Call to Order
The Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Chair John Purcell at 5:45p.m.

Committee Members Present: Matthew Prochaska, John Purcell, Bob Davidson

Committee Members Absent: Scott Gryder and Elizabeth Flowers

Others Present: Latreese Caldwell, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Andy Nicoletti, Tom Thomas, Jeff Wilkins

Claims Review and Approval
The Committee reviewed the County claims report. A motion was made by Member Prochaska to forward the approval of Claims in an amount not to exceed $1,398,423.75 and for Petit and Grand Juror Claims in an amount not to exceed $2,725.00, second to the motion by Member Davidson.  With all members in agreement, the motion carried.

Department Heads and Elected Official Reports

Andy Nicoletti, Assessment Office – Andy Nicoletti reported his tentative abstracts are down with the state. Mr. Nicoletti also reported that new construction will be $29,250,618, which is higher than he projected originally, and EAV is up about 4.5 percent from last year. Mr. Nicoletti said new construction could possibly grow even more before the October 31 cut-off deadline.

Undersheriff Harold Martin, Sheriff’s Office – No report

Tom Thomas, Health Department – No report

Items from Other Committees – Mr. Davidson reported that Facilities personnel recently discovered there is no lightening protection on the older part of the courthouse. Facilities personnel are researching cost and repair options, and bring more information to the committee when it’s available.

Items of Business

- **FY2016 Budget** – Latreese Caldwell stated that the preliminary general fund deficit for FY2016 is at 5.8 million, which would include an increase in public safety sales tax, an increase in general fund expenditures of approximately 6 percent, plus the 5-year capital plan for FY2016, and new capital requests, but doesn’t include any negative impact from the current state budget crisis.

- **Courthouse & Jail Security System Funding** - tabled
- **Hiring Freeze Discussion** - tabled

- **Staffing** – tabled

**Old Business** – None

**Public Comment** – None

**Questions from the Media** – None

**Items for Committee of the Whole** – None

**Executive Session** – None needed

**Action Items for County Board**

- Approval of Claims in an amount not to exceed $1,398,423.75 and for Petit and Grand Juror Claims in an amount not to exceed $2,725.00

**Adjournment** – Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, second by Member Davidson. **The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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