noted that \$50 out of just about every gasoline bill had come out of administrative services for those five vehicles.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the gasoline issue was one of the legal issues that the county was currently working through.

Commissioner Pfeifer said he did not understand why the computer at the gasoline pumps would be down and not working.

Ms. Jones said it had been an ongoing problem but it currently was working.

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Chairman Dunn asked who provided the gas for that gasoline pump.

Ms. Jones responded that Lori Littlejohn handled all of that. She felt there should be a way to retrieve the information for each department.

Mr. Pullium remarked that this was being done at the Fleet Maintenance and Chairman Dunn said this was another one of the issues.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the county had agreements with every government that everybody could gas up at each other's pumps and then there was one single source of gasoline. He said the only one that was not doing it this way was the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Jones said she just wanted to point out that the figure shown was not indicative of what was actually spent. She estimated \$8,000 was spent just in that division.

Chairman Dunn commented on the position request and remarked that the Sheriff could move people around from other departments in order to assist Ms. Jones.

Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Jones if the Board were to approve this position would it be filled.

Ms. Jones replied yes it would be filled immediately.

Commissioner Wells remarked that the Board had approved a number of positions over there that had not been filled.

Commissioner Frady asked Mr. Jones who recommends that these people be shifted around.

Ms. Jones replied she was over that division and Olivia was her assistant and they make the decision. She said they did not actually hire people but her division does all of the testing and background investigations and gets these to the divisions that have openings.

Commissioner Wells referred to page 145 regarding office equipment. She said one of the catch phrases that always makes her uncomfortable were things listed as unanticipated. She said there were a few listed on page 145 and page 146. She suggested this be removed and if there was a need later the Board could look at it.

Commissioner Wells questioned vehicle repair where it stated funding for any unanticipated insurance deductible was also included in this. She asked what the amount was for that item.

Ms. Jones replied that referred to insurance deductibles in case of an accident.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that there was another issue here. He said maintenance of vehicles was supposed to be done at the county facility and that issue would be adjudicated as well.

Commissioner Wells questioned the building maintenance fund.

Ms. Jones remarked that they have had plumbing problems from the very beginning and this was coming out of her budget. She said they have had electrical issues and problems with doors. She noted that the doors were not part of the renovation. She said they have had to pay a door company to come out and work on the doors.

Mr. Pullium interjected that \$929 had been spent for that.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that this would come under normal maintenance and there was money budgeted for that.

Mr. Pullium said the question was with the unforeseen portion of the maintenance budget.

Commissioner Wells said the unforeseen portion would be deducted.

Commissioner Wells questioned the lodging and meals portion of the budget. She noted that last year \$2,500 was budgeted and this year's request was for \$7,367. She said the recommendation was \$3,489. She asked Mr. Pullium how he had derived at the recommended figure of \$3,489.

Mr. Pullium replied that in this particular case it was an incidence where the department had shown the justification as to who they wanted to attend the various conferences. He said staff had worked through the essential conferences versus the non-essential conferences. He said this was the figure that was determined to be essential training.

Commissioner Wells asked if the \$800 had been taken out listed as unexpected training. She questioned in that amount was part of the \$3,489.

Mr. Pullium replied no, the \$800 had been taken out.

Commissioner Wells also asked if the \$800 listed on page 149 under seminars and dues was also taken out.

Ms. Jones remarked that there was a request for \$190 to pay for the Sheriff's Chamber of Commerce dues. She said there was a notation where it was not recommended because the county had an institutional membership in the organization. She asked where the Sheriff would fit into that.

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Mr. Pullium said the county was discussing this with the Chamber and that was to buy one institutional membership and then have the mailings go to the appropriate officials in the county. He said this would also impact some of the other offices and not just the Sheriff's Department. He said this would allow a membership in the name of Fayette County Government. He said it would be a lot cheaper and would accomplish the same thing.

Commissioner Wells said the Sheriff would still be a member under the auspices of Fayette County.

Commissioner Wells remarked that she had noticed the expenditures for the drug funds that there was a number of payments over to Autry's Gun Range. She said she noticed this throughout the Sheriff's Department budgets that there had been a huge increase in requests for ammunition. She asked if deputies were still going to Autry's.

Ms. Jones replied yes as far as she knew.

Commissioner Wells asked if they take their own ammunition. She said each person was paying a huge fee every time they go which was approximately \$3,500 per month.

Ms. Jones said this question would have to be addressed with Bruce Jordan because she did not participate in that.

Ms. Jones said this portion of her budget regarding ammunition was in connection with practicing and qualifying at the range. She said there was nothing in her budget for Autry's. She said this was for the Sheriff, Captain Meyer and Belinda McCastle.

Chairman Dunn asked how many times per year that the law required certification for each deputy.

Ms. Jones replied that they needed 20 hours each year and they go to training quarterly and qualify twice each year.

Commissioner Wells remarked that approximately 66 rounds of ammunition per individual had been requested. She said department wide they had requested 117 cases of ammunition for 214 employees and some she assumed were clerical personnel.

Ms. Jones remarked that unless the jail staff were certified officers, the jailers did not participate.

Commissioner Wells said she found that interesting since the jail requested a number of rounds of ammunition.

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Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Jones how many certified personnel there were.

Ms. Jones replied that it was approximately 150 and that might be on the high side. She said it might be 140 who were certified.

Commissioner Wells clarified that there were 140 persons shooting 117 cases of ammunition.

Ms. Jones said she would be glad to get the exact number for the Board. She pointed out that once a person was issued a gun they were required to maintain training and to qualify with the weapon to be able to carry it.

Commissioner Wells asked for the number of jailers.

Olivia Seidel of the Sheriff's Department replied that there was 95 people on that staff which included two clerical positions for the jail.

Commissioner Wells remarked that just for the jailers they were requesting \$8,571 for ammunition. She said that was not included in her figure of 117 cases.

Mr. Pullium remarked one more item that they had requested and staff had recommended was the upgrade to their record management system.

Ms. Jones said the certified officers could go to the firing range once a month to practice but the Sheriff did not require them to go.

Commissioner Wells asked if the ammunition was acquired through a State contract.

Ms. Seidel replied yes and stated that it was ordered through GT Distributors and they have a State contract price.

Commissioner Wells clarified that staff was recommending the computer upgrade.

Commissioner Wells clarified that the following would be removed from this budget: \$500 from the office equipment because it was for unknown incidentals; \$1,000 off vehicle repairs because that was for unanticipated; and \$1,000 off building maintenance.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there was also the issue of the position that the Board would vote on when Commissioner VanLandingham arrived. He said he could not support the request for the position at this point but would review the information that Ms. Jones had provided the Board today.

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Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Jones how many people were in this division.

Ms. Jones replied there were 12.

Chairman Dunn asked how many of the 12 were certified.

Ms. Jones replied three and they were the Sheriff, Captain Meyer and Belinda McCastle. Commissioner Wells clarified that there were five vehicles for 12 people.

Chairman Dunn asked Ms. Jones if there were non-certified officers driving vehicles home.

Ms. Jones replied that the canine handler had two vehicles, the Sheriff had a vehicle, Belinda McCastle had a vehicle, and she had a vehicle. She said she takes a car home sometimes and she was the only non-certified person who takes one home.

Ms. Jones questioned the Sheriff's expense allowance for \$6,000. She said she had not budgeted that and questioned if staff had entered it. She remarked that this had been reduced to \$3,600.

Chairman Dunn asked Ms. Jones if she was aware of the issue involved.

Ms. Jones replied that originally they had been told that the amount budgeted had to include enough for taxes and so forth thus allowing the Sheriff to net \$300 per month.

Chairman Dunn said that was what staff had told all of the constitutional officers. He said the problem with that was that the I.R.S. did not agree with that. He said you would either have to claim the \$300 to get it non-taxable with documentation or if you did not claim it then you would pay tax on it. He said each constitutional officer would receive the \$300 but they would not get \$600 plus a month in order to net out \$300. He said if an officer wanted to receive the entire \$300 all they would have to do would be to provide the back up documentation for the expenses. He said the Board was having to inform everyone on this issue and it certainly was not just the Sheriff. He said this involved all of the people. He said staff had made a decision a couple of years ago and this was unbeknownst to the Board. He said after some questions arose, the Board became aware of this situation. He remarked that even one of the Board's own staff members had done the same thing. He said the Board had taken care of that here and now the Board was trying to get everyone else in line with the I.R.S. requirements.

Chairman Dunn said that was everything that he had questions on in this budget.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Wells said she did not have a problem with anything in this budget.

Commissioner Pfeifer questioned the increase and asked if it was a result of the new courthouse and Commissioner Wells responded yes.

Chairman Dunn remarked that there were 866 additional hours shown. He asked what these hours were for.

Mr. Pullium replied that was for a part time person who mowed grass from May through September forty hours per week with no benefits. He said this was a temporary position.

Chairman Dunn clarified that this would be a part time employee and not a contract employee.

Mr. Pullium said this would be a seasonal temporary employee without benefits.

It was the consensus of the Board that there were no problems with this budget.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Chairman Dunn remarked that staff was recommending the new civil engineer but not the promotion request.

Ms. Venice said this would be an E.I.T. position but not a certified engineer.

Chairman Dunn asked how staff anticipated handling leisure services now. He asked if this new position would work in leisure services.

Ms. Venice replied yes, the way the county was currently structured. She said this person would actually be a staff position under the Director of Engineering. She said there had been no decision made on the leisure services position.

Chairman Dunn clarified that Ms. Venice had suggested putting solid waste under the Engineering Department and he felt that made perfect sense.

Ms. Venice said the other departments that needed to be addressed were Recreation and Building and Grounds Maintenance. She said she proposed putting Recreation under Community Development and Building and Grounds Maintenance under Engineering and leave Engineering to report directly to the County Administrator for the time being but not as a separate division. She said this would eliminate two people reporting to her temporarily.

Commissioner Wells asked if the Board had any problems with this budget and there were none.

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Chairman Dunn remarked that there was \$585,000 in this fund.

