

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

**10/8/2025**

PRESENT: JIM, SUE, MARK, TRAVIS, CHARLES

PUBLIC ABSENT:

EACH LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET WAS WENT OVER AND CHANGES MADE FROM THE TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

A LENGTHILY DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ASSESSOR AND HIGH. SUPT. SALARY. THEY WILL BOTH BE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE NEXT WORKSHOP.

ANOTHER LENGTHILY DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LOADER AND FURNACES ESTIMATES. MARK WAS MORE INTERESTED IN THE MOWER SITUATION, WHICH CHARLES IS CONTINUING TO WORK ON. AGAIN THE HIGH. SUPT., WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADDRESS THIS.

NO CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVE TO ROAD WORK UNTIL THE FORMS AND ESTIMATES ARE BETTER EXPLAINED BY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.

THE COST OF THE WEB SITE CHANGES WILL BE PUT IN THE BUDGET, BUT THE BOARD IS STILL NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE WEB SITE CHANGES UNTIL THEY SEE WHAT OTHER TOWNS ARE DOING AND WHAT THE STATES PENALTY IS GOING TO BE FOR NOT DOING IT.

THE SUPERVISOR WILL CONDUCT SOME RESEARCH ON WHAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES CHARGE FOR DOG LICENSE AND FEES AND HOW JUSTICES HANDLE TICKETS. WHETHER THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SHELTER CHARGING THE PERSON CLAIMING THEIR DOG TO PAY FEE AND THE TOWN PAYING FOR ACTUAL STRAYS ONLY.

**WE STILL HAVE MULTIPLE YEARS OF PAYMENTS FOR THE LOADER AND TRUCK AND ANOTHER TRUCK THAT FINANCING HAS NOT BEEN SOUGHT FOR AS THE TRUCK IS NOT ASSEMBLED. WE SHOULD BARE THIS IN MIND BEFORE ANY FURTHER PURCHASING**

**DECISIONS ARE MADE.**

TRAVIS FEELS WE NEED TO RESTRUCTURE SOME OF OUR SALARIES TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THESE POSITIONS WE HAD SOME COMPARISONS FOR WHAT ANOTHER TOWN PAYS FOR PEOPLE IN OUR POSITIONS. THE TOWN OF AUGUSTA IS LAGGING IN WAGES. WE CANNOT EXPECT TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THESE POSITIONS WHO ARE QUALIFIED AT THE CURRENT RATES.

THE FIRE/EMS CONTRACTS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED, SO AN ESTIMATE OF 5% WAS USED, THIS MIGHT NEED TO BE CHANGED.

THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE WILL CONTINUE TO GO DOWN AS YEAR END BILLS COME IN, SO THEY WILL BE MONITORED BY FUND AND THAT WILL CHANGE THE BUDGET SOMEWHAT AS TIME GOES ON,

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE SET UP ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> , THE COUNTY LIKES THE BUDGET DONE AND SENT BY THE 14<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER, HOWEVER THE LAW INDICATES IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PASSED UNTIL THE 20<sup>TH</sup>.

THE NEXT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

SUE COLLINS  
BUDGET OFFICER