

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, May 15, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Anne Basker Auditorium, 604 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grants Pass, Oregon

Budget Committee: Marie Hill, Pat Fahey, Jim Brumbach, Keith Heck, Simon Hare, Cheryl Walker  
Budget Officer: Rosemary Padgett, CFO

**a) Open Meeting – Pat Fahey, Chair**

Cahir Fahey opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**b) Review and approve May 8, 2014 Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed was made by Mr. Brumbach, seconded by Ms. Walker. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0 with 1 abstention; Hare – abstain, Brumbach – yes, Heck – yes, Hill – yes, Walker – yes, and Fahey – yes.

**c) Elected Officials Compensation Committee Recommendation**

A short discussion ensued regarding provision #5 HRA of the Elected Official Compensation Committee's recommendation. A motion to accept the recommendation with the exclusion of the HRA reimbursement was made by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Brumbach. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0 with 1 abstention; Hare – abstain, Brumbach – yes, Heck – yes, Hill – yes, Walker – yes, and Fahey – yes.

**d) Department Presentations:**

**(1) Public Health – Diane Hoover**

Diane Hoover, Public Health Administrator noted that due to the State grants, the numbers have changed since she submitted them. She then reviewed **Exhibit A, Public Health** with the Committee. She commended the nonprofit Shelter Friends as the reason adoptions exceeded euthanizations at the Animal Shelter. This year she requested more from the General Fund instead of relying on grants to establish stable funding. All services provided by Public Health are mandated and she didn't believe they could do it for less. Ms. Hoover said Shelter Friends runs the entire cat program, coordinate the spay and neuter program, pay for vaccines, have a very active foster program and put on adoption events almost every weekend. Ms. Walker noted the community might not be aware that the Public Health Director cleans cages and does laundry as well and they have turned, in her estimation, this into one of the nicest public shelters around and the number of volunteers is phenomenal. Mr. Fahey asked how well positioned she was for emergency management if an outbreak comes up. Ms. Hoover said it was a concern as she has two nurses and one supervisor. Ms. Hill questioned what the \$165,000 would be used for and was told the majority would buy increased personnel hours.

**(2) Public Safety**

**(a) District Attorney's Office – Stephen Campbell**

Stephen Campbell, District Attorney reviewed **Exhibit B, District Attorney** and relayed how Rosemary Padgett, CFO helped them obtain a software system that has increased efficiencies in their office as they lost support staff. He relayed that they have \$524,900 of grants in their budget, one of which, for \$90,000 was written and applied for by his Chief Administrative Supervisor. Mr. Fahey inquired how much having a jail helped and Mr. Campbell said it was crucial in holding criminals accountable. Mr. Heck inquired what types of crimes were not previously prosecuted for lack of resources and was told misdemeanor domestic violence was one crime, if the police were able to respond to the crime they made a mandatory arrest, and then booked and released the person with an order not to contact the victim. Although labeled misdemeanors, the physical injuries could be significant, and they were unable to prosecute because of lack of staff. Ms. Hill asked about the affect this funding had on morale and was told the people on the bottom ask each year if they need to find another job. He added that they were saving their forfeiture funds and trying to underspend their budget in order to fill gaps when needed.

**(b) Juvenile Justice – James Goodwin**

James Goodwin, Juvenile Justice Director reviewed **Exhibit C, Juvenile Justice** with the Committee. He explained the services provided and that cases keep rising even without patrols. He noted that only the most high risk youth utilize the three detention beds in Jackson County. As an example he relayed a decision he had to make in 2013 where they had two Measure 11 youth incarcerated, an I.V. heroin user, and an I.V. meth

user came in. He had to decide which I.V. user to release, which were the kind of decision that keeps you up at night. Mr. Fahey asked what Measure 11 crimes they were talking about and Mr. Goodwin explained the youth had to be 15 or over and accused of assault with a deadly weapon, rape or sodomy, or worse. They have to be housed until sentenced.

**(c) Sheriff's Office – Gil Gilbertson**

Wendy Jones, Senior Administrative Supervisor for the Sheriff's Office reviewed **Exhibit D, Sheriff's Office** with the Committee. She said they were rearranging staff again to try to gain the most efficiency so they moved personnel around in their budget. She added they have lost trained employees because they are looking for stability. The Sheriff submitted an additional request for \$655,000 in road monies to increase patrol which would require more dispatch hours. Ms. Jones advised that most grants have run out and they haven't been able to apply for more because they cannot guarantee those grant positions would be hired once the grant ended.

**e) May 22nd Presentations: Planning, Forestry, Budget Officer summary**

The Committee agreed to discuss the Sheriff's request for road dollars at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. After some discussion the Committee agreed they should begin the meeting at 3 p.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**f) Public Comment (limit of three minutes each, public comment may be allowed at additional meetings)**

Dale Matthews, Grants Pass discussed past meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

Andrew Millard, Grants Pass asked what revenue generating authority the Board of Commissioners has.

Sandi Cassanelli, Merlin requested copies of the presentations prior to the meetings, objected to the perceived content of the Board's Executive Session meeting, and suggested the Board's travel budget be reduced.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.*

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Respectfully submitted by Linda McElmurry

**Exhibit A, Public Health**  
**Exhibit B, District Attorney**  
**Exhibit C, Juvenile Justice**  
**Exhibit D, Sheriff's Office**