

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006
9:30 A.M.
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE
CITY-COUNTY COMMON MEETING)**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006

Not available.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

**3 FINAL BUDGET MODIFICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 -
Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer**

Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, reported a certified value figure of \$18,045,787,841, which he said is \$164 million less than the figure that has been used in budget discussions. That equates to a rate of 0.2677 versus a rate of 0.2653 using the other value number. He indicated a reduction of \$440,000 is needed to keep the rate the same.

Kroeker distributed the following (Exhibit A):

- ▶ FY06 & FY07 Valuations & Tax Rates
- ▶ 2006-07 Budget Amount for Board of Equalization
- ▶ Possible Changes to Proposed Budget

Discussion followed with the following suggestions:

- ▶ Look at whether it would be more cost effective to hire an staff person, rather than contract for an internal case manager and for substance abuse evaluations for youth at the Youth Services Center
- ▶ Use the \$50,000 allocated in the Keno Budget for greenspace along the South Beltway to help balance the budget
- ▶ Reduce a portion of Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission's Budget
- ▶ Ask the City to increase its share of funding the Noxious Weed Control Authority Budget, since the majority of the work is City related
- ▶ Reduce the Contingency Fund to last year's level

It was also noted that:

- ▶ Handicapped access is needed at the 17th Street entrance to the Community Mental Health Center
- ▶ Emergency Management will be submitting an additional request for computers
- ▶ The County has received a verbal commitment from members of the City Council to fund half of the Joint City Council/County Commissioners Office Clerk's salary

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded to:

- 1) Accept the following adjustments:
 - City adjustments totaling \$94,228
 - A three percent increase in the Region V substance abuse per diem (Additional \$6,683)
 - Board of Equalization adjustments totaling \$151,190
 - \$50,000 from the Keno Fund from the Beltway greenspace line item
 - 2) Direct Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, to incorporate those changes into the budget (total reduction of \$287,545)
- Hudkins, Stevens, Workman, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stevens moved to reduce the Contingency Fund by \$100,000 and take \$52,671 from the Keno Fund from roads projects, including the Rural to Urban Transportation System (RUTS) Program.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

Discussion followed with the following suggestions:

- ▶ Eliminate attendance at a TRIM Electronic Recordkeeping System Users' Conference from the County Board of Commissioners' Budget (\$1,500)
- ▶ Eliminate parking for county elected officials and certain employees that is paid for with tax revenues and encourage the City to do so as well (\$50,000)
- ▶ Reduce self-insurance programs

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to set the tax levy rate at 0.2664.

AMENDMENT: The maker of the motion amended the motion to reflect a tax levy rate of 0.2661.

The seconder agreed to the amendment.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Workman, Stevens and Schorr voted no. Motion failed.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded to take \$100,000 out of the Contingency Fund and add \$9,000 from the City for the Joint City Council/County Commissioners Office Clerk's salary to get the tax levy rate to 0.2655. Heier, Workman, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Stevens voted no. Motion carried.

4 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Workman, Stevens, Hudkins, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk