

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2021
5:15 P.M.**

Present: Moses Bell, Shirley Greene, Committee Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Assistant County Administrator; Charles Boykin, County Attorney; Patti Davis, Clerk to Council.

Absent: Mikel Trapp.

Others Present: Anne Bass, Jonathan Burroughs, Will Montgomery, Terri Smith

Call to Order: 5:15 p.m.

Chairman Bell informed everyone that Mr. Trapp would not be present at the meeting tonight. Chairman Bell also stated the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator portion of the ROA does not include a recommendation. He requested for Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Johnson to inform the Committee of these recommendations tonight before end of the meeting.

Items for Action:

- A. ROA: Public Works Department request to purchase 2021 Caterpillar 120 motor grader – Budgeted. Per Mr. Burroughs, this is to replace an older grader that needs a new transmission, and the equipment is about 13 years old. It was approved in the budget last year and is on State contract. Chairman Bell asked for Mr. Burroughs to go to item B for explanation.
- B. ROA: Public Works Department request to purchase 2021 Western Star CC-9D roll-off truck – Budgeted. Per Mr. Burroughs, this was approved last year also and is to replace truck 22 which is a 2007 model. Then to item C.
- C. ROA: Public Works Department request to purchase New Holland TS6.110 tractor and side mower (Diamond DSR072) – Unbudgeted. Per Mr. Burroughs, there is a balance in the budget, and he is asking for a tractor and a mower. When he joined the department in August, there were three tractors and two were in the shop for about five weeks. The County was maintained with one tractor. This would allow the department to have a tractor at the airport to help cut out there and also give two working tractors. It is also a 2006 model and have probably paid for it twice over in parts and repairs.

Chairman Bell inquired if Mrs. Greene had any questions. Mrs. Greene stated the side mower is unbudgeted and inquired how much money is there in the budget to go toward this. Per Mr. Burroughs, it would be a difference of \$5,000. Everything else in the capital budget is about \$86,000. Per Mr. Taylor, there is \$86,174.10 left over that was underbudget. The request is really for \$4,397.90 above and beyond his savings. Chairman Bell inquired how Mr. Burroughs' total budget is looking thus far, and if there is leftover

money in the budget. Per Mrs. Bass, attached on the back of the ROA is an analysis showing the total savings and the need of \$4,397 and this will be taken out of the line item operational budget. Vice Chair Green made a motion to approve items A, B and C for public works. Chairman Bell seconded the motion. ***The motion carried 2-0.***

- D. ROA: Sheriff's Department request to replace 4 totaled vehicles less amount received from insurance – Unbudgeted. Sheriff Montgomery stated this is four vehicles being replaced that were totaled and asked if the Committee has any questions. Mrs. Greene stated it is two Chevrolet Caprices and two Dodge Chargers, and one is being replaced with a truck. Per Sheriff Montgomery, this is a truck that is already on the lot. The department has had problems related to COVID with getting vehicles. Mrs. Greene asked what would be the difference and would it be used for the same purpose. Sheriff Montgomery stated it would be used for the same purpose. She also inquired how his budget was looking. Per Sheriff Montgomery, so far so good, if everything goes through. Mrs. Greene further inquired how much of this can be covered in their budget. Sheriff Montgomery stated this cannot be covered in the budget at this time. Per Mrs. Bass, these vehicles will be purchased out of the vehicle replacement fund. There should be a balance in this fund, and if not, she will look to operational. Chairman Bell stated these are four replacement cars/trucks that have been wrecked and need to be put back in service, and Sheriff Montgomery agreed. Vice Chair Greene made a motion to approve this ROA, and Chairman Bell seconded the motion. ***The motion carried 2-0.***

Chairman Bell asked for Mr. Taylor to give information on his approval. Mr. Taylor apologized and stated the copies he has are signed off by himself and Laura and everyone else needed. He stated it must've have gone out to Council prior to being signed. Chairman Bell thanked Mr. Burroughs, Sheriff Montgomery and Terrie Smith for coming to the committee today. We have talked earlier about the budget and how lean it will be, and those days will be a little more difficult than today.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.