Mr. Pullium discussed the gasoline pumps at Public Works. He said gasoline could be budgeted in one central location instead of many different budgets and have this effective July 1st. He said he had discussed this with staff and the county would have the capability of approximately less than \$2,000 to convert the meter reading system at Public Works. He said each person who was assigned a vehicle would have a card. He said the employee would put their card in the machine, put in their code and staff would know exactly how much gasoline was put in that car. He said the pump would not be authorized until the card was activated. He said cameras could be installed at the pumps to make sure this system was working correctly.

Mr. Pullium discussed the oil and grease used at Public Works for County vehicles.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the Board was in agreement that the county would buy the gasoline for every County vehicle and not budget every department gasoline money.

Mr. Pullium said that was what he would recommend.

Chairman Dunn suggested the Board wait to vote on this until Commissioner VanLandingham was present.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL JUDICIAL BUDGET

Commissioner Wells asked who had prepared this budget.

Mary Holland replied that this was a combination of the Finance Department and Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Department.

Commissioner Wells questioned the expenditure listed for Christmas decorations in the amount of \$7,000.

Commissioner VanLandingham entered the meeting at this time 2:55 p.m.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the judicial center was not the official county headquarters. He asked what the \$7,000 included.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that since the judicial center was new they had not purchased many decorations. He pointed out that the Christmas tree located at Heritage Park cost \$13,000.

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Carol Chandler interjected that the \$13,000 cost of the Christmas tree was a donation from The Heritage Committee to the county. She said it did not cost the county anything.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the Main Street Committee and the City of Fayetteville representatives would be speaking with county personnel on a coordinated effort to decorate for the Christmas holidays. He said he was supportive of that rather than everybody doing something separate.

Chairman Dunn further remarked that there was no court in session during the Christmas holidays and no one would see these decorations.

Commissioner Wells felt \$1,000 would be sufficient for these decorations.

Commissioner VanLandingham felt \$1,000 would not go far for that large building.

Commissioner Wells felt \$3,500 would be enough for the decorations at the judicial center. She suggested Carol Chandler could coordinate this with the judicial center.

Chris Venice asked if all of the county's holiday decorations would come under the Buildings and Grounds budget.

Commissioner Wells said the buildings and grounds maintenance staff could coordinate the decorations and they would know what they had in stock and what was needed.

Commissioner Frady clarified that this would only be for decorating the outside of the judicial center.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he would agree to the \$3,500 for holiday decorations.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned the \$18,180 listed for HVAC. He said this figure was listed at the top of the page and then listed again at the bottom of the page.

Mary Holland said she would contact Greg Ownby and question this.

Mark Pullium suggested taking out the \$1,500 for fire pump and sprinkler repair and the \$2,500 for mechanical repair for the HVAC units. He said if money for repairs was needed it could come out of the contingency fund and the Board was in agreement of this recommendation.

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Sonja Strickland, Director of Promise Land appeared to discuss this budget with her staff Office Manager Rebecca Harris, Case Manager Cindi Polo, Program Coordinator Vanessa Montley and Community Outreach Director Heidi Becker.

Director of Promise Land Sonja Strickland said they had requested an increase from the \$10,000 that they receive every year to \$20,000. She said they had also requested an increase from the 5% Victim's Assistance fund to \$20,000 annually. She said their services had continue to grow and last year they had served 468 women just from Fayette County. She said they also offered crisis counseling 24 hour emergency hotline, food pantry, weekly support group with free childcare, legal advocacy and a teen dating violation program. She said this year they were actually expanding services to children and they had received a \$15,000 United Way Grant. She said this was a pilot grant for therapeutic support group and individual counseling for children.

Ms. Strickland further remarked that they have a transitional housing program which had been open since 1992. She said last year they had assisted nine women and fifteen children. She pointed out that many of those families had moved out into self-sustaining households. She remarked that their current annual budget was \$170,000. She said she felt that this was a fairly small budget for the many services that they offer. She said they were constantly trying to raise money for the organization and they did have several fundraisers.

Chairman Dunn asked for their largest source of funding.

Ms. Strickland replied that was the Thrift Shop and stated that they received \$36,000 per year from them. She said they were trying to get State certified so they would qualify for State funding. She felt it would be another two years before they qualified for State funding.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked for the criteria for State funding.

Ms. Strickland said they must be certified. She pointed out that Fayette County was not a needs priority area but Upson County was and that was in the judicial circuit so they were expanding services to that area so they can open funding up for them.

Chairman Dunn asked what area they supported now and the Director replied that they were mainly in Fayette County and the majority of victims were Fayette County victims.

Ms. Strickland said they did take people from adjoining counties but the 93 protective orders that they had last year were all from Fayette County. She said they saw a tremendous amount from Peachtree City, Fayette County and the Tyrone area. She said they see people from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, and pilots. She said they have seen women and men from very high paying jobs who were in a domestic violence situation who needed assistance. She said all of their services were free to victims.

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Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the entire judicial district had to be certified.

Ms. Strickland replied that their program had to become certified and that would cover the entire judicial circuit.

Chairman Dunn clarified that when they become certified by the State they would be serving the four counties.

Ms. Strickland replied yes and at that time they would be asking the State for more money. She said at this point in time their primary office was in Fayette County and most of the clients that they served were in Fayette County.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked how many out of town clients they had.

Ms. Strickland replied that all of the women living in the transitional house right now were Fayette County residents.

Ms. Strickland further remarked that they did all of the protective orders in the Griffin Judicial Circuit for the District Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Wells asked how much of the \$170,000 budget applied toward salaries.

Ms. Strickland replied that the majority of the \$170,000 goes toward salaries. She said \$120,000 goes toward salaries and \$25,000 comes from the State. She noted that the \$25,000 was included in the \$170,000. She also remarked that the \$10,000 coming from the County and the \$10,000 from the 5% fund also helped meet salaries.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the \$25,000 grant from the State had been accepted and Ms. Strickland replied yes.

Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that it was to expand services in the judicial district. He asked if the rest of the judicial district was sharing in the cost.

Ms. Strickland replied that Vanessa's part of the program was completely self-sustaining. She said Vanessa received \$25,000 which covered her salary and she had an office in the Spalding County Sheriff's Department that they provided for her.

Chairman Dunn asked for the exact salary figure for the total number of five employees.

Ms. Strickland remarked that the total budget for staffing right now was \$104,711.

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Chairman Dunn clarified that the \$25,000 grant money was for the salary of a State employee and nothing else.

Commissioner Wells asked if this was a one time grant and Ms. Strickland replied no.

Ms. Strickland said it was self-sustaining as long as they were providing services then it would continue. She said as they grow in services they would be eligible for more funding. Commissioner Wells clarified that it was not a VOCA grant and Ms. Strickland replied no it was not.

Commissioner Wells asked if the \$104,711 that went toward salaries included the \$25,000 and Ms. Strickland replied yes it did.

Chairman Dunn said there was \$65,000 for operations and programs.

Mr. Pullium asked Ms. Strickland if she had requested money from the Spalding County Commission.

Ms. Strickland said they had asked them last year and the Commission had told them no. She said she was working on that again this year.

Commissioner Wells asked if Peachtree City was still contributing and Ms. Strickland replied yes, \$7,500.

Chairman Dunn asked if Spalding County had a center or a program there and Ms. Strickland replied no but they have the Christian Women's Center Shelter there.

Commissioner Wells remarked that this was an emergency shelter.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Pullium why staff was not recommending the additional new program.

Mr. Pullium replied that it was for lack of resources. He said this program had merit but not enough money to cover this request.

Ms. Strickland remarked that last year they almost ran out of money and came very close to shutting their doors. She said they had worked well in obtaining funding but there was no room for error.

Commissioner Wells said she was glad that Ms. Strickland brought this up and she was aware that they were having financial trouble last year. She pointed out in 2004 they almost ran out of money and then in 2005 they added a project coordinator for almost \$25,000.

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Ms. Strickland remarked that the project coordinator was actually Vanessa's position and that was paid with State money.

Commissioner Wells remarked that there were two part time people and questioned who the other person was.

Ms. Strickland replied that Heidi Becker had just come on board. She said Heidi had to raise the money she got paid. She said if Heidi did not raise the money then she would not earn any money. She said the problem that they had run into was that services outweighed fundraising.

Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Strickland if they were still charging for the transitional house.

Ms. Strickland replied yes, it was 30% depending upon what they made.

Commissioner Wells said she did not see it listed at all as income. She asked if it was included in program service fees.

Ms. Strickland replied yes it was.

Commissioner Wells said it was her understanding that they would be building a shelter here.

Ms. Strickland replied that was a future goal but that would not be something that they would undertake until they were financially ready. She said this would come about when money became available through the State.

Chairman Dunn questioned the name Promise Place.

Ms. Strickland replied that they came up with that name because a lot of people felt this facility was completely sustained by the County. She said this was what was really behind the name change. She pointed out that since they were also providing services for Spalding, Pike and Upson they could not say that they were just a Fayette County facility.

Chairman Dunn remarked that this agency was doing a great job with a little bit of money. He said there were hundreds of charities in this county who were also asking for money every single year and there were only about a half dozen that the County contributed to. He said it was a hard choice that the Board had to make every year at budget time.

Ms. Strickland asked for the Board's consideration for an additional \$10,000 from the 5% fund. She pointed out that they did work with a lot of crime victims and provide a lot of support services for the court system.

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Chairman Dunn asked Ms. Strickland if she had spoken with the individuals who dispense funds from the Victims' Assistance Fund.

Ms. Strickland replied that they had spoken with them a few times. She said they had also spoken with Scott Ballard concerning help with more funding and he was open to that.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he still had somewhat of a problem with the \$25,000 grant. He said this was supposed to be used for the judicial district and not Spalding County.

Ms. Strickland replied that the grant was for expansion of services for Spalding, Pike and Upson Counties.

Commissioner VanLandingham felt if the other counties were benefitting from the grant then they needed to contribute. He said it was his understanding that they were not contributing.

Ms. Strickland remarked that this was a work in progress to approach the different funding sources and have them to approve their facility.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked if there were going to be expanded services for these counties and until they contributed some money, Fayette County would be footing the bill for the entire facility. He said he did not feel like this was fair.

Commissioner Frady felt if this agency was going to represent the entire judicial circuit then something needed to be done for the other counties to contribute.

Ms. Strickland said they would definitely work on that.

