

The Board of Commissioners held a workshop/budget meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 10:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2012-13 Budget and take care of any other business brought before the Board. Commissioners present were Diana Bobbitt, Heidi Hogan, Jimmy Kearney and Terry Newsom.

Mayor Willis called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Commissioner Bobbitt advised Commissioner Newsom had asked other board members to look for money for the Police Department and expressed concern that there was no one patrolling after 1:00 am. She felt there was a real need for at least three full time officers and discussion ensued including looking at the schedule, the average size of a force the size of Littleton being 2.5 officers, the different demographics of towns and past budgets had used fund balance to support the police department. Commissioner Newsom stated he needed an additional \$15,300 to have the three full time officers and Chief Suggs as part time. Various options were discussed including Commissioners Bobbitt and Kearney offering cuts to their respective budgets.

Also discussed was hiring a local contractor for cemetery maintenance, increasing privilege license collections through better enforcement, considering a resolution to maintain property in a usable condition, using community service and whether to give raises or bonuses.

The consensus of the Board was to transfer the \$2,250 Ordinance Codification line item - \$1,250 to Cemetery and \$1,000 to Police and transfer \$1,500 from Street Contracted Services and \$1,000 from Contingency to the Police. Privilege License line item would be increased by \$1,500, \$2,000 would be added as the remainder of the COPS Grant, and Governing Body Travel and Training would transfer to Police. These additional funds would go to the Police Department for a total of \$7,800.00.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hogan, Mayor Willis stated Danco had been contacted concerning the leak around the window at the back door and he would be coming to check.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

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