

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING - Thursday, May 7, 2015, 4:00 p.m.**

Anne Basker Auditorium, 600 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grants Pass, Oregon

Budget Committee: Pat Fahey, Jim Brumbach, Margaret Goodwin, Keith Heck, Cheryl Walker (joined the meeting at 4:03), Simon Hare (joined the meeting at 4:18)

Budget Officer: Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director

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

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

**2) Review and approve April 30, 2015 Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed was made by Mr. Brumbach, seconded by Ms. Goodwin. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 4-0; Fahey – yes, Brumbach – yes, Goodwin – yes, and Heck – yes.

**3) Elected Officials Compensation Committee – Discussion**

Mr. Brumbach made a motion to accept the four (4) recommendations of the Elected Officials Compensation Committee, seconded by Mr. Fahey. Ms. Walker expressed she does not agree with item #4 Deposit \$100/month to EO HRA and said there are other options available in the health plan and this is not a benefit that we should establish at this time. Mr. Hare also does not agree with item #4 and suggested the motion be amended to remove item #4. Ms. Goodwin mentioned she was not in favor of item #2 of increasing the Surveyor's hourly wage. Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director reported this was his recommendation and explained the Surveyor's position is tricky with him working 20 hours a month and wants to make his salary comparable to the other Elected Officials. Ms. Goodwin said she does not agree with item #3 EO COLA. A discussion ensued regarding items one (1) through three (3) of the Elected Officials Compensation Committee recommendations. Mr. Fahey asked all those in favor of accepting one, two and three of the Elected Officials Compensation Committee recommendations say aye. Motion carried 5-1; Fahey – aye, Hare – aye, Brumbach – aye, Walker – aye, Heck – aye and Goodwin – no. Mr. Heck asked the Chair what happened to Item #4 and Mr. Fahey cited that the impression he got was Item #4 was non-starter.

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, communicated that at the start of an Elected Officials term they have the option to opt-in or opt-out of PERS and there is no other provision for them and what was recommended is to allow Elected Officials who opt-out of PERS to participate in a 6% deferred comp match. Mr. Brumbach made a motion to accept recommendation #5 to recommend the Board of County Commissioners establish an alternative if an Elected Official opts-out of PERS, seconded by Mr. Fahey. All in favor say aye, motion carried 6-0; Fahey – aye, Hare – aye, Brumbach – aye, Walker – aye, Goodwin – aye and Heck - aye.

A short discussion ensued regarding reducing Commissioner Position 2 salary by 15%, from \$75,391 to \$64,083.00. Ms. Goodwin made a motion to accept recommendation #6 of reducing Commissioner Position 2 salary by 15%, seconded by Mr. Heck. All in favor say aye, motion failed 3-3; Fahey – aye, Hare – no, Brumbach – no, Walker – no, Goodwin – aye, Heck – aye.

**4) Department Presentations:**

**(1) Dedicated Funds Overview – Arthur O'Hare**

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, reviewed **Exhibit A, Dedicated Funds Overview** with the Committee. Mr. O'Hare, communicated the budget shows a pretty significant reduction in Public Safety due to the proposed budget not having the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Extension Funding included and the presentations today will include their best guess estimate for the proposed funding.

**(2) Public Health – Diane Hoover**

Diane Hoover, Public Health Administrator reviewed **Exhibit B, Public Health** and provided detailed answers asked by the Committee. Mr. Fahey and Ms