Ohio County Commission
March 28, 2023

The Ohio County Commission met by teleconference on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:03 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Donald A. Nickerson.

Present for the meeting: President, Donald A. Nickerson, Commissioner Zach Abraham, Commissioner Randy Wharton, Finance Director Rodd Archey, and Administrator Randy Russell.

President Nickerson stated the meeting was called to review the 2023-2024 budget.

Mr. Abraham inquired if anything looked out of line with regards to the budget. Mr. Archey stated the adjustments but they can be attributed to the $1,000.00 employee raise approved by the Ohio County Commission, the 5% insurance premium raise, and the 15% increase for the regional jail.

With regards to the carryover process, revenue and expenditures will be matched and if anything is out of line we must budget for the funds. We have until July 28, 2023 to budget for any carryover.

Mr. Archey stated the two largest department line items are Law Enforcement at 17% and the Communication Center at 10.5%.

Mr. Wharton asked Mr. Archey to go through the fund balance.

- Assigned fund balance – This is money that has already been planned.
- Unassigned fund balance – This is revenue over expenditures. These funds must be looked at by June 30, 2023, and can be re-budgeted.

The revised budget has already been approved by the Ohio County Commission. This evening, action will be needed to approve the 2023-2024 Ohio County budget and the Coal Severance budget.

It was stated we do not budget for capital projects at this time. We wait to see the carryover funds.

Mr. Wharton stated he hoped the Hotel / Motel Tax was a conservative amount. Mr. Archey stated it was conservative.

Elected officials and department heads will receive a letter pertaining to their budget. This letter will also state any projects not funded can be reviewed once the carryover number has been determined.

Motion to accept the 2023-2024 budget made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Donald A. Nickerson, President

Randel A. Russell, Administrator