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The Board of Commissioners met in worksession starting at 1:00pm on Friday, June 8, 2007 in the Commissioner's Room. All members were in attendance, and staff were represented by Steve Carpenter, Andy Davenport, Amy Wehrenberg, Beth Farbaugh, Mandy Garrett and other citizens.

Mr. Lunsford opened the meeting and suggested that the group continue with the review of Mr. Yarborough's questions on the budget.

He and Mr. Puryer asked about several items including:

- Budgeting for five elections
- IT, Telecommunications, and Central Services positions
- Elderly and Handicapped Transportation revenues
- Recycling operations
- Wellness and Family Connection grants
- Tax Audits
- Environmental health software
- Tax Revaluation contracts for service
- Increasing interest and activities of Booster Clubs

These were basically questions and no actions were suggested on them

There was discussion by Mr. Puryer about replacing the funding for the Chamber for Personality. He and Mr. Yarborough spoke about various means and the need for that support and the Board concurred to increase the line item by \$7,500 in Special Appropriations. Mr. Clayton asked that it be noted that he did not support this expense

Mr. Clayton commented that he had a concern about the motion to add items and expense to a budget that the sponsor already wanted to cut by five cents and that it seemed inappropriate to be adding and condemning expenses at the same time.

Mr. Y suggested that a number of revenues: Penalties, Sales Taxes, Jail Concessions were budgeted as much less than the current year and that we could increase Sales taxes by at least \$500,000.

A general discussion occurred on the philosophy of budgeting revenues and making current tax payers pay a potential price for future expenses.

The Board heard from Amanda Garrett about her needs for staff, equipment and other needs.

Gordon Powell spoke to the Board about further consideration of the Boards needs and the wide gulf between the funded amounts and their requests.

The Board decided to adjourn until the hearing at 6:00 pm Monday night June 11th.

Board out at 2:50pm

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