# Official Minutes
# April 29, 2025
# Board of Commissioners Meeting

## Attendance:

Randy Church, Chairman
Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman
Jeff Branch, Commissioner
Donnie Potter, Commissioner
Patrick Starnes, Commissioner
Wayne Rash, Interim County Manager
Tony Helton, Chief Financial Officer
Abby Rich, County Clerk

Chairman Church called the meeting to order at

The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office was the first to present budgetary requests to the Board. The Sheriff's Office began by detailing the capital outlay requests that could be removed from the budget request. Those items were the tower at the range, SWAT helmets, updates to the evidence room, radios and cameras. These cuts are roughly $100,000. It was noted that the Sheriff's Office really would like to have the vehicles that are requested if possible. This includes 15 new patrol cars, a jail van, and 2 detective vehicles.

There was a discussion held regarding the involuntary commitment transports the Sheriff's Office is required to do.

Brandy Ellis reviewed the remaining changes to the budget.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Communications pay. CFO Helton noted that it is difficult to adjust the starting pay of one department and not of others.

Soil and Water was the next to present. The department's only notable request is for cell phones.

The Planning Department was the next to present. There were no changes made while they are in a period with no Planning Director. There was a discussion held regarding legal fees relating to the revisions made to the Unified Development Ordinance.

Human Resources was the last department to present. HR Director Beth Brown noted EAP services would be moving to on day a week on site with additional off site visits allowed. HR cut its overall budget and is asking for a hybrid position to serve both HR and Administration as a HR Technician/Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Potter was out of the room from 6:42 to 6:43.

Commissioner Branch was out of the room from 6:46 to 6:48.

The Board discussed the LaMA program as well as the potential for the Munis software and payroll.

With there being no more business to attend to, Commissioner Branch made the motion to adjourn at 7:17 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.