



**SANTA ROSA
ISLAND AUTHORITY**

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BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 10, 2015**

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Member
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Member
W. A. "Buck" Lee
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Authority Members
FROM: Executive Director
DATE: June 19, 2015
RE: Minutes of June 10, 2015 Budget Workshop Meeting

A budget workshop meeting was held on Wednesday June 10, 2015, immediately following the Committee Meeting to discuss the 2015/2016 SRIA Budget. Members present were Mr. Dave Pavlock, Dr. Thomas Campanella, and Ms. Karen Sindel. Mr. Jerry Watson and Ms. Janice Gilley participated via teleconference. Mr. Watson left the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Ms. Tammy Bohannon, Chair, called the meeting to order and presented the following item.

Item # 1 – Budget FY 2015/2016

Ms. Dottie Ford, Director of Finance, handed out the budget to each Board Member.

Dr. Campanella stated Ms. Ford never got to present her 2016 budget or the 5% reduction budget at the last workshop.

Ms. Ford offered to go page by page over the budget with the Board.

Discussion followed regarding explanations of certain items on the budget.

Ms. Bohannon said she isn't in favor of some of the reductions listed.

Mr. Pavlock stated the SRIA is assuming the County is taking over Public Works and Public Safety, and also that the levels of service will remain the same. He questioned if the County was going to transfer the money for those 2 departments or will the County be in charge of the administration of the 2 departments.

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Ms. Bohannon voiced concerns over the levels of service Escambia County will be able to provide. She said her understanding is the departments will be transferred to the County, however there will be no interlocal agreement.

Mr. Pavlock stated the SRIA attorney, Mr. Stebbins, had said there definitely would have to be an interlocal agreement. He pointed out the figures the County was using for lifeguards was incorrect, (\$750,000 instead of \$1.4 million) and questioned whether or not the County would still take Public Safety.

Mr. Lee voiced concerns over Public Works being handled by the County, and the SRIA not having any contact with them.

Ms. Bohannon stated Commissioner Robinson has questions as to how well the County will handle the levels of service on the Island, but she thinks the SRIA could get the departments back from the County if they don't do a good job with them.

Discussion followed regarding capital items, contracts, and inventory of the 2 departments.

Mr. Bob West said the figures used by Escambia County are an inaccurate reflection of the actual costs involved in running Public Safety.

Ms. Bohannon stated the County has agreed to take up to \$4.6 million of SRIA services.

Mr. Pavlock suggested sending over a highlighted budget to Escambia County and ask if they will assume Public Safety and Public Works.

Discussion followed regarding what other items could be cut.

Ms. Gilley stated the County already does Public Works and Public Safety, but that capital items could be an issue, perhaps the SRIA could lease the equipment back to the County. She said is comfortable transferring the two departments to the County.

Mr. Watson said he agrees with Ms. Gilley, transfer Public Works and Public Safety to the County, and negotiate the rest.

Ms. Ford stated the County said they would take over some infrastructure funding, so \$265,000.00 could be taken off the budget, as well.

Mr. Pavlock asked if it would be more efficient to reduce lease fees by a percentage or a flat amount.

Ms. Bohannon stated that decisions about lease fee reductions will be dollar for dollar, and she does not agree with reducing a Master Leaseholders' fee, if they aren't required to reduce sublease fees.

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Ms. Sindel stated she is a sublease, and has already been in negotiations with her Master regarding reductions. She said the SRIA's responsibility is to who holds the lease, which is the Master.

Mr. Pavlock stated nothing else would need to be reduced in the SRIA 2016 budget if the services on the Bucket 1 list are taken over by the County.

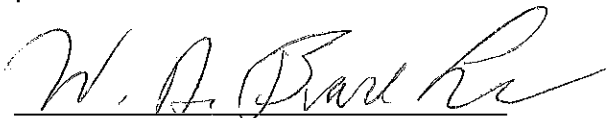
Ms. Sindel stated the Board shouldn't get raises, since there were likely to be employees that lose their jobs.

Discussion followed regarding unfunded projects and the nourishment loan.

Dr. Campanella stated lease fees are probably going to go away, and the County will be adding higher MSTU or MSBU fees, but the Island won't see that money come back.

Mr. Pavlock stated Mr. Lee needed to contact the County and make sure they have accurate numbers for budgeting purposes.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



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