

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET WORK SESSION I - VIA TELECONFERENCE**

May 5, 2020  
6:30 PM

Commissioners Present via telephone: Becky Langston, Susan Andrews, Rob Grant, J. Harry Lange, Andrew Zuerner.  
Staff Present via telephone: Randy Dowling, County Manager; John Taylor, County Attorney; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk. (Meeting held via teleconference due to COVID-19 precautions. In addition, 17 others were in attendance by telephone; audio only and not permitted to make comments.)

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Langston called the meeting to order and said the purpose was for the discussion of the proposed budget for FY 20/21. She asked Randy Dowling, County Manager, to review same.

**Overview.** Mr. Dowling said he is presenting the proposed recommended budget for FY 20/21; that it is on the County's website; that overall, it's \$38.7 million, which is a decrease of \$1.593 million (3.9%) from FY 19/20; that the General Fund is \$24,440,994, which is an increase of \$1,218,012 (5.2%) from FY 19/20; that the General Fund does not contain a tax increase and assumes the millage rate will not be rolled back and is balanced with a small use of General Fund reserves and nothing from Solid Waste; that Special Revenue Funds increased by \$24,985 (1.6%) from FY 19/20 and include Confiscated Assets, Jail Fund, Law Library Funds, Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund, Emergency 9-1-1 Fund, and Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; that Capital Project Funds decreased \$1,117,390 (13.4%) from FY 19/20, and includes the Public Improvements Authority Fund, SPLOST 2014, TSPLOST 2013, SPLOST 2019, and Rails to Trails Project Fund; and that the Debt Service remains the same as FY 19/20; that the Enterprise Funds decreased by \$1,994,577 (19%) from FY 19/20 and includes the Airport Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Water Works Fund.

He said that department heads will have the opportunity during the next two Budget Work Sessions to make comments regarding their proposed budgets.

**NEXT BUDGET WORK SESSIONS.** Scheduled for 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 26.

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS.** First Public Hearing will be held during the June 2 Regular Session, and the second will be held during the June 16 Regular Session, with adoption by resolution to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT**