

**TOWN OF GARLAND  
BUDGET PLANNING SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021  
7:00 PM**

The Budget Planning Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held virtually via GoToMeeting on Thursday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present virtually:

Austin Brown  
Eddie Bronson, Jr.  
Carolyn R. Melvin  
Barbara A. Peterson  
Jo A. Strickland

Also present virtually: Mayor Winifred H. Murphy, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Pamela Cashwell and Mrs. Emily Williams of the *Sampson Independent*.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy called the budget planning session to order at 7:00 pm and thanked everyone for attending the budget planning session tonight.

**QUORUM**

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy called the roll and established there was a quorum present.

**BUDGET PLANNING**

Mayor Murphy recognized Town Clerk/Finance Officer Pamela Cashwell to begin discussions on budget planning with the entire board for the 2021/2022 budget. Clerk Cashwell noted she had met with every committee and discussed budget planning for their respective departments. A budget planning worksheet was provided and reviewed in detail with board members which contained the budget expenditures that each committee requested. (See attached). Clerk Cashwell noted administration and streets decreased their departmental expenditures significantly in light of the different requests and needs of the town. The General Fund budget currently has \$36,900.00 that hasn't been allocated. Clerk Cashwell noted the Safety Committee didn't make any decisions regarding police coverage or the \$26,000.00 request from the Garland Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. Discussion continued regarding the many different needs for the use of the unallocated funds and no decisions were made. The Water/Sewer fund was discussed and as presented has a balanced budget. The Powell Bill fund was reviewed and discussed and as presented has a balanced budget.

Clerk Cashwell reminded board members she is statutorily required to present a proposed balanced budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 to the Board by June 1, 2021. She encouraged them to review the budget worksheet so they can make some final decisions on the proposed budget at the next budget planning session.

Clerk Cashwell provided copies of the current fee schedule along with recommendations for board members to consider. (See attached). Board members weren't in favor of any rate/fee increases at this time.

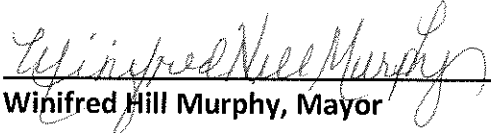
Board members scheduled the next Special Meeting and Budget Planning Session for Tuesday, May 5th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Budget Planning Session adjourned at 8:11 pm.

  
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Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

**BOARD APPROVED:**

  
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Winifred Hill Murphy, Mayor