

**EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Eddy County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting in Room 211 of the Eddy County Administration Complex on April 9,2018 at 1:00 p.m. Crockett called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

SUSAN CROCKETT	CHAIR, DISTRICT 5
JAMES WALTERSCHEID	VICE-CHAIR, DISTRICT 1
STELLA DAVIS	COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4 –
JON HENRY	COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2
LARRY WOOD	COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3
RICK RUDOMETKIN	COUNTY MANAGER
KENNEY RAYROUX	ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
GEMMA FERGUSON	ASSESSOR
LAURIE PRUITT	TREASURER
DARLENE ROSPRIM	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK
BILLY MASSINGILL	WARDEN
MARIA MALDONADO-MERJIL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DETENTION
GAY WEST	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
ROBERTA SMITH	FINANCE DIRECTOR
ROXANN BRANNON	HR DIRECTOR
CAROL HENNINGTON	IT DIRECTOR
ROLAND RODRIGUEZ	IT DEPARTMENT
BRIAN STEPHENS	FACILITIES DIRECTOR
WESLEY HOOPER	COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
RAY ROMERO	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
JOSHUA MACK	FIRE MARSHAL/FIRE SERVICE DIRECTOR
MICHELLE ARDOIN	FIRE SERVICE FISCAL OFFICER
CYNTHIA SHARIF	DWI COORDINATOR
LINDA P. MARTINEZ	INDIGENT CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR
DEJANAY BOOTH	CARLSBAD CURRENT ARGUS

- 1. OPEN MEETING – COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SUSAN CROCKETT:** At 1:00 p.m. Crockett opened the meeting. Rudometkin stated they had many questions for the Board on how they wanted to proceed. The only option on the table was from Commissioner Henry for the zero-based budget with the brine well payment included.

2. FY 2018-2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION
WORKSHOP#3 – ROBERTA SMITH:

Rayroux reminded the Board about the cuts to the DWI program of at least \$60K. He requested the Board pick up the benefits for the DWI employees. This would be around \$103K for the budget year. Crockett opened the meeting to the Board for questions. Davis questioned if the DWI supplement would be for only 1 year. Smith stated they would only be approving the allocation for this year's budget. Rudometkin stated once it was in the budget it would be up to the Board to remove the funding. Wood asked about the REDA funding. Smith explained she had included it for information. It was different than what was requested last year. Wood stated the Sheriff's request for more personnel to patrol State Highways wasn't right. The revenue from those citations went to the State. He felt it was the States responsibility not the Countys. Rudometkin stated it was a tough situation. While the county did not receive the revenue, its citizens were being protected as a result. Walterscheid questioned the reimbursement from the State for Derrick Road. Smith explained the \$360K was more concrete money, and more would be requested but it was unclear if any would be received. Henry stated he would like to reduce the Sheriff's Posse amount. Crockett agreed and suggested \$20K for the Sheriff's Posse, she was in favor of the subsidy for DWI and as for Derrick Road she felt the money should be left in the budget. Romero stated the only answer to fix the road issue was a continued revenue source. He reported they had applied for several grants. The general consensus of the Board was to leave the Derrick Road project. Henry did not see any reason to add new positions when there were still positions frozen. Rayroux stated the positions in Public Works were temporary summer help. It would not help his staff shortage in the long run to unfreeze those positions. Wood felt \$20K for the Sheriff's Posse was fine, he felt Derrick Road was the responsibility of the State. The Brine Well dollars should come out of reserve funding. Crockett asked the Board to make a decision as to what they wanted done. Henry stated he was in favor of a zero-based budget with the exception of the brine well and previously approved personnel. Rudometkin explained he would like to keep reserves with double the amount required. He stated if the Board went to a zero-based budget essentially everything on the list would be busted back to zero. After discussion the Board decided the following:

NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

- FY 2017-2018 Personnel Changes \$1,873,584 - KEEP
 - Annual Step Increases is \$179,682 (All Departments) - KEEP
- Deputy Directors GF is \$52,456 - KEEP

- Deputy Directors Non-GF is \$31,829 (\$21,219 PW & \$10,610 Landfill) - KEEP
- Health Insurance Increase 4% - \$152,377 - KEEP
- Facility Groundskeepers (2) - \$113,420 - REMOVE
- DWI had decrease in funding of \$631 - KEEP
- PIO/Oil and Gas Liaison - \$198,459 (All Inclusive) - REMOVE
- HIDTA Xfer of \$105K - KEEP
- MVD Xfer of \$135K - KEEP
- Detention Holiday Pay - \$38,245 - KEEP
- Derrick Road Infrastructure Project - \$3,900,000 - KEEP
- Public Works Capital Equipment - \$1,039,652 - REMOVE
- Public Works Road Maintenance - \$900,000 - KEEP
- Public Works Rotary Lifts & 4 post lift - \$30,000 - KEEP
- Sheriff Department Vehicles (6) - \$318,450 - KEEP
- Brine Well Payment - \$1,333,333 - KEEP
- Insurance Increase (Property & Casualty and Peace Officer Liability) - \$159,246 - KEEP
- REDA Increase - \$190,557 - KEEP
- NO Changes in Agency Contracts (PSAs) - KEEP
- IT Capital (AC for Back-up Server) - \$33,000 - KEEP
- Detention Center Vehicles - \$162,946 - KEEP
- Detention Center Tilting Skillet - \$16,000 - KEEP
- Fire Service Server - \$18,000 - KEEP
- NO Elected Official Inc (\$56,361) - REMOVE
- Personnel Corrections - \$35,262 - KEEP

- Added Revenue for Fire Service - \$18,000 (general fund) - KEEP
 - Made changes to volunteer fire departments - N/A
 - \$9,885,397 in Transfers; Increase from \$5,160,439 last FY - KEEP
3. **ADJOURN:** At 2:53 p.m. Walterscheid moved, seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes: Henry, Wood, Davis, Crockett and Walterscheid. Passed 5-0.

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CHAIR: _____

ATTEST: _____

DATE: _____