May 29, 2024 – Special Meeting – FY2025 Budget

Meeting was called to order at 1730 hours

In Attendance:
AC Dave Davis
Terrell Lewis
Nancy Clark
Gary Holmes
Eric Willard
Lana McCants
Gene Schaefer
Ken VanLandeghem
Stephanie Gilberto
John Kline – Zoom

We had enough attendees to meet the requirements of a forum.

Guests:
Jesus Pereira – Superintendent
Debi Hoover – VACWC Secretary

There were no public comments.

Purpose: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget – Jesus Pereira – VAC Superintendent

- Jesus Pereira presented the FY 2025 Budget to the commission during a special meeting held with the Finance Committee 05.24.2024
- At that time the Finance Committee unanimously approved the budget to be presented to the full commission
- Presented budget of $1.639,803.01 which includes salaries and benefits for VAC employees
- A presentation was made on screen for the commissioners to review
- The deadline to submit the budget to the county is 05.30.2024
- Jesus noted that there have been many budget changes over the years and that the budget the VACWC submits SHALL be approved
- If the budget is not approved we will go into mandamus
- Presentation of budget was turned over to Terrell Lewis – Finance Coordinator
- Terrell Lewis presented the same budget with an explanation of Jesus Pereira's salary being raised to $115,000 annually which is a combination of his previous salary and the reloctaion allotment – this salary increase was recommended and approved by the Finance Committee
    - The following comments were made in regards to Jesus Pereira's salary increase
        - Jesus is worth his weight in gold
        - He offered to sign a contract
        - He has proven himself
        - He doesn't say no when it comes to veteran services
        - Took our budget from $200,000 to $1.6M

A motion was made to accept the FY 2024 as presented

- Motion – Lana McCants
- 2nd – Eric Willard

Meeting was adjourned at 1807 hours