

August 2, 2016

The Ottawa County Excise Board reconvened in Regular Session at 1:15 PM, following recess from July 1, 2016, with the following members present: Chairman Greg Leonard, Leon Weece and Rob Kimbrough. Rogers Hughes, Assistant District Attorney, and Bill Turner, CPA, was also in attendance.

Notice of the meeting was posted at 5:00 PM on July 29, 2016.

Sheriff Derek Derwin explained to the Board the reason for requesting the increase was, in part, due to the necessity of replacing locks, software, server, Culligan water softener and air conditioning. After giving amounts on fixing or updating those things, he also expressed the need for a full time armed guard in the courthouse. He expressed his concern that he would probably lose the bond fee due to the legislature's attempts to take that away so he would no longer be able to depend on those funds. He did say that he could break up the payment of the replacement of locks into 3 years.

Commissioner Earls advised the Board that he did not foresee any unexpected costs in the general fund.

Assistant District Attorney, Rogers Hughes, advised the Board that he understands that they are probably not going to commit to the District Attorney's request for an additional \$40,000 to cover personal services. However, that puts the District Attorney at risk to possibly let people go and possibly not be able to perform certain functions.

The Board asked CPA, Bill Turner to run new figures to see if the budget would allow a 3% salary increase for all employees, plus what the sheriff was requesting. Upon running figures, Bill Turner advised the Board that, with the sheriff's breaking up the payment of the locks into 3 years, and with his revised request, along with the 3% for salary increases for all other county employees, he felt those increases would be covered in the budget.

Motion by Kimbrough, second by Weece to accept the budget as discussed. By vote: Weece, aye; Kimbrough, aye; Leonard, aye.

Motion by Weece, second by Leonard, to adjourn. By vote: Leonard, aye; Weece, aye; Kimbrough, aye.

Chairman

Robyn Mitchell
Ottawa County Clerk