Commissioner Frady said he had difficulty with spending some of Fayette County's dollars on something that was not a Fayette County purpose. He said he hated to say that but it was something that needed to be looked at.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that the four counties were involved in the court system. He said Fayette County paid a per capita share of the court costs. He felt this would be a good challenge for this agency and that would be for Ms. Strickland to appear before the County Commissions in the other three Counties and asked them the way they do the courts and have them pay their fair share. He said they could at least match percentage wise what Fayette County was paying.

Commissioner Wells remarked that when she was involved in this agency, the County gave no money to them.

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Ms. Strickland commended Commissioner Wells in making great strides for this organization. She said without the County's assistance last year, they would not have been able to keep their doors open.

Chairman Dunn remarked that Fayette County had more people in the judicial district than the other three counties. He said Fayette County was contributing \$20,000 and if this was broken out then the other three counties would probably be contributing \$18,000 between them. He said Fayette County was contributing 40%.

Commissioner VanLandingham pointed out that case load should also factor into this.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that Spalding County had half the population of Fayette County and had twice as many cases as Fayette County. He remarked that Fayette County was paying more money than Spalding County just for court. He said Fayette County could not continue this relationship with the district.

Chairman Dunn said he agreed with the staff's recommendation. He said the Board had not voted on this yet but it would be voting later. He said next time he would like to hear Ms. Strickland tell the Board that the other counties were contributing.

Ms. Strickland remarked that the Board would definitely hear that.

Chairman Dunn said he knew the Spalding County Chairman pretty well and he would speak to him about this personally.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he was not denying the need for more money and he felt the need was there but Fayette County's ability to accommodate them just is not. He said he would strongly suggest that Ms. Strickland try to get the other counties to participate in this at their level.

MAGISTRATE COURT

Judge Chuck Floyd and Debbie Barron appeared to discuss this budget.

Commissioner Wells said it appeared that the Magistrate Court case load was increasing but fine money was decreasing. She said there had not been any transfer of funds since February.

Debbie Barron remarked that with the new system they had run into a problem with getting the numbers to balance out. She said within the next week she would have March and April funds ready for the County. She noted that felony cases were staying pretty much the same but the civil cases had really increased from last year.

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Commissioner Wells asked Ms. Barron how much revenue she felt was at Magistrate Court right now.

Ms. Barron replied approximately \$20,000 and \$30,000. She felt this was a low estimate. She said the money was in the bank but it had not been transferred yet. She said they did not want to transfer the money until they had all of the figures exactly correct and balanced.

Commissioner Wells said it makes it very difficult for the Board to be amenable to provide for their additional request if it appears that the work load was less. She said one of the ways that the Board looked at the work load was to look at the revenue coming in.

Ms. Barron remarked that they had been short staffed at Magistrate Court. She said she was the only person who did the accounting and when there were only two people in the office who were trying to run the entire court as well as the administrative part it was very hard.

Judge Floyd said the courts were just starting to consider a couple of different options in criminal proceedings so some of the fine money might end up being less and that was not a reflection of doing less work. He stated a new pretrial intervention program was being considered and that would defray some of the revenues that they had. He said the new regime's approach was a little different from the old regime's approach and that would affect fines. He remarked that they were looking at the entire situation a little more comprehensively and trying to be more equitable in terms of meeting appropriate remedies for various behavior breaches.

Chairman Dunn said the Board was not aware of these financial constraints. He encouraged Judge Floyd not to hesitate to call when a problem such as this occurred.

Commissioner Wells said the Board was aware of the employee constraints but not the financial one.

Chairman Dunn asked if the vehicle used by Magistrate Court was going to be replaced.

Commissioner Wells felt it should be replaced.

Mr. Pullium pointed out that the vehicle did not meet the 150,000 mile threshold. He said they had decided to replace the seat in the vehicle.

Mr. Pullium stated the vehicle was a 1997 Ford Taurus and had 115,000 miles on it.

Ms. Barron remarked that the transmission had been replaced and then it went out but it was still under warranty. She said the seat had a problem and it had been repaired.

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Chairman Dunn remarked if the vehicle was not going to be replaced then the \$200 for tires needed to be left in.

Mr. Pullium said he had checked with Fleet Manager Bill Lackey and he said the vehicle was in fine working condition.

Chairman Dunn remarked that the main issue in the Magistrate Court's budget was a personnel issue.

Commissioner Wells said she had already discussed making the part time position a full time position. She asked Ms. Barron to explain why the part time position needed to go to a full time position.

Ms. Barron remarked that the person in the part time position had become the main focused person on the majority of the data entry. She said the person was also a supervisor over their part time person at the counter. She said their two deputy clerks were handling everything for court. She remarked that their software system was a lot more involved and was taking a lot more knowledge to operate it.

Judge Floyd said this person handled the overflow on both the civil and criminal calendars and monitored the ongoing activities of the office. He said she was also training the new person on the front counter.

Ms. Barron said they felt this person was very deserving of this promotion and the new responsibilities.

Commissioner Wells asked if there would be a new job description.

Ms. Barron replied yes there was a new job description. She said it fit in with the Superior Court III's job description. She said there would be additional job responsibilities and a new job description.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that it would cost \$19,000 additional for salary and benefits to upgrade this position from part time to full time.

Tom Sawyer interjected the \$8,500 listed was just for the salary.

Chairman Dunn said there were no benefits being paid right now for the part time position and this expense would be added to the \$8,500 salary figure.

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Commissioner Wells said she did not see how the Board could not support this. She said this promotion would help make the jobs more efficient but would also help the morale. She said these personnel were overwhelmed. She said she strongly supported this promotion.

Mr. Pullium remarked that the total cost of converting the part time position to a full time position for salary and benefits was \$14,993.56.

Chairman Dunn asked if anyone did not support this request.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned how many hours was the part time person working now.

Ms. Barron replied 24 hours per week.

Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that 16 hours would be added to this position and her pay would be more than doubled for less time.

Commissioner Wells pointed out that this figure also included the cost of benefits.

Commissioner VanLandingham questioned if they could get another part time person which would result in more hours and no payment of benefits.

Judge Floyd pointed out that the person in that position right now was a very strong person and he was not sure what they would get in a new part time person.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he would support the full time person and Commissioner Frady agreed.

Chairman Dunn clarified that the entire Board would support this full time position. He said the Board was not taking an official vote on items at this time but would vote later. He said the Board would vote in favor of the full time position later. He asked if they wanted to discuss the request for a part time position.

Mr. Pullium remarked on the promotional request. He said the total cost for salaries and benefits would be \$3,325 per year.

Commissioner Wells asked how long this person had worked in Magistrate Court.

Ms. Barron replied the person had been with them for almost four years and with the County five years.

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Commissioner Wells remarked that in essence they were creating a new position and Ms. Barron replied yes.

Commissioner Wells asked for justification for this new position.

Ms. Barron said this person had new responsibilities because of the new computer system at Magistrate Court. She said the new system had changed the whole outlook on the way that they were operating their office. She said it more than doubled the information that was available to their office, to the public and also to the other courts. She said the system that they have now starts in their office and then generates to the other departments so that data did not have to be entered two or three times. She said this information was made available to the public and in order to do that it was taking more time to enter all of this data. She said this involved more time and more thought process. She pointed out that this job had become a lot more complicated. She said they felt this person was very deserving of this promotion.

Chris Venice asked if this person would be supervising anyone and Ms. Barron replied yes. Ms. Venice said staff had not recommended this position because of the reason that it was not abundantly clear that it was such a huge change in responsibilities.

Commissioner Wells pointed out that the Board had been very consistent in this budget period in not promoting people unless it was a job that needed to be filled. She felt there was a great hesitancy on the Board's part in promoting this person.

Ms. Barron said their department was five months into the new program and it was already getting more and more involved.

Judge Floyd said other departments would level off but Magistrate Court would be doing more.

Commissioner Wells asked if the pressure would diminish as the new system advanced and Ms. Barron replied no.

Commissioner Wells asked why they were going with a new system.

Judge Floyd replied that they already owned it and they did not have to purchase it outright. He pointed out that other departments in the courthouse were using it already and the new system was compatible with those departments. He said it did provide a benefit to some of the end users as to what they produce.

Commissioner Wells pointed out that the cost had been to the Magistrate Court as far as the work load increase along with the stress.

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Judge Floyd remarked that they were not committed to this system forever. He said there was going to be stress from converting to another system regardless of which system they chose. He said this was a system that was available to them at minimal cost to the county that provided some benefits to other departments. He said they were going to have to change in any event and they decided to go with this system. He said the morale in the office had suffered because of the added stress. He said there would have been a cost associated with any system they had gone with.

Judge Floyd remarked that not all of the departments were using this new system.

Commissioner Wells asked who was not using the new system and Judge Floyd replied the Sheriff's Department was not.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that when the Board was approached by departments requesting new system they are always told that the new system would save time, money, manpower and effort. He said then in the next budget cycle it turned out to be the opposite situation with requests for more personnel to operate the new system.

Chairman Dunn said he was not comfortable with this today but interested to see how this turned out in the future among the courts. He pointed out that Judge Floyd had said that they were not forever committed to this system. He said if they decided after a period of time that they did not like the new system and got rid of it, the county would still be responsible for the employee.

Ms. Barron said they had looked at several different systems before they chose this one. She said this system was the one that had been chosen by the Georgia Clerks Authority to handle the State's system. She pointed out that this system was a lot better than the other systems presented to them. She said they had not realized that the new system would involve so many steps to get one process completed. She pointed out that the Information Systems staff had written the program for their previous system and they had not appreciated what a great program they had until they changed to this new system. She said they were much better off with the old system. She said if they could have kept the old system they would have loved it but they could not.

Commissioner Wells said she understood that when data was entered into the computer there were many different screens and different categories that had to be accessed.

Ms. Barron said the old system had all of the information that they needed to access on just one screen. She said she was the Vice President of the Georgia State Clerk's Association. She said in going to meetings and speaking to the different courts, Fayette County really had a good system. She said it was just taking a lot more time to put information in and pull information out.

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Chairman Dunn asked if there were anymore issues.

Ms. Barron said they would need funds to completely dress a new Constable. She said one uniform costs approximately \$80 to \$100 for a shirt, pants and county patches. She said they would also need new shoes and they cost \$80, a belt, and possibly a gun holster. She said they would not need to purchase a gun because they had that. She said \$800 would cover the cost of the uniform and accessories.

Commissioner Frady asked what the \$800 was for if uniform costs were under \$100.

Ms. Barron said the constable would need more than one uniform.

Mr. Pullium said this would come out of the FY 2005 budget and Ms. Barron said they had \$400 in that account right now and there would be \$400 in the FY 2006 budget.

Chairman Dunn suggested this be done in this year's budget and the Board agreed.

SHERIFF'S BUDGET - CID

Major Bruce Jordan and Michelle Walker appeared to discuss this budget.

Chairman Dunn asked Major Jordan if the major issue would be the request for four investigators and staff's recommendation for two.

Major Jordan replied yes, the and stated the positions were his major concern. He said everything else looked good.

Chairman Dunn asked if this was the only thing that he wanted to talk about.

Major Jordan replied yes.

Chairman Dunn asked Major Jordan why he had requested four investigators.

Major Jordan responded that the drug squad was seriously lacking people. He said there was still only five people. He said they had not increased their size in ten years. He said he had requested two drug squad people and two detectives. He said he had increased the size of detectives because violent crimes were up and he still needed to do something about the identity problem. He said this had gone up again since we talked last year about it. He said he had discussed these positions with Mr. Pullium. He said he could live with what staff had recommended but stated they would probably be looking at the drug squad issue again next year if he did not get one this year.

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Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Pullium to explain staff's recommendation. He asked if he was recommending one of each.

Mr. Pullium replied yes, that was staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Wells asked what the recommendation was based on.

Mr. Pullium replied that the basis for the drug task force recommendation in that regard was more less because of the increased trafficking in the crystal meth area throughout the County. He said they saw this not just working through Bruce's budget but in working through all of the budgets with the social services agencies throughout the County. He said they heard the common theme more and more of how that particular drug is becoming more and more prevalent in Fayette County. He gave as an example the number of placements from the DFACS into the Friday-Johnson Home had gone from around 1,000 days of service three years ago to nearly 3,000 days for service. He said DFACS was actually having to take children out of the home and put them in DFACS. He said this was basically because the mothers or the parents were getting involved in this terrible drug and it was just ruining their lives and ruining these children's lives. He said from a real human perspective it was his thought that there needed to be more presence and more interaction and more attention in that particular area. He said staff heard it more than once. He said staff was not just hearing this from DFACS but this was a good example of some statistics that he saw that convinced him that there needed to be more presence and interaction there.

Major Jordan remarked that the problem that they were running into was the creation of crystal meth was so easy to make now. He said someone could go to Wal-Mart and buy the ingredients necessary to make methamphetamine. He said there had been a huge increase in the seizures that they were doing. He agreed with Mr. Pullium that it was not just the teenagers anymore, but the parents were getting hooked.

Commissioner Wells asked Mr. Pullium if that was his justification for one or both or what. Mr. Pullium responded that one was in the drug area but the other one that was convincing to him was the identity theft area that needed presence in that area as well. He said it was a two part recommendation from his perspective – one in the identity theft and one in the drug addiction.

Major Jordan remarked that he had requested two positions in general detectives because of the increase in homicides. He said there had been more homicides this year than ever before and then one for the identity theft. He said he agreed with Mr. Pullium at their meeting that if there was a homicide he would let the identity theft person help on the homicide too and just go with one person if he had to.

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Commissioner Pfeifer asked Major Jordan if he expected any positive impact from the new State law about taking the methamphetamine drugs that they make and moving them behind the counter.

Major Jordan replied yes, if they will do it. He said the problem was going to be enforcement within the stores. He said he definitely liked the law.

Commissioner Wells asked Major Jordan how many people were working drug now.

Major Jordan replied five.

Commissioner Wells asked how many people were in homicide and that area.

Major Jordan Five investigators and two supervisors.

Commissioner Wells clarified that was a total of seven.

Major Jordan replied that was not including him.

Commissioner Wells asked Major Jordan what he thought could be done about identity theft recognizing that it was a big problem and nationally it was out of control. She asked him what he saw their role in this as being.

Major Jordan stated now there was a great new identity theft law. He said if they find somebody in possession of anything that robs somebody's identity, they can be charged in this county whether they were passing checks in Coweta, Newnan or wherever and that was helping. He said if they had the people and the resources to go and try to track these people down and find them in possession of somebody from Fayette County's identification such as job applications or anything they had stolen to use for that we could charge them in Fayette County and bring them back here. He said the problem they have been having was when you have seven homicides and armed robberies were up, the detectives are prioritizing and putting identity theft low. He said if he gets this person his main job was going to have to be identity theft except when there was a homicide. He said when there was a homicide everybody drops what they were are doing until they get to the point when it was resolved.

Commissioner Wells asked Major Jordan if he saw this person working primarily in Fayette County or in the surrounding counties.

Major Jordan replied that the person would be working here and would only be working cases where citizens of Fayette County were ripped off. He said they might have to go somewhere else to find the person committing the crime.

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Commissioner Wells asked Major Jordan if the person would need a car.

Major Jordan replied yes. He said he would be a detective and would be outfitted just like any other detective.

Commissioner Wells asked Major Jordan if they had a car available now that this person could use.

Major Jordan remarked that this question brings up another issue. He said the Sheriff's Department was recently told that the County was not going to maintain the cars that they buy with drug money. He said this person would need a car and the Sheriff's Department would also need to replace all of those drug cars that were not going to be insured anymore. He said they had 17 people driving drug cars and if the county was not going to maintain those cars they would need new cars.

Commissioner Wells asked if the Sheriff's Department could pay for the insurance with drug money.

Major Jordan replied no, they were not allowed to.

Commissioner Wells asked why not.

Major Jordan replied that was a regular budget item and he was not allowed to supplant his budget or pay for ongoing budgeted items that the county had been paying for.

Commissioner Wells asked if these were specifically drug cars for drug use.

Major Jordan replied that they were not all drug cars. He said they had bought detectives' cars. He remarked that the uniform major drives a car that they bought with drug seizure money. He said they did not just buy the drug people cars with that drug money. He said his car was purchased with drug seizure money.

Chairman Dunn asked how the Sheriff's Department was paying for the aviation maintenance then?

Major Jordan replied that the aviation unit was created and the County had never paid for it. He said the County had never paid for any of the insurance either.

Chairman Dunn replied no, but stated that the maintenance was being paid for with drug money.

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Major Jordan replied that was correct but this was not something that had ever been in the general budget. He said he was not supposed to take a decrease in the general budget using the drug seizure money.

Commissioner Wells remarked that the county currently has 129 certified officers. She asked how many cars the Sheriff's Department currently had.

Major Jordan replied that he did not know. He said he could tell the Board how many cars he had. He said they generally keep two to three cars that were used for undercover buys. He said those were almost always seized cars and not the ones they have to go out and pay for. He said his department has 43 vehicles.

Commissioner Wells clarified that Major Jordan had 43 vehicles and 13 people.

Major Jordan interjected that he had more than 13 people.

Michelle Walker remarked that there were 35 people in this department.

Major Jordan stated there were school resource officers and canine under his department. He said he could tell the Board what some of those vehicles were. He said there was a SET van for the tactical team. He said there was a surveillance vehicle platform and then the undercover cars and spare cars would amount to the others.

Chairman Dunn said he thought canine was under Linda Jones' budget.

Commissioner Wells replied it was.

Major Jordan remarked that they put his budget under her but the vehicle was counted in his budget.

Ms. Walker interjected the vehicle was counted in Linda Jones' budget.

Commissioner Wells asked if they had a spare car why could it not be used for the identity theft person.

Major Jordan remarked that the spare cars were always high mileage. He said if they could get past the issue of what was going to be done about maintaining these cars that were being bought with drug money, he would consider buying the car with drug money if the position was approved. He said he could not agree to that unless he knew the County was going to maintain them.

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Commissioner Wells said she was sure that a lot of issues would be taken care of when the lawsuit was settled.

Commissioner VanLandingham pointed out that the problem was not with the Board wanting to take care of the cars but the fact that the Board did not know about all of the cars that the Sheriff's Department has. He said it was the fact that the Board did not even know when a car was bought.

Commissioner Wells interjected or when a car was traded.

Commissioner VanLandingham said the County had to pay all of the insurance and those were unbudgeted items that had to be done.

Major Jordan remarked that if the Board would give him a set of numbers and tell him not to go above that number of cars in his division then he would not go over that number. He said this would be with the understanding that he needed spare vehicles as well as undercover cars. He said he understood what the Board was saying and it was reasonable. He felt that would solve the problem.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that there seemed to be a question as to the ownership of the cars. He said if the County was maintaining and insuring the vehicles but the ownership was retained by the Sheriff's Department, then there would be another problem.

Major Jordan said he felt by law that the Board had to own them.

Commissioner VanLandingham replied that was true and this was the reason for the problem.

Chairman Dunn said this was the reason the Sheriff's Department could not auction them off or trade them in.

Major Jordan remarked that the Federal Assets Reports Guidelines allows them to auction and trade. He said both issues were addressed in the Guidelines. He said they have to do it and maintain the funds.

Commissioner Frady asked Major Jordan what they were trading.

Major Jordan replied if they traded vehicles. He said the Guidelines allowed for the trading of vehicles.

Commissioner Frady asked if this pertained to the vehicles that had been purchased with drug money.

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Major Jordan replied yes and stated they had to do it and maintain the funds according to the Federal Guidelines separately from the General Fund. He said if they did not auction the vehicles then who would and how would this be controlled.

Mr. Pullium asked Major Jordan if he was referring to auctioning the vehicles that were seized and forfeited versus the ones that were bought with drug money. He said there was a difference.

Major Jordan replied both and stated yes there was a difference. He said they very seldom auctioned cars because they did not get much money for them. He said they get a lot more money for the vehicles when they were traded in than when they were auctioned. He said they had tried auctioning cars and they got "killed" on them. He said people come in and buy a car for \$200 and that was as high as the bidding would go.

Chairman Dunn remarked that once the Sheriff's Department purchased a car with any money it belonged to the County.

Major Jordan said he agreed with that. He stated that there were Sheriff's offices in the State that were titling those types of cars to the Sheriff's Department. He said they had never done that and he was not going to do it. He said he agreed that the car would belong to the County.

