

A special meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Public Safety Building, Uniontown, PA 15401

**Commissioner Ambrosini** called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Commissioner Zapotosky called for a roll call.

**Chief Clerk** Amy Revak took roll call.

**In attendance-**

Commission Chairman Vincent Zapotosky  
Commissioner Alfred Ambrosini

Commissioner Ambrosini said let the record reflect that Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink was absent.

**A silent** prayer was observed following by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said he wanted to extend his wishes to everyone for a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Public comment on agenda items**

**Michael Cavanagh** asked if they would be able to see the budget. Commissioner Zapotosky said the budget will be posted for 20 days. Mr. Cavanagh said you can't publicly comment on something if you can't see it. Commissioner Zapotosky said once they propose the budget it will be available for public review and public comment for 20 days. He said the statute does not require that they present the budget beforehand. Financial consultant Sam Lynch said once it is approved, it will be placed on the county website in the afternoon. He said they can't do anything until they make official action.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to approve a proposed 2016 Fayette County general fund budget with total revenues of \$30,744,838 and expenditures of \$33,159,345, with a deficit of \$2,414,507 and a millage rate of 4.51448.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Prior to** a vote, Commissioner Zapotosky said that is the current millage rate. He said the expenditures were the requests made by the agencies and they have not been pared down. He said those were the requests submitted by the departments. He said it shows the taxpayer that expenditures exceed revenues and it is their job, once again,

to narrow that down to a level that is fair and allows for county government to operate and hopefully will not put an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers.

**After the** vote, Commissioner Ambrosini said there will be a concerted effort to bring the budget in line with our expenses. He said there is a fair amount of work to be done over the next 20 days because there is some work that Mr. Lynch and the county has to do to determine where we actually stand in terms of any fund reserves from this year and last. He said there is quite a bit of additional money required for the judicial system and we will be talking about that as we go forward. Commissioner Zapotosky said that was due to the fact that the state relinquished payment of those very much needed dollars. He added that, this is his final budget, and there is always some disagreement about budgets and he would challenge you or Commissioner Zimmerlink or anyone, if they have a better budget, then bring it forward, if not, talk is very cheap and it's easy to point fingers. He said if you have something that is worthy of review then bring it to the table. He said if not, the peanut gallery is in the back, adding no disrespect Mr. (Scott) Abraham.

### **Public comment**

**Michael Cavanagh** again asked for the figures of revenue and expenditures. Commissioner Ambrosini said the proposed budget is revenues of \$30,744,838 and expenditures of \$33,159,345, with a deficit of \$2,414,507 and a millage rate of 4.51448. Commissioner Zapotosky said as soon as it is signed, it will be available for public review. He said he looks forward to seeing any other budget proposed by any other entity if they are inclined to step up to the plate. Chief Clerk Revak said it will be online this afternoon.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Ambrosini and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes

**Motion passed unanimously**





