

**UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2016**

PRESENT: Russel Rude, Tim Williams, James Hensley, Jack Heeter, Burke Thomas, Richard Blank, Pam Tharp, Matt Snyder, Dale Dishmond, Shaun Tudor, Lynn Browning, and Gene Sanford.

President Russel Rude opened the meeting by leading the group with the pledge to the flag.

INSURANCE: The Auditor presented the renewal rates with our present carrier, United Healthcare, which reflected a 22% increase in premium. Tyler Vanderpool of RMD-Patti Insurance also had sent potential changes in deductibles and out of pocket expenses to reduce the increase. He also has stated that he would like to get everyone's up to date insurance information and take the group to market to see if there are better or more affordable programs. Council agreed that they would like to go back to an October 1 effective date which would allow for firm figures to use for the first 9 months of the next budget.

The Auditor stated that two other companies have shown interest in managing the county health insurance and have been given information to calculate additional proposals.

2017 BUDGET: Rude reported that the negotiating team had met with the Sheriff and their recommendation was to increase the Sheriff pay to \$47,000 per year, Chief Deputy to \$37,000, and Road Officers to \$32,000. Also the team recommended the Jail Commander Salary be \$31,000, Matron \$32,000, and Jail Officers \$30,000. These changes were implemented into the 2017 budget which reflected a projected operating balance of just over \$213,000. After some discussion, Williams moved to accept the Sheriff and Jail increases. Blank seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 with Heeter abstaining.

After final review of the 2017 budget, Blank moved to approve the budget as outlined on Budget Form 4, which called for expenses of \$4,496,750 and a levy of \$1,915,307. Final tax rates will be determined on the 2017 Budget Order from DLGF. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

There being no further business, Blank moved to adjourn. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Attest _____, Auditor _____