Chairman Dunn remarked that both of the helicopters belonged to the County now too.

Major Jordan interjected that actually the Sheriff's Department did not own the second helicopter.

Commissioner Wells replied yes, but the County did.

Chairman Dunn said he understood the ownership completely.

Commissioner Wells said they had legal staff check this out and it was the County's.

Commissioner Frady asked who the helicopter was titled to.

Major Jordan responded that it was not titled.

Commissioner Wells remarked that it had to be.

Commissioner Frady interjected yes it was because there was an FAA title.

Major Jordan remarked that it was registered with the FAA but there was no title for it.

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Commissioner Frady remarked that it was registered to the Sheriff's Department and not the County.

Chairman Dunn said it was registered to the Sheriff's Department but the Sheriff's Department could not own it.

Commissioner Frady said it was registered to the FAA too.

Chairman Dunn said these things continued to happen where the Sheriff's Department gets cars and helicopters and the County knows nothing about it. He said then all of a sudden the County was liable for this.

Major Jordan said this was because there was no communication.

Commissioner Wells said that was not the Board's fault.

Major Jordan said if the Board did not return his phone calls then he could not communicate. He said for years Commissioners have refused to take his calls. He said he communicates as much as he can with Mr. Pullium.

Chairman Dunn said that was the most ridiculous thing he had ever heard of.

Major Jordan said some of the staff was a witness to that.

Commissioner Wells proceeded to give Major Jordan her cell phone number so that he could call her anytime.

Major Jordan said he would be glad to call her. He said he had e-mailed her one time and never got a response.

Commissioner Wells said she did not have e-mail and pointed out that her e-mail goes to Carol Chandler.

Chairman Dunn suggested the discussion get back to the helicopters. He asked who flies these helicopters.

Major Jordan responded that the same pilot flies both. He said it's just going to be used for parts and training.

Chairman Dunn questioned the statement about parts and said they were flying this helicopter now.

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Major Jordan remarked they were not flying it yet because it was in the shop. He said they keep it in flying condition because they can train in that helicopter. He said they could not train in Hawk I. We keep it in flying condition because we can train in that helicopter. We can't train in Hawk I.

Chairman Dunn said they could not fly it if they were taking parts off it.

Major Jordan remarked that the agreement with GEMA was that they had to put the part back on.

Chairman Dunn said this helps keep the helicopter going for five years.

Major Jordan remarked that when they replace a tail rotor, it takes a couple of weeks to get another and that one was on the ground while the other helicopter can fly.

Commissioner Wells remarked that the problem that the Board was having was the fact that the helicopter was in the Sheriff's Department's possession in July of last year and the Board did not know about it until recently. She said it was being insured or should have been insured but the Board did not know anything about it and it was being flown around the area. She said if there was an accident, then the County would be the responsible party for paying any insurance for any damages and any lawsuit that resulted. She said when there was a liability of this magnitude and the Board did not know about it then the question of what else did the Board not know like the issue of the cars and things of that nature. She said this makes the Board very concerned.

Major Jordan remarked the reason the Board did not know about that particular helicopter was because the Board did not own it. He said he did not think there was any need for the Board to be notified of it.

Commissioner Wells said if the Sheriff's Department was flying the helicopters then the County was legally responsible for everything they did and did not do.

Major Jordan stated that the helicopter was insured for the \$5 million liability that the Board had requested on the other helicopter. He said this helicopter also had \$5 million liability insurance on it.

Commissioner Wells pointed out that the Sheriff's Department could not own the helicopters by law.

Major Jordan said the Sheriff's Department did not own the helicopter either and stated that GEMA owned it. He said if the Sheriff's Department ever stopped using the helicopter then it must be given back to GEMA.

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Commissioner Wells said the County was responsible for it and did not even know it was responsible.

Major Jordan said he did not know the County was responsible for it because in his mind the County did not own it.

Commissioner Wells interjected that anything the Sheriff's Department did, the County was responsible for.

Major Jordan said there needed to be better communication.

Commissioner Wells said the County was responsible by law for anything the Sheriff's Department did. She said if the Sheriff's Department was sued for something then the lawsuit would be to sue the Sheriff's Department and also sue the County because the County was the insuring entity for the Sheriff's Department. She said anything that the Sheriff's Department did would adversely affect the County. She said to place the County at that type of liability without us knowing about it caused the Board a great deal of concern.

Major Jordan felt the whole problem could be solved if somebody would return his telephone calls. He said if one of the Commissioners would tell him which one they wanted him to call, then he would call that person.

Chairman Dunn remarked that he had never said that he did not want to talk to him. He said he had tried to communicate with Bruce's boss many times and asked Sheriff's Department personnel for information and they had refused to provide this information.

Commissioner Frady said this was a five member Board and Bruce could call him any time he wanted to. He said he had a cell phone and two car phones. He said Bruce did not need to say that no one would talk to him. He said he would talk to him any time.

Commissioner Frady said Bruce did not need to call just two Commissioners, he could call any of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Wells said this was what was causing the problems. She said if there was a situation like that lying on the table, it caused the Board to look at everything like this with a great deal of suspect. She said the Board needed to be apprized and when it was not, the Board members get a little unhappy just like you would be if somebody who worked for your division went out and obligated you to something and then decided that you really did not need to know about it. She said Bruce would be really upset about it and understandably so.

Major Jordan remarked that he was hearing what the Board was saying and obviously there was a problem with communication. He said he was willing to communicate.

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Commissioner Wells commented on page 161 under investigative services and undercover capacity to buy illegal narcotics on a daily basis. She questioned if this could be taken out of drug funds.

Major Jordan responded that they had used drug funds for drug buys and usually try to put those funds back. He said the law regarding forfeiture money was that he was not supposed to be punished for having it and not take things from him because he had drug money.

Commissioner Wells remarked that she was not trying to. She said she was just asking for clarification here.

Major Jordan said in some years this money runs out and they have had to use the drug money to supply.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if they take \$5,000 to purchase drugs and then arrest the person, then what happened to the \$5,000.

Major Jordan replied they get it back.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked where the money goes.

Major Jordan replied that the money goes back in this fund.

Commissioner VanLandingham felt it should be a perpetual fund and should not be funded every year.

Major Jordan said they had to walk a lot of the drug money that they use. He said these funds were not just used for buying drugs but also used for investigators' expenses when they were out on a deal in an investigation. He said a lot of that money was used to pay informants.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he understood that but felt money should be put back in the account that was used for the drug buy.

Major Jordan remarked that this depended on the fact if it was a buy bust or a buy walk. He said if the money walked then the Sheriff's Department did not get it back.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he understood the Sheriff's Department would have to let this person lead them to the bigger guy.

Major Jordan agreed and reiterated that a lot of that money was used to pay informants. Chairman Dunn remarked that historically they had always been money in there for this but we would not do anything that we were not supposed to do and that was that you are not allowed

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to supplant the budget because of drug funds. He said that was not the nature of the question. He said if Bruce needed money above and beyond what was budgeted for drug operations, he could certainly use drug funds for that.

Major Jordan asked if this had been increased this year.

Mr. Pullium replied no.

Chairman Dunn said she was just asking if you could use it.

Commissioner Wells remarked that under vehicle repairs there was a request this year for \$45,758. She said there were a total of 43 cars over there. She said this was approximately a little over \$1,000 per car for repairs each year. She asked if these cars really needed that many repairs.

Major Jordan remarked that their maintenance costs had significantly increased and they were starting to keep cars to 100,000 miles.

Michelle Walker pointed out that the deductibles had gone up to \$2,000 on wrecks.

Commissioner Wells asked how many wrecks had this department had this year.

Ms. Walker replied that she had no idea.

Major Jordan said he knew Brian Lee had wrecked.

Ms. Walker said she was not sure.

Major Jordan asked Commissioner Wells if she was referring to his department or the division.

Commissioner Wells said it seemed that the number of wrecks had gone up this year. She said the county was receiving a lot more reports for insurance claims for wrecks and she was asking each department about that.

Major Jordan said all accidents go through the Accident Review Board and the Marshals should have all of that information.

Chairman Dunn remarked that in the last four and one half years there were 74 insurance claims.

Major Jordan asked if these were all accidents.

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Chairman Dunn said he was not sure if they were all accidents but they were insurance claims in the entire Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Wells said this figure was up. She said she knew the first couple of years that she was on the Board there were some. She said she had gone to Forsythe and seen the defensive driving class then the number of accidents dropped. She said now all of a sudden there are a whole lot more accidents. She said she could see why the insurance was going up because of the increase in wrecks.

Major Jordan interjected that Brian Lee's vehicle got hit from behind. He said the one detective that he could think of who had a wreck in his division got hit from behind. He said Mallon was hit and it was not his fault either. He said not all of these wrecks were their fault.

Commissioner Wells remarked that it was costing approximately \$1,000 per car on average to repair these vehicles.

Ms. Walker interjected that was based on their spending from this year.

Major Jordan said if the lawsuits get worked out, then maybe Fleet Maintenance cost will go down.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked Major Jordan how many vehicles he said he had. Major Jordan replied 43 vehicles.

Commissioner Wells pointed out there were 35 people.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked how many special use vehicles there were.

Major Jordan replied there were SET vans, surveillance and probably two or three undercover cars and a couple of spar cars. He said these figures were broken down in the budget. He said they had sent a report listing everything over to Pam Reed in the Finance Department. He said Pam had a list of all the vehicles and what they were being used for.

Commissioner Wells said it was her assumption that undercover cars did not have 100,000 miles plus on them.

Major Jordan replied no, and said they were going by the same rules. He said unless there was one that there's one that gets burnt. He said they try to get generic cars. We don't do the flashy cars anymore because word gets out on the street really quick.

Commissioner Wells asked for clarification that there were two to three spare cars.

Major Jordan replied yes.

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Commissioner Wells clarified that there was the SET van, the surveillance van, two different undercover cars and two to three spares. She said she assumed that those were all driven less than the rest of his vehicles.

Major Jordan remarked that all of the spare vehicles were high mileage cars and were taken off the road and just kept as spares.

Commissioner Wells questioned how many of the cars were being driven home by people who were not certified officers.

Major Jordan replied none.

