

**BOARD AGENDA  
PULASKI COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION  
Monday, March 29, 2010  
6:00 p.m. - Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Presentations**

ITEM	PRESENTED BY
1. <u>Welcome, Call To Order And Introductions</u>	
2. <u>Recommended Administrative Revisions</u> (Mr. Huber reported information received from the Comp. Board announcing an additional reduction of approximately \$201,000 in state reimbursement for constitutional officers - Due to inability to cut officers, it was noted that this has a net affect on the capital budget)	
(Staff to adjust budget to allow for the purchasing of two Sheriff's vehicles, reducing allowance for new pumper at Fairlawn Fire Department – Staff to contact Sheriff re: vehicles needed, as well as determine what type of pumper the fire department is requesting – Place update on April 20 <sup>th</sup> Board agenda)	Mr. Huber Mr. Clark/Mr. Huber  Ms. Hanks
(Staff described new emissions standard for buses – Update chart to reflect school bus purchases and provide to Board of Supervisors at April 20 <sup>th</sup> budget work session)	Mr. Huber  Ms. Hanks
(Provide list of employees taking county vehicles home on a regular basis – Place update in weekly update)	Mr. Hiss  Ms. Hanks
3. <u>Presentation(s):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="245 1522 1040 1785">▪ <u>Brain Injury Services</u> (Ms. Helen Butler, Executive Director of Brain Injury Services (BIS), described the history of the founding of BIS, as well as the status of the current funding for BIS and request from Pulaski County of \$7,500 – Ms. Butler thanked the Board for providing funding to BIS)</li> </ul>	

4. Discussion of budget alternatives

a. Revenue and Expenditure Tables

(Staff provided update on revenue and expenditure tables, including reductions in regional jail costs, health insurance, workers compensation adjustments, increased CSA costs, addition of the Crooked Road membership, reduced cost of a school bus, and increased capital expenditures with a focus on public safety and vehicle replacements)

b. Voluntary Retirement Program

(Staff presented draft of program which encourages a voluntary reduction in force, described what other NRV localities are doing, and described school retirement program – Mr. Huber advised the purpose of the program was to introduce the concept and provide any thoughts on options or alternatives – Staff to discuss retirement incentives with options with leadership staff)

Mr. Hiss

c. Setting of Real Estate Taxes

(Staff provided specifics regarding a proposed increase in the real estate tax rate with a staff recommendation of increasing the real estate tax rate by four cents, noting the full amount of the additional revenue from such an increase would go to the school system – Staff presented a comparison of nominal real estate taxes for surrounding counties, as well as described options for increasing the personal property taxes in addition to real estate tax rate – School staff described the proposed school budget)

(Board approved a four cent increase in the real estate tax rate)

5. Additional Budget Questions, Directions for Staff or Request for Additional Information

(Confirmed information to be presented at April 20<sup>th</sup> budget work session to include an update on Fairlawn Fire Dept. pumper, Sheriff's vehicles, and school bus savings)

6. Other Matters

a. Report on Rotation of On Call Wrecker Service

(Staff advised Sheriff is developing a plan and will review the plan with the county attorney – Supervisor Akers noted contact with three wrecker services indicated they were pleased with the current practice - Staff to contact State Police to determine practice of State Police in seeking wrecker service – Provide update in future weekly update)

Mr. Huber

Ms. Hanks

b. Filing of Condemnation Proceedings

(Authorized condemnation of water and sewer easement for Commerce park as part of Rural Development loan)

Mr. McCarthy

(Staff explained reasoning for urgency in condemnation was due to timeframe to meet deadline for interest rate – Board members expressed concern over lack of information presented to Board and short notice in requesting action for condemnation – Staff to provide drawing of property proposed for condemnation – Place in weekly update)

Mr. Huber

Ms. Hanks

c. Revised CDBG Baskerville Resolution

(Approved revised resolution)

Mr. Utt/Ms. Hanks

7. Adjournment – April 19<sup>th</sup>

(To reconvene at budget work session on April 19<sup>th</sup>, later changed to April 20<sup>th</sup>)

March 26, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator

1. Welcome, Call To Order And Introductions
2. Recommended Administrative Revisions-
3. Presentation:

7:00 p.m. - Ms. Helen Butler of Brain Injury Services has requested to appear before the Board.

4. Discussion of budget alternatives:

- a. Voluntary Retirement Program – ***Enclosed*** is a summary document of the draft voluntary retirement program. If all the employees who are eligible to use the program did retire, it could be quite costly in the 2010-2011 budget year. However, over a 3-5 year period, this program would realize a long term savings due to the anticipated vacancies and promoting from within to lesser salaried levels than the incumbent employees. An option to control initial start-up costs is to cap the number of employees who can take the program. The program is divided into three levels with the first level being for those employees who have 30 years vested with VRS, the second level being for long term employees who are close to retirement age, and the third level is designed for those who may desire for various reasons to leave employment with the County for another opportunity. This proposal is a draft only and we would like to receive your comments and reactions as to the desire to implement such a program. Further detailed data can also be provided as necessary.

- b. Revenue and Expenditure Tables – ***Enclosed*** is a revised revenue and expenditure tables for consideration by the Board. Changes from previous versions (highlighted in red) include
  - 1. Reductions in the Regional Jail costs, health insurance with the County picking up 100% of projected increases (see ***enclosed*** chart)
  - 2. Workers compensation adjustments to reflect a slight reduction for next year,
  - 3. Increased costs of CSA,
  - 4. Addition of the Crooked Road membership,
  - 5. Reduced cost of a school bus assuming we can still acquire a pre-2010 emission unit,
  - 6. Increased capital expenditures with a focus on public safety and vehicle replacements.
  
- c. Setting of Real Estate Rate – ***Enclosed*** is a budget recommendation prepared by the School Board staff. I have asked Tom Brewster to attend the work session in order to describe the effect of the provision of an additional \$1,027,200 in operational funding in making up the loss of \$4,988,513 in state funding. In listening to residents recommending both the increase as well as level funding of schools, a recommended alternative would be to increase the real estate tax by two cents with plans to increase the personal property tax rate by 24 cents from \$2.14 to \$2.38 per \$100. This would increase school funding by approximately the same amount of a 4-cent increase while spreading the added burden across a wider segment of the County population.
  
- 5. Additional Budget Questions, Directions for Staff or Request for Additional Information - We would appreciate input from the Board regarding the difficult decisions involved in recommending a budget this year.
  
- 6. Other Matters:
  - a. Report on Rotation of On Call Wrecker Service – I have discussed this matter with Sheriff Davis. He plans to meet with his staff to develop a plan to address cost differentials between services, and differences in response time due to the location of various services. This plan will be reviewed with Tom McCarthy prior to implementation.
  
  - b. Filing of Condemnation Proceedings – Mr. McCarthy has submitted the ***enclosed*** declaration for adoption by the Board.