

SPECIAL SESSION

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, to-wit:

At a Special Session of the County Commission of said County and State continued and held in the County Commission meeting room of the Old Charles Town Library, 200 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, West Virginia on Thursday, February 9, 2017, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: Peter Onoszko, President
Jane Tabb, Vice President
Josh Compton, Commissioner
Caleb Hudson, Commissioner
Patricia Noland, Commissioner
Stephanie Grove, County Administrator
Michelle Gordon, Finance Director
Jessica Carroll, Administrative Assistant

In re: FY18 Public Budget Forum

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner Onoszko.

Commissioner Hudson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eleanor Finn, resident and member of the League of Women Voters, co-sponsor of the forum, explained that the purpose for the evening's meeting was for the public to have a better understanding of the County budget process and how tax dollars are spent.

Stephanie Grove, County Administrator, provided the audience with a presentation regarding the County tax bill and how it's calculated. Michelle Gordon, Finance Director, provided the audience with an overview of the revenue and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year and a summary of the budget requests for each department and elected official. Ms. Gordon explained that the requests were just that at the moment, but if the County were to fulfill all of the submitted requests, there would be a deficit of \$1.6 million dollars. Ms. Gordon stated the Commissioners would be meeting the week of February 13, 2017 to hear from each department regarding their budgetary requests for the upcoming fiscal year, and these meetings would be open to the public, streamed live on the website, and archived for later viewing. Ms. Gordon also noted the schedule for the budget talks was currently available on the County website and the County Facebook page. Ms. Gordon, Ms. Grove, and the Commissioners fielded questions from the attendees regarding the information presented, and the Commissioners closed the meeting by stating their goals and intentions for the FY18 budget.

There being no further business the Commissioners thanked the public for their attendance and the forum adjourned at 8:42 pm.

PETER ONOSZKO, PRESIDENT

Respectively Submitted:
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