Mr. Pullium said his records indicated that CID had 28 plus 31 for a total of 59 altogether.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if this was 59 vehicles and Mr. Pullium replied yes. Mary Holland remarked that 28 were listed under CID and the others were listed under the confiscated funds. She said this was a total of 59 vehicles.

Major Jordan remarked that in addition to the 43 there were two vehicles that were assigned to the District Attorney's Office.

Michelle Walker said the D.A.'s Office maintains those vehicles.

Commissioner Wells questioned why they had given these to the District Attorney's Office. She asked if the vehicles were extra, weren't needed or because of what.

Major Jordan replied because the District Attorney requested that the Sheriff help provide the cars.

Commissioner Wells remarked that Major Jordan could have told them no.

Major Jordan remarked that this was the Sheriff's decision.

Commissioner Wells said if the Board wanted to take those two cars back and give them to the two new people there would be two cars.

Major Jordan said he did not know what shape the vehicles were in. He recalled that they were both high, high mile cars.

Commissioner Wells asked about other vehicles.

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Major Jordan remarked that they had four wheelers. He asked if these were also being counted and Mr. Pullium replied no.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked how many four wheelers there were.

Major Jordan replied there were 3 four wheelers. He said one of these was confiscated on a drug deal and the other two were confiscated on a drug deal and the other two were bought back when we were doing all of the searches in the Watson case.

Major Jordan asked if they were counting a mobile precinct as a vehicle.

Mr. Pullium replied no, I don't believe so.

Major Jordan asked if they were counting golf carts as vehicles.

Mr. Pullium replied no.

Commissioner Wells asked how many of these there were.

Major Jordan replied one for each school.

Chairman Dunn asked where the list that Mr. Pullium has come from.

Mr. Pullium remarked that these were the ones that staff actually physically saw and got the vehicle numbers off as well as the mileages.

Commissioner Frady asked when.

Mary Holland replied this was about a year and a half ago.

Major Jordan remarked that they had a fuel truck and an army truck but the County did not maintain those. He said the Sheriff's Department did.

Mr. Pullium said they were not on here.

Major Jordan said he was not operating 59 vehicles. He said he did not have 59 people. Major Jordan said he had 8 vehicles that he was planning to sell that were seizure cars. He said there were two undercover vehicles and one vehicle died.

Michelle Walker remarked that Pam Reed in the Finance Department had this list because she did the inventory.

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Commissioner Wells asked how recently was this done.

Michelle Walker responded that it was two or three months ago. She said it was during the county inventory when they were putting stickers on everything.

Mary Holland said they had not tagged the vehicles.

Michelle Walker said Pam Reed has this list because she gave it to her.

Mary Holland said that was correct.

Commissioner Wells asked where they had gotten the 8 vehicles to sell.

Major Jordan replied they were seized during drug deals.

Commissioner Wells asked what they did with the money when they sell them.

Major Jordan replied that the money goes into the State Drug Seizure Fund that the County maintains.

Commissioner Wells asked if the County maintained this.

Chairman Dunn replied yes, this was a State fund.

Mr. Pullium replied that these were State confiscated funds.

Major Jordan remarked that some of those might be Federal cars.

Commissioner Wells said if there were 43 cars and then we took out the SET, the surveillance, the two to three undercover and the two to three spares which we assume are not being driven very much at all that was 8 cars. She said if you take the 8 cars out of the 43 cars then you get 35 vehicles and we are spending \$45,000 to \$46,000 a year to maintain that many vehicles. She said that was just repair and not maintenance like oil, gas, tires and brakes.

Michelle Walker said it was oil and not tires. She said it was not gas but oil changes. She said it was anything to do with the vehicle except for tires and gas.

Commissioner Wells questioned Radio Repair on page 164. She said there were 35 mobile radios, 29 MCS radios and 37 spectra mobile radios. She said she did not understand why 35 people needed that many radios.

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Ms. Walker responded that one was a portable radio that people carry around in their hand and what they have to use when they were out of their vehicle. She said the others were MCS 2000 mobile radios were the 800 radios that you speak to regular dispatch on.

Major Jordan remarked that the radio they use for the County that they communicate with 911 on was totally separate from the one that they use to have communication with the State Patrol, Clayton County agencies and other agencies when they go out of the county or when they come into the county. He said they have to have two separate radios. He said one had to operate on 911. He said this was because of the megahertz frequency that they were on was not what the State Patrol or any of the surrounding agencies were on so they had to have two separate radios.

Commissioner Wells said they have Nextel and also have pagers.

Michelle Walker said they were trying to do away with pagers.

Major Jordan remarked that they were phasing out pagers.

Ms. Walker said it was their goal to get rid of pagers.

Commissioner Wells remarked that cell phones now have text messaging and things of that nature.

Chairman Dunn asked if all of the radios had been inventoried.

Mr. Pullium replied yes he believed they had been.

Ms. Walker remarked yes they had been inventoried.

Commissioner Wells asked as if the process of taking out the pagers was that going to be reflected in here.

Ms. Walker responded that it was not reflected in this year but they were going to get rid of as many as they could this year. She pointed out that there were some people who lived so far out that they still had to have pagers.

Major Jordan remarked that some of his officers lived in Senoia and there were dead spot there for cell coverage.

Commissioner Wells said she would like to have the unexpected repairs and things of that verbiage taken out. She said \$360 was listed for everything that was unexpected. She referred

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to cell phones listed on page 166. She said there were 37 numeric pagers and also an alpha pager. She asked what the alpha pager was for.

Ms. Walker replied this was Bruce's.

Major Jordan said this was so he could receive text messages. He said he was going to get rid of that too.

Commissioner Wells asked when.

Major Jordan replied that he could take this out of the budget this year if he needed to. Commissioner Wells confirmed that \$113.40 would be removed on page 166 under equipment rental.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if this was being deleted and Commissioner Wells replied yes.

Commissioner Wells questioned the safety supplies. She noted that there were 35 people listed for over there. She said she assumed not all of them were certified officers.

Major Jordan replied he only had two civilians.

Commissioner Wells clarified that 33 of these were certified.

Commissioner Wells questioned the ammunition that was being requested on page 173. Major Jordan said the tactical team was also under him and he had to purchase their ammunition as well.

Commissioner Wells said approximately 3½ cases of ammunition per person was being ordered.

Major Jordan replied that was because the SET team was left out. He said there were 18 tactical people from the tactical team that train once a week. I have to buy all of that ammunition.

Commissioner Wells asked if these were listed in the CID department.

Major Jordan responded that some of them were in CID and some of them were in uniforms and some were in traffic.

Commissioner Wells said when you look at the traffic division and the rest of those areas, they were also requesting huge amounts of ammunition.

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Ms. Walker said they were not requesting the ammunition for the Special Enforcement Team.

Mr. Pullium stated that one of the things that was pretty striking is that at this point in time only \$3,776 had been spent out of this account up to date this year.

Major Jordan said Ms. Walker indicated to him that this money had been spent.

Commissioner Wells remarked that it had not been spent out of that account.

Ms. Walker remarked that they had not done a budget request yet and they needed to. Major Jordan remarked that they were going to be doing budget requests to move \$15,000 and take firearms from there.

Mary Holland said that was done on Friday.

Commissioner Wells asked if this was current.

Ms. Holland replied yes, it was posted on Friday.

Ms. Walker said she needed to take \$15,000 out of safety supplies and this had not been done.

Chairman Dunn asked what the impact was on the 2006 budget.

Commissioner Wells remarked that \$2,106 had been budgeted in 2005 and so far \$3,700 had been spent. She said she would assume that it would not increase by that much.

Commissioner Wells said \$15,000 would be pulled out for guns.

Ms. Walker replied yes that was correct.

Commissioner Wells remarked that this meant it should have been budgeted under guns other than safety supplies. She said it was her assumption that this could be cut tremendously.

Major Jordan said Ms. Walker was telling him that she had spent less on ammunition because they needed the money. She's telling me that we spent less on ammunition because we needed the money somewhere else.

Chairman Dunn clarified that meant it was not needed for training.

Commissioner Wells said if this was cut by half it would be even more than what they spent this year.

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Major Jordan said this was the first time that he had seen those numbers. He said he thought this could be cut down to \$10,000.

Chairman Dunn asked what the Sheriff's Department policy was regarding qualifications. Major Jordan replied that the SET team shoots almost every week.

Chairman Dunn asked how often they maintained certification.

Major Jordan replied that they have an open range once every month where any officers who wanted to go there and train can go. He said they also have a membership at Autry's Indoor Range. He said the officers can go there anytime they wanted to and shoot at the indoor range. He said they have to qualify every two or three months.

Commissioner Wells asked if they have to bring their own ammunition when they go to Autry's.

Major Jordan responded no, and said not while they were training for the Sheriff's Department. He said he did not think the Sheriff's Department would let them shoot their own ammunition because they wanted the deputies to use the ammunition that needs to be shot out of that weapon.

Chairman Dunn said he felt Commissioner Wells meant when the deputies go to Autry's did they take county ammunition.

Michelle Walker replied yes.

Major Jordan remarked if the supervisor lets the deputy have it, but they would not be given a box of ammunition every week.

Chairman Dunn said the Board was having trouble figuring this out. He commented that all of the budgets had a lot of ammunition listed and it was hard to figure out. He said there was a requirement to qualify on your weapon a certain amount of times a year in Georgia and he thought it was twice.

Major Jordan remarked that the departmental requirement was every three months.

Chairman Dunn commented that qualifying was twice per year for the State and Sheriff Johnson wanted it quarterly.

Major Jordan said they just could not wait and shoot every three months and be proficient. Commissioner Wells agreed but questioned three and a half cases per person for a year seemed like a lot.

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Chairman Dunn said they would not need to shoot every week either.

Major Jordan said he wanted the tactical team shooting every week because they were doing drug raids several times a week.

Chairman Dunn said the Board was asking everybody how often they were shooting.

Major Jordan said he just voluntarily cut it \$11,600. He said he did not know that they spent that little this year.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had to lay out taxpayers' money for all of that last year and now was saying that they could buy guns with it instead. He asked Bruce if he was aware that there was a problem with buying and selling guns.

Major Jordan said they did not trade those guns but in the past they always had. He said this was how they had always upgraded guns because it saved money.

Chairman Dunn remarked that did not mean it was right.

