

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2016 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUED
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was Called to Order by Board Chair, Ken Anderson at 9:00 a.m., with the following present:

Ken Anderson, Commissioner, Board Chairman
Jason Anderson, Commissioner, Vice Chairman
Tim Lovato, Commissioner
Wendi Maez, County Co-Administrator
Lyn Lambert, County Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Carla Gomez, Clerk to the Board

Also Present:

Lisa Cyriacks
Sandia Belgrade, Crestone Eagle
Teresa Benns, Center Post Dispatch

County Co-Administrator, Lambert began the hearing noting that she had received a letter from Ms. Cyriacks, objecting to the 2016 Proposed Budget. Many of these issues were discussed at the Public Hearing conducted on December 3, 2015. Co-Administrator Maez noted that the Center paper had stated that there were objections and complaints, which were referring to TABOR, which cannot be.

Commissioner Jason Anderson asked for public comments:

Ms. Benns inquired as to discussions with health insurance – response – has been reconciled; also as to the reduction in revenue in Clerk’s Fees – response – due to adjusted SOT dispersal. She also would like a copy of the final draft of the budget and remarked she would like to see more funding for the Sheriff.

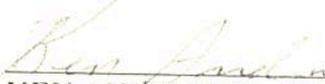
It was noted that there had to be cuts to the proposed budget in order for it to be a “balanced budget”, the only increase was for the Sheriff’s office of 4%. It was also noted that all department heads had agreed to take reductions in order to support the Sheriff. In response to questions regarding increasing revenue in 2016, the issue of a sales tax increase, which is currently at 1%, lower than any other county in the Valley, would be accepted by the people, who are requesting and are in need of more services. It was also noted that PILT decisions are made on a yearly basis.

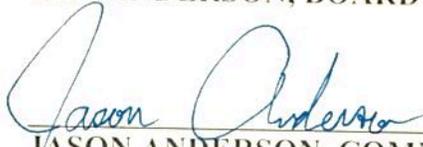
There being no further discussion, the Hearing was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Minutes prepared by:


Carla Gomez, Clerk & Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: December 15, 2015


KEN ANDERSON, BOARD CHAIR


JASON ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER


TIM LOVATO, COMMISSIONER


ATTEST
CARLA GOMEZ
CLERK & RECORDER