

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Budget Workshop Minutes
03/14/2016**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 5:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

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**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Vice Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Randy Reed (RR) – Member
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order 5:30pm

2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

DG – Stated this is the budget workshop and we will have plenty of time in the regular meeting to comment on the senior center.

3 Approval of the Workshop Agenda for the BTAB meeting of March 14, 2016.

No changes

4 Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

KC – None; RR – None; CT-None; DG- None; EG- Today is P.I.E. day.

5 Discussion Budget Workshop; All Town Department/ Beatty Volunteer Fire Department/ Beatty Chamber of Commerce/Beatty Museum for fiscal year 2016/2017, FY17 – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated the first thing I want to do is go over a couple of notes for this fiscal year's budget before you get into the departments. This budget will be for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This workshop is being held primarily to get input from town departments with a goal of understanding their estimated operating needs for the next fiscal year. Revenues that are collected by the State and County have been estimated flat. For the purposes of this workshop we used last year's budget revenue and we have also estimated liquor and gaming license fees flat. In the case of town generated revenues we have estimated a decrease in Community Center rental, cemetery fees, admin fees and fees for fines from the Sheriff, NHP, and the court. Per the Comptroller we have estimated a 5% increase in wages for all departments and an 11% increase in benefits due to the higher cost of medical insurance. It does not appear that there will be an increase to PERS this year. We have included two new lines in this year's budget for Public Safety Sales Tax, for the Sheriff's Department and for the Fire Department. The revenue numbers that are included in this budget are very, very tentative. We will schedule a second workshop after the State releases its final projections on March 25th.

The total amount budgeted for expenditure in all funds this year, if these numbers were to stay the same, is \$2,150,135.00, the total general fund ending balance will be \$1,300,000.00 these monies cannot be spent for any purpose in the fiscal year 17. The annual transfer of the prior fiscal years reserve to the general capital has been budgeted and capital purchases must meet the following requirements for expenditure; the item must be \$3,000.00 or more with a useful life of one year or more. All funds have been budgeted to a zero ending fund balance; any monies left in the fund will roll into the next fiscal year.

The Room Tax fund total expendable monies have been divided between the Chamber at 20%, the Museum at 20%, and the Town at %60 per the Beatty Room Tax Ordinance.

General Fund revenues are estimated at approximately \$379,500.00, that's for consolidated taxes only and the General Fund expenditures average \$350,000.00 leaving an estimated revenue excess of \$29,500.00. The revenue has been trending flat or negative for the past few years while expenses are increasing, insurance, utilities, things like that.

I have a list of committed capital projects and planned capital projects.

Property tax revenues are estimated at \$29,329.00 that is flat it's the same number as last year, per the Comptroller.

Again, we will be getting updated numbers from the State on the 25th.

Ms. Radomski – Reviewed the budget documents and the committed capital projects and planned capital project. The planned projects do not necessarily have funds committed to them yet.

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EG – Stated let's go back to the Room Tax account, the Beatty Chamber and Museum and get their numbers.

Vonnie Gray; Beatty Museum – Stated in September 2015 Amina started on PERS and so our request as far as retirement, Medicare, social security, workers comp, we are on the high end. At this point we have two employees and we are looking at, for wages and benefits, \$27,351.00. Operating expenses, we have a new addition and we expect an increase, we've asked for \$3,000.00 in that, Office \$1,500.00 and communications/utilities \$9,500.00, maintenance \$500.00, services and supplies total \$14,500.00 and total budget request is \$41,851.00 for the Beatty Museum; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated okay very good. We'll go ahead and fill those numbers in for our tentative approved. Thank you.

Ann Marchand; Beatty Chamber – Stated we tried to be very conservative and we didn't want to ask for more than what we received last year. We tried to work within our means. If you guys would like to budget for us the same as you did the Museum than that's better yet.

EG – Stated you guys are 20/20 so you will get the same amount for your budgets. So whatever the difference is should we put that in your operating expense?

Ann Marchand – Stated or in our salaries, but operating is fine.

EG – Clarified we will put any extra in operating.

Ms. Marchand – Stated in the capital plan you mentioned entry way signs, will that be available? We are working on that project this year.

EG – Stated it is from one of our capital planning meetings the funds haven't been dedicated yet, it was just a future project at the time. It will have to be put on an agenda for a funding decision.

Ms. Marchand – Stated okay, great.

Ms. Marchand – Stated I do have another question about the Habitat Project funds.

Ms. Radomski – Stated the NDOT pocket park project had \$12,500.00 committed to it. Several years ago they did some planting in the riverbed and that was a \$3,000.00 so there is still \$9,500.00 specific to that project; Discussion followed.

Ms. Radomski – Stated last year in services and supplies for the Fire Department we budgeted \$75,000.00 and this year we increased it to \$100,000.00. The main reason is the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department has found itself covering Amargosa and the Amargosa area much more. They are now being asked to cover all the way to Lathrup Wells on HWY 95 for accidents. What that does is when they get a call to go out the extrication truck and the Chiefs truck they all go because that's what they are supposed to do but then if something happens in Beatty we don't have what we need. So we need to figure out exactly what that equipment looks like and what it's going to take so we wanted to make sure we had plenty of funds set aside to do that in the next fiscal year; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated I have one more thing for the budget since Director Payne is here; there's \$99,000.00 for Beatty now in your Fire public safety tax, so be thinking about what you and the department want to do with that.

Director Payne – Stated I'm here in full support of the Chief. He has some great plans that are well thought out and backed up by clean information. I support this department completely.

RR – Stated this may fall under emergency services, maybe a line item for the ambulance service because with the County doing cutbacks that could be possibly on the chopping block and we may have to absorb some of the costs for the ambulance, just looking ahead.

EG – Stated one of the things a year ago or so when we were talking about the public safety tax our department, I'm only speaking for Beatty, they were looking at sharing that money with the ambulance department in some way. That's something RR if you wanted to make a vote that we take money out of the general fund and do something separate for the ambulance department then you know how to do that.

Ms. Radomski – Stated there is an item to set a date and time for the next workshop on meeting agenda.

6 General Public Comment

None

7 Adjournment

KC – Motion to adjourn at 6:17pm; Second RR; 5-0