Commissioner Wells said the Board's concern with ammunition was just what had been declared. She said this was not in the drug fund usage and expenditure of their money for ammunition which she looked at for last year. We are buying ammunition through the drug fund too. She said for the entire Sheriff's Department there has been requested 179 cases of ammunition. She said this was a lot of bullets for 129 certified officers. She said when the Board looks at that figure then this is a concern.

Michelle Walker said Fayette County had to be prepared as Clayton County.

Commissioner Wells said that was still a whole lot of ammunition.

Major Jordan remarked that with 179 cases for 129 officers he would have thought it would have been more than that.

Commissioner Wells that was 1,000 rounds of ammunition per case for the most part. She felt this was a huge amount of ammunition.

Major Jordan said his department was certainly not over training.

Commissioner Wells replied no and said her concern was the opposite and that it was being budgeted there and not actually being expended and then it was being transferred and allowed for the purchase of other items. She said last year Major Jordan had asked for some promotions and was told no. She said Bruce had gotten angry and said "That's alright, we'll pay for it some other way".

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Major Jordan replied, no that was not what happened.

Major Jordan remarked that had gotten all twisted up in the newspaper last year. He said Michelle had handed him something that she wanted him to ask the Board for and that was \$400. He said he felt like he had gotten through the budget meeting pretty good and liked everything that the Board had done for him. He said when Michelle handed him that he was not going to sit there and argue over \$400 after they had gotten through the whole meeting. He said he just told her that he would just fund that and they could talk about this next year.

Commissioner Wells said that was not what the Board understood.

Chairman Dunn said the Board was not quoted in the newspaper and remarked that they had written that article themselves.

Commissioner Wells said her concern was when people asked for things that they think they are not going to get then sometimes funds were going to be padded. She said this was what the Board was looking at. She said 179 cases of ammunition for 129 certified officers seemed like a lot. She said the Board was trying to make sure that it was not put in one item and then just used indiscriminately some place else.

Major Jordan said that was why when the Board showed him the numbers, he immediately agreed to cut it by \$10,000.

Commissioner Frady clarified that Major Jordan had said he did not know that \$15,000 had been spent and transferred out of that account. He asked Major Jordan if he had to be asked when something was done with funds.

Ms. Walker replied they had not done that yet.

Major Jordan remarked that there had been times when he had told Ms. Walker to just find the money wherever she could find it and move it. He said he did not have time to sit down and look at these reports once a month. He said he did this whenever he could.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked Major Jordan when this money was transferred in to buy guns, what procedure would he use to buy the guns.

Major Jordan replied that the Sheriff had not decided yet. He said right now the deputies still had them.

Commissioner VanLandingham said this was just one of those contentious items that the Board was dealing with.

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Major Jordan remarked that this was not contentious anymore since Chairman Dunn sent them a letter saying not to trade guns and now they did not do this anymore. He said if the Sheriff's Department did not use the guns, then he guessed they would be given to the Board of Commissioners to sell.

Chairman Dunn said the Board was required to get rid of county property in certain ways. Commissioner Wells stated that unfortunately, that was part of the issue too. She said the Board had no idea what the Sheriff's Department had done with those. She said the Board did not know if the guns were there, whether they had been sold or where they went.

Major Jordan remarked that his phone number was also easy to find. He said he definitely checks his e-mail. He said if the Board had any questions, then he was open to answer any of them. tell you the same thing you're telling me. My phone number is easy to find. I do check my e-mail. If you have any questions, I'm open to any question you have.

Commissioner Frady felt if they could get \$235 a piece for guns on a trade in then perhaps those guns should have been put up for bid for someone to bid on and take the best bid. He said this might give them a better deal.

Major Jordan asked if he meant for the sale of the guns and Commissioner Frady replied yes.

Chairman Dunn said the Board was confused about was the request last week for the \$15,000 and it turned out there was a different request for \$13,000 from CID for a different transfer from vehicles to guns and ammunition.

Major Jordan responded that was because the \$13,000 was supposed to go in the drug fund and by accident it was put in the General Fund. He agreed the money went back in his budget but it was supposed to go back into the Drug Seizure Fund which was going to be used to buy some guns. He said since the money was put in the General Fund he was having to transfer it out of there.

Major Jordan remarked that they had a drug car wrecked during a drug deal. He said they filed the insurance and the insurance paid it off. He said this money was supposed to go back in drug money but it did not. He said this money went back into the General Fund. Mr. Pullium had talked to him about it and said well that was fine as long as it was in CID's budget and then he could just move it over to where he intended to use it anyway in the drug money.

Major Jordan remarked that an auditor would have told him that it should have gone back into the drug money to be spent but he did not want to make a big deal of it. He said he agreed to let it stay there and he could just spend it from there.

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Chairman Dunn clarified that there was a transfer of \$15,000 out of this account and \$13,000 into it.

Major Jordan said this went into the into the Firearms Protective Devices. He said when Chairman Dunn told them not to trade the guns it cost his department approximately \$35,000 and they had to be creative.

Chairman Dunn said he was only telling them that they had to comply with the State law. He said he was not telling them what to do over there.

Commissioner Wells asked to discuss uniforms on page 175 regarding business suits. She said business suits according to the IRS were not uniforms and basically what we should be doing was giving your guys a 1099 for those. According to the IRS anything that you can wear in your civilian role that was not a true uniform had to be a 1099. She said in the future they would need to get a 1099.

Major Jordan said he would have to do some research. He said he was not sure that he agreed with that.

Commissioner Wells said this was on page 175 and carried over to page 176.

Mr. Pullium remarked that anything that was suitable for ordinary wear became a fringe benefit and depended on the value of it and could be taxable. He said he recalled it was anything over \$50.

Major Jordan remarked that he was not familiar with that and would have to check into it. Commissioner Wells remarked this was just to let them know that they would be getting a 1099 for that.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that this would not be counted as salary.

Commissioner Wells remarked that it was counted as a benefit.

Ms. Walker stated it was counted as a benefit.

Major Jordan said he would agree that it was counted as a benefit. He asked the Board to keep in mind if a detective was wearing a suit and was involved in a foot chase, he might get the suit torn up running through the woods or whatever. He said it would not be fair for him to have to pay for the suit in the first place. He said he agreed it was a benefit and if that was what the tax law was saying he would not argue with the IRS. He said this issue had never come up before.

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Commissioner Pfeifer said he had a question on page 177. He said four Glock Model 22 guns were budgeted. He said he recalled that the Glock Model 22 was not being used anymore.

Commissioner Wells replied that was right.

Commissioner Wells asked what the new weapons cost.

Major Jordan replied \$535. He said they were giving him a deal on those though. He said he did not know if he would always be able to get that price.

Mr. Pullium interjected that this could potentially be an increased cost.

Commissioner Wells said she agreed.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he had heard conflicting stories on the weapons and that was the Glock was not an unsafe weapon. He asked why these were being changed.

Major Jordan responded because they had found that they were unsafe. He said there had been three deputies shoot themselves with this weapon. He said the gun had no safety on it and it was easily accidentally discharged. He said there were a lot of people who did not consider that weapon safe including him and including the Sheriff. He said a Sig-sauer was just a much better and more dependable weapon. He said he also shoots a lot more accurate.

Commissioner VanLandingham said he had heard some people talking about this and read some stories on these weapons.

Major Jordan remarked that some people love the Glock but not everybody. He said he was a witness to the fact that they were not safe.

Commissioner Frady asked what the name of the new gun was.

Major Jordan replied it was called a Sig-sauer.

Commissioner Frady asked how long they had used the Glock.

Commissioner Wells questioned ten years.

Major Jordan replied that they have had these for a while and have not changed guns in almost ten years.

Chairman Dunn asked if Major Jordan felt they were becoming more unsafe because of age or use.

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Major Jordan replied that they did not have a safety on them.

Chairman Dunn said he understood that but that was why a lot of police agencies wanted them.

Major Jordan remarked that they have a light trigger pull that was the cause of these accidental discharges. He said the Sheriff had the departments vote and out of all the certified officers only three voted to keep the Glock. He said the rest of the officers voted to get rid of them.

Commissioner Pfeifer remarked that they have a retro fit for the Glock on the trigger pull. He thought it was called a New York trigger. He asked if they had looked at that.

Major Jordan replied that they had not explored that. He said they just got a better gun. He said there were some things that you just did not want to be cheap on in law enforcement.

Chairman Dunn said there was still the issue of the two investigators.

Commissioner Wells remarked that on page 164 they had taken off \$360; \$113.40 on page 166 had been taken off; and \$10,000 on page 173 was taken off.

Commissioner VanLandingham remarked that during the renovations and moving, there was a stock pile of badges, patches and everything in a store room somewhere. He asked if this stock pile still existed.

Major Jordan replied that he had no idea.

Ms. Walker remarked that she did not have any stock.

Commissioner VanLandingham clarified that there was a stock pile somewhere.

Major Jordan said the Board would have to ask Lori Littlejohn.

Commissioner VanLandingham suggested the \$1,300 be held until it could be determined if there was a stock pile somewhere that could be pulled from.

Major Jordan suggested that the Board check with Lori Littlejohn on this.

Major Jordan said they had raided a house in Woolsey where they took three floors of brand new furniture.

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Chairman Dunn said there were categories of items that can be auctioned and items that cannot. He said they were not even allowed to look in that room when they were trying to go in there.

Major Jordan asked Ms. Walker to tell the Board about this instance.

Ms. Walker said the person from the Finance Department performing the inventory was allowed to go in that room and every room for that matter.

Major Jordan remarked that they told the Finance Department representative that they were going to auction this furniture off and she might not want to inventory it. He said the person chose not to inventory.

Ms. Walker said she had a listing of everything that was in this room but it was decided if the Sheriff's Office was auctioning it off that it would not be necessary to inventory it.

Commissioner Wells said there was a discrepancy.

Ms. Walker replied yes, that was what we are talking about.

Chairman Dunn said this was a huge discrepancy.

Commissioner Wells said she was told that it was the Sheriff's furniture and he was going to sell it and we could not inventory it.

Ms. Walker replied no. She said there was never any point anywhere at the Sheriff's Office that they were not allowed to go and take the inventory.

Major Jordan remarked that he needed to know if she was not telling him right.

Mr. Pullium asked Major Jordan if they still had the furniture.

Ms. Walker replied yes.

Mr. Pullium asked if his staff could come over and inventory it.

Ms. Walker replied yes, of course.

Major Jordan said this person could have inventoried it that day if she had wanted to.

Ms. Walker said the Finance person could have inventoried all day if she had wanted to.

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Major Jordan said they had told the person that she might not want to take the time to do the inventory since they were getting ready to sell it.

Ms. Walker said she had a list if the Board wanted to see what was in there.

Commissioner Wells asked if the person from Finance had taken the list with her.

Ms. Walker replied no, and said she told her that was fine if they were getting rid of it anyway.

Ms. Holland said it was her understanding that Ms. Walker was going to make a list of the items.

Ms. Walker said they had a list if the Board wanted a copy.

Major Jordan said they were going to auction the furniture and they had to have a list to do that.

Ms. Walker said she was not walking around with a list in her hands but she could have run one off.

Chairman Dunn clarified that Ms. Walker had a list that she could give the Board now and someone could go and look at the furniture. He said this needed to be clarified.

Commissioner Wells agreed that this information needed clarification.

Major Jordan remarked that he certainly recognized the fact that even the items that the Sheriff's Department seized Federally, the county has the right to know what they have. Chairman Dunn agreed.

Commissioner Wells remarked that this was the problem. She said the Board was being told that it did not have a right and this was being denied to us.

Major Jordan remarked that somebody had communicated this wrong. He said if the Board was ever told that again to let him know. He said he was not going to hide anything from the Board.

Commissioner Wells asked Major Jordan for his calling card and Major Jordan provided one to her.

Commissioner Frady asked why the helicopters were flying so close to this building and landing at the courthouse. He said he thought this was dangerous. He said the Sheriff's Department

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needed to think about that. He said there was a great liability here. He felt something needed to be done about that.

Major Jordan said this was why the Board and the Sheriff's Department needed to talk. He said when he first brought up the idea of where they could put the helicopter because it was getting messed up at Falcon Field, nobody would talk about this. He said he was open to discussion.

Commissioner Frady said the decision to put the helicopters over here was wrong. He said he knew something about flying airplanes and was aware of what could happen.

Commissioner Wells remarked that helicopters auto rotate.

Commissioner Frady agreed that they auto rotate but they will go straight down. He said they make hard landings and would go through the roof in this building.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if the pagers were coming out of the budget.

Major Jordan replied that these will be cut by approximately 90% by next year. He said he would still need some but was going to phase them out.

Commissioner Frady asked if they had more than one frequency.

Major Jordan replied yes and stated they had dispatch one and dispatch two. He remarked that there was also a drug squad frequency but it was operated mostly off Nextel.

Commissioner Wells said this discussion had been very enlightening.

Major Jordan encouraged the Board to call him with any questions they may have. He said he personally felt that every one of these issues could be worked out in a half day meeting as long as people were willing to talk to each other.

Chairman Dunn said when the Board had communicated with Bruce's boss, he had communicated back to the Board through the lawyers basically saying that we would not talk. He said the Board could not talk to Major Jordan and hear one thing and then hear another thing from the Sheriff. He said the Board should communicate with Sheriff Johnson.

Major Jordan said he agreed and felt the Board and the Sheriff needed to sit down and talk.

Chairman Dunn said he would like to do that.

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Major Jordan encouraged the Board to call him if there were any questions. He said he had nothing to hide.

Chairman Dunn thanked Major Jordan for his candor.

Commissioner VanLandingham said the Board had not committed to personnel.

Commissioner Wells interjected that the Board had not committed to anybody.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked if Major Jordan understood that.

Commissioner Wells replied yes.

Chairman Dunn said the Board had told him that this would be voted on later. He said he was not sure about the rest of the Board, but he did not support the two slots.

Commissioner Frady said the Board had committed to half a person in the Magistrate Court budget.

Chairman Dunn said that was a negotiation.

Commissioner Frady said the Board did have a consensus and everybody had said yes.

Commissioner VanLandingham asked a consensus on what.

Commissioner Frady replied on the half position.

Commissioner VanLandingham said the request was to increase a part time position to a full time position and that was all the Board had done.

Commissioner Frady said he could not recall giving any promotions.

Chairman Dunn asked when the Board wanted to take a vote on what had been discussed today.

Commissioner Wells felt the Board needed to vote on these budgets individually. He said there were some changes on some of the budgets and one on others. She said these budgets were fresh on the Board's mind right now.

Commissioner Wells suggested the Board proceed to the revenue section of the budget.

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Commissioner Wells said there was some discussion on revenues but no problems there. She said the Board was going to ask the Judge of Juvenile Court for the difference in their revenue because last year it was \$50,000 and this year they were projecting \$35,000. She said there had been increased activity but decreased fines. She said they were going to find out if there was a problem with collections.

Commissioner Wells said the Board was going to find out how many SRO's there were, get a copy of the agreement and from now on the billing for that would come through the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Wells remarked on State Court fines. She noted there had been a decrease in collections and they were current through April. She noted there was also a decrease in Magistrate Court collections were current through February.

Commissioner Wells remarked that one mil in this year's budget equaled \$4,092,000.

Chairman Dunn said they were talking about reducing the millage rate by .32 mills which would be one third of a mil.

Commissioner VanLandingham said this would offset the reassessment.

Commissioner Wells said there would be a roll back of approximately \$1,237,000.

Commissioner Wells asked if the Board wanted to vote on the revenue now.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Revenue portion of the budget subject to clarification for the jail cell charges, the S.R.O's and the State Court fines. The motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET

Commissioner Wells said the Commissioners were going to establish what standard to use for C.O.L.A. because the county was using a higher standard than the Federal Government. He said the Board was going to determine the indices that would be appropriate for Fayette County. She said it was also going to be determined if the cost of meals that people would be allowed to use. She said the Board was looking at \$43 in State and \$47 per day out-of-State.

Chairman Dunn clarified that this was for travel.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Commissioners' budget. The motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Dunn remarked that \$1,000 had been added in this budget for a department head retreat.

On motion made by Commissioner VanLandingham, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the Administration budget as recommended. The motion carried 5-0.

ELECTIONS OFFICE

Commissioner Wells said there were no changes in this budget but under the C.I.P. there were 50 more voting machines.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to approve the Elections budget. The motion carried 5-0.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Tom Sawyer said it was the consensus of the Board that the one full time position. He said this particular part time position was going to be eliminated. He said there was a part time position in Purchasing that would basically handle inventory and this was eliminated in Purchasing and move that position into the Finance Department. He said this would be 1 and .725 FTE's on the position. He said the money would remain unchanged.

Commissioner Wells questioned the request for the promotion.

Mr. Pullium stated the Board had discussed this earlier and he felt the Board was in favor of it.

Commissioner Wells said the Board had agreed on the promotion.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner VanLandingham to adopt the Finance Budget as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Wells said they had requested a new clerk and they said they had not had any new positions there for the past 10 years. She said the Board had also discussed the gas

issue and the Board had assured them that would be taken care of but not necessarily in the budget. She said \$500 had been deducted from office equipment, \$1,000 from vehicle repair and \$1,000 from building maintenance. She said the Board had not made a decision on the new clerk.

Chairman Dunn said staff had recommended no for the new position and he agreed but he did not know how the rest of the Board felt.

On motion made by Commissioner Frady, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the Sheriff's Department Administration Division as recommended without the new position. The motion carried 5-0.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT, ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT AND CONTINGENCY FUND**

Commissioner Wells said there were no changes other than the recommendation in contingency that the purchasing of gasoline would be consolidated and there would be a gas fund and that was where the county would purchase gasoline and deal with it accordingly.

Chairman Dunn asked if the Board wanted to vote on these three.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Building and Grounds Maintenance Department's budget, Engineering Department's budget and the Contingency Fund as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

COURT AND RELATED OFFICES

Commissioner Wells said \$1,500 had been decreased for the heating and HVAC because it was a duplicate, \$500 decreased for fire extinguishers and holiday decorations cut down to \$3,500.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve Court and related offices as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE - (PROMISE PLACE)

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Frady to approve the Victim's Assistance as recommended by staff. The motion carried 5-0.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - CID DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wells asked Tom Sawyer to give an overview of this budget.

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Mr. Sawyer replied that they had agreed to remove from this budget the radio repair for \$360; equipment rental \$113.40. He said they had agreed on the amount of \$10,000 for safety supplies.

Commissioner VanLandingham commented on the issue of the \$1,300 for badges and emblems. He suggested this be removed until this was inventoried.

Chairman Dunn questioned the request for two positions. He said he did not agree with staff's recommendation for any of the positions. He said the Sheriff had the ability to move personnel around internally.

Commissioner Wells asked if that was a motion.

On motion made by Chairman Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Wells to approve the CID budget as discussed without the request for the two positions. The motion carried 5-0.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wells remarked that lodging and meals would be decreased to \$400. She said it was also agreed that the part time employee be moved to the Finance Department and also remove the two Sam's Club Memberships. She commented on the issue of the car rental. She said it was agreed that any travel would be based upon the cost of an airplane ticket or the most cost efficient method.

Commissioner VanLandingham interjected this would also include the possibility of taking a county vehicle and Commissioner Wells replied if that was the most cost efficient.

Commissioner Wells said if a person had to take a couple of days county leave to get to the destination then that would not be the most cost efficient method. She said the person would have to decide if they wanted to go or they might choose to take personal leave.

Chairman Dunn pointed out that there was currently a travel policy that was being rewritten. He said all of these issues would be covered in that and how everybody's travel was dealt with. He said this would be based on a cost effective model.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer to approve the Purchasing Department's budget as discussed with the travel being the most cost effective. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner VanLandingham and Commissioner Frady voting in opposition.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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Commissioner Wells said clarification of training had been discussed in this budget.

Tom Sawyer said the reduction of training amounted to \$310.

Commissioner Wells said the training came to \$5,590 for two people for Microsoft training. Chairman Dunn said they had also requested two positions and staff recommended denial and the Board agreed.

On motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Chairman Dunn to approve the Information Systems budget as discussed. The motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:00 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 6th day of July, 2005.

Karen Morley, Chief Deputy Clerk