

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION
November 9, 2021
3:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Todd Higdon
District 1 Commissioner Dennis Adams
District 2 Commissioner Terry Chandler
District 3 Commissioner Frank May
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Christina Baxter, County Clerk
Kathy Figueroa, Finance Director

The work session started at 3:00 P.M.

Item No. 1. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on an agenda item.

There were no statements or remarks.

Item No. 2. Budget Work Session to discuss 2022 budget.

Probate Judge, Cody Cross, presented his 2022 budget request to the Board. Judge Cross also provided handouts explaining the request changes. Judge Cross is requesting to add a full time position to his office due to the increased demands for that department. Judge Cross also spoke about salary increases and the need for more courtroom space in the future.

Tax Commissioner, Lamar Dalton spoke to the Board regarding current tax collection percentages and his 2022 Budget. Mr. Dalton explained his process for employee evaluations and the salary structure for his office based on duties and performance.

Tracy Dean, Chairperson of the Board of Elections and Registration presented her 2022 Budget request. Mrs. Dean explained the new challenges for elections and the changes in voting laws. Mrs. Dean is also requesting salary increases for her department. Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Doster asked Mrs. Dean to consult with the Board of Elections Committee to discuss possibly consolidating precinct locations.

Recreation Department Director, Shelley Parham presented her 2022 Budget request to the Board. Ms. Parham also requested salary increases and future capital outlay projects. Ms. Parham presented several future Parks

and Receptions maintenance and project proposals. Ms. Parham announced the retirement of Mr. Grady Autry. Mr. Autry has worked for the county for 37 years.

Clerk of Superior Court, Katie Cross presented her 2022 Budget requests to the Board. Ms. Cross provided handouts explaining the increase in cases from 2020 and 2021. Ms. Cross requested salary increases for clerk positions. Ms. Cross explained the difference in duties and salaries for those clerk positions. Ms. Cross expressed her concern for court room space in the near future and the need for another court room.

Item No. 4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.