

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a Budget work session on **May 17, 2018 at 3:00pm** in the Commissioners Conference Room. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Virginia T. Williams, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner Lamar Wade, District Four; Ms. Traci Bussey, Finance Director; Kay Toto, Lincoln Journal and Ms. Sherry McKellar, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Commissioner Cliatt gave the invocation.

3.

FY2019 Budget Proposals

Chairman Norman informed the Board that to meet the budgets presented by the individual departments would require a tax increase. Most of the increase comes from the new mandated cancer insurance for firefighters at \$6,000, the 16-19% increase in health insurance at \$72,000 and \$143,000 it would take to give a 3% raise to the employees. He reminded the Board that there has not been a tax increase in 13 years and that having no increase for that long is catching up to us as expenses are still increasing and revenue is decreasing. He does not want to increase taxes but it may be necessary.

He asked each Commissioner to review the Proposed Budget closely and scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, May 24 at 3pm. He will have Director Adair, Sheriff Reviere, Director Broom, and any other department head they wish to meet with attend that meeting.

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Commissioner's Comments

There were no comments by commissioners.

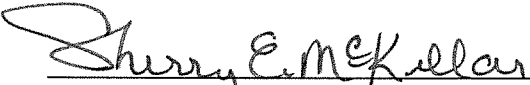
5.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the work session was adjourned at 5:00pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman



Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk