



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

November 12, 2019

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

May 13, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dukek at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chair Ken Dukek, Vice-Chair Brad Alcorn, Budget Committee Member Sue Gold, Budget Committee Member Christopher Paasch, and Budget Committee Member Richard Thode.

By phone: Budget Committee Member Court Boice

Also present: Legal Counsel John Huttli, Budget Officer Louise Kallstrom, Julie Schmelzer Director of County Operations, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Barnes wondered if the Budget Committee can establish a responsible budget with so much unknown out there and asked the Budget Committee to postpone talks about the Commissioner's travel budget until expenses are submitted.

3. MINUTES MAY 6, 2019 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Kallstrom amended minutes to change title from County Account to Budget Officer.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Kallstrom read and answered written questions from Richard Thode about the Road Fund.

The Budget Committee, with **Kallstrom** responding in detail, proceeded to discuss the following topics ---

IGS (Inter-Government Services) Cost Allocations

Kallstrom explained how administrative costs are assigned to various departments.

Non-Departmental

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Kallstrom spoke about why certain line items increased or decreased. Thode asked why the County does not have a Justice Court. Dukek asked about the marijuana tax and observed it's difficult to process a budget without knowing how revenue changes impact money taken from the Road Fund.

Finance / Payroll / Human Resources

Dukek, expressing desire to know revenues and expenses, asked about the status of union negotiations so that the Budget Committee will know impact on road funds. Huttel advised the Budget Committee needs an Executive Session to discuss union negotiations. Paasch suggested going into Executive Session May 14, 2019.

Juvenile

Wendy Lang, Director Juvenile, gave an overview of last year beginning with the change in organization - Juvenile/Parks Department split into separate Juvenile and Parks Departments. Lang also spoke about training, hiring a community service coordinator, and budgeting for a transport vehicle.

The Budget Committee, with **Kallstrom** responding in detail, continued to discuss the following topics:

Title III funds

Kallstrom read handout specifying exact dollar amounts for the Firewise, GIS (Geographic Information System), SAR (Search and Rescue), and Towers projects.

Unemployment & PERS (Public Employees Retirement System)

Kallstrom explained a \$400,000 carryover for this fund.

Grants

Kallstrom spoke about grants and administrative fees. Gold asked amount of administrative fees, especially on Head Start grant. Dukek stated administrative fees may be negotiable.

The Budget Committee, with Department Heads or Schmelzer responding in detail, discussed the following topics:

IT/Commissioners

Dukek stated all three (3) commissioners are at the same pay level. Schmelzer spoke about the travel policy. Paasch stated any out of state transport has to be approved by the Board and discussed lowering the budget. Thode observed networking will be important for the near future of the county. Boice stated the county did have a situation where public thought travel got out of hand. Kallstrom recommended making no changes to the travel budget. Paasch, Boice, and Gold agreed with Kallstrom regarding making no changes to the travel budget.

Schmelzer spoke about IT stating she has worked with Daniel Springer, Chief Information Officer, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative (Curry County IT provider), we have ignored the maintenance of our IT system, she has asked for a 5 year plan, looked at individual computers everyone is using, and asked IT to get same pricing on same computers. Schmelzer also stated many of the monthly IT charges for work performed were to worker error. Dukek suggested the County may want to consider using Google Chrome Books, offered to donate the CCH 4

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year old laptops to the County and observed the County might need its own IT department again.

BOC (Board of Commissioners) Office

Schmelzer stated not much changed in the budget except how funding is allocated for DOC (Director of County Operations) position and one-half is funded by Community Development.

Code Enforcement

Schmelzer observed we are making great strides in the program. She also stated in 8 months Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement Officer, has worked on over 100 cases, is an asset to the community, and the county is looking at him going full time. Boice stated he is advocating for 2 full time code enforcement officers. Paasch said Fortman will also be doing some animal control work, and he is hoping to have High School students come in and work part time for administrative purposes for Code Enforcement. Dukek stated Public Health is also contributing to the Code Enforcement budget.

1:35P Boice leaves the meeting.

Emergency Management

Jeremy Dumire spoke about Emergency Management. Schmelzer stated Dumire reports to Community Development for access to professional services.

Veterans

Tony Vouidy stated the budget is pretty close to what it was last year, veterans are over 10% of the Curry County population, and about two-thirds are Vietnam veterans.

Counsel

Huttl stated the entire administrative services budget comes out of the solid waste franchise and there are very few changes. Huttl also stated budget is reasonable, and he requested approval. Paasch asked about professional legal services. Huttl stated Shala McKenzie-Kudlac is the on-call county counsel.

The Budget Committee, with Sheriff Ward and Captain McDonald responding in detail, proceeded to discuss the following Sheriff Department divisions:

Criminal/Civil

SAR (Search and Rescue)

Marine/Forest

Jail

Communications

P&P (Parole and Probation)

K-9

Sheriff Ward stated they did some changes on their budget to the patrol section; spoke about deputies, specifically, number of deputies, their job titles, rank and future hiring needs; and the constant state of training needed to manage the department. Ward also spoke about the salary compression issue facing the department, its impact on union and non-union employees, and its

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impact on the budget. Captain McDonald spoke about the effect on the Marine Division budget of declining state registration revenues. McDonald also spoke about SCINT (South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team) and its effect on the Department's budget. Gold and Paasch asked questions about manpower needed to reach 24 hour a day, 7 days a week coverage. Alcorn commented on the status of the K-9 division. Dukek asked the Sheriff to come back May 14, 2019, with more detailed budget information. Schmelzer suggested marijuana tax revenue be earmarked for the Sheriff's Department and not the General Fund.

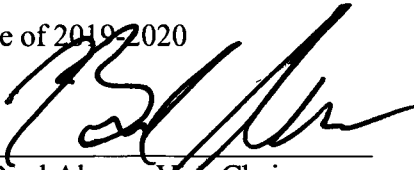
5. ADJOURN


Chair Dukek adjourned the meeting at 3:35p.m.

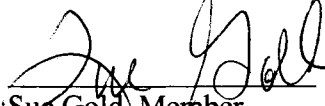
Dated this 6th day of November, 2019.

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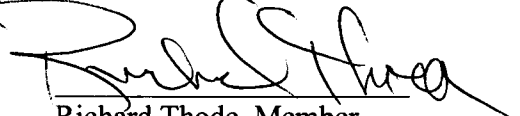
Resigned
Ken Dukek, Chair


Brad Alcorn, Vice Chair


Court Boice, Member 11-12-19


Sue Gold, Member


Christopher S Paasch, Member


Richard Thode, Member

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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