

Board of Commissioners Budget Reductions
Total is \$630,926 for 2009

The following amounts are suggestions for savings in the Board of Commissioners' Budget. Based on the response from various Commissioners, I am putting forth these figures, accompanied by the attached resolution. I have also attached the current budget.

- \$ 25,500: eliminate all per diems for Commissioners (one Commissioner suggested we limit per diems to \$100 per month per Commissioner, but this would save only \$11,000 give or take – everyone else I talked to said they would agree to give up per diems)

- \$ 4,032: eliminate subscriptions to newspapers and magazines; if Commissioners want them, they can subscribe themselves (This is the subscriptions part of subscriptions & dues)

- \$ 14,650: The actual amount that GSCI receives from is \$57,000. I don't know where the figure of \$69,800 came from, since I was told that it was "all GCSI". Their original contract was for \$60,000, so they have already taken a 5% cut. Kirk Profit said he is willing to take another 5%, making our contract \$54,150. I am also suggesting that we eliminate the left over \$12,800 because we don't know what it is being spent on. The \$14,650 represents \$2850 additional cut (5%) and the \$12,800 that we don't have identified. (This is under consultants & contracts)

- \$ 167: books (apparently at one time the county bought books for Commissioners)

- \$ 33,000: eliminate, for the next two years, attendance at conventions & conferences – if Commissioners want to go to conferences, they can pay for themselves

- \$ 401: eliminate "Employee Development" for Commissioners
\$77,750 12 %

There was no support for eliminating mileage. It is a small amount, so I left it in the budget (\$5845- listed as travel).

We cannot lower our salaries in this fiscal year, and there did not appear to be support for that, anyway.

We need to do our part, and let the employees know that we are making an effort.