

**Weston County Board of Commissioners
Official Minutes of Public Budget Hearing
July 16, 2018**

The Public Budget Hearing of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony Barton at 7:00 p.m. at the Weston County Courthouse Annex. Commissioners Tony Barton, Bill Lambert, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt, and Ed Wagoner, and Clerk Jill Sellers were present.

Vice Chairman Bill Lambert moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Chairman Barton opened the floor for public comments; Vice Chairman Lambert noted that the public hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak, not for Commissioners to answer.

Public Comments followed:

Pam Brackett, County Attorney Assistant, asked for the complete budget; Clerk Sellers apologized and noted that she should have distributed the draft budget in advance. Ms. Brackett also commented on the possibility of employees being given the choice between paying for health care increases, or a raise. She also inquired about purchasing a printer for the Attorney's Office and the status of the printer audit.

Vicki Hayman, Extension Office Director, also commented on the need to have draft budget pages in advance.

Susie Overman, County Treasurer, inquired about the change in allocation for tax sales publications. She also asked for a raise for employees, and suggested a step raise as an option.

Jason Jenkins, Detention Officer, also supported a raise for employees, especially given the raise for Elected Officials this year.

Brenda Ayres, Library Director, requested details of library budget.

Chairman Barton called three times for further public comments. There were none.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Approval of the FY2019 Budget is scheduled for July 17, 2018 at 9:15 a.m.

Discussion followed the public hearing portion of the meeting to address the public comments.

Tony Barton
Chairman

Attest: Jill Sellers
Weston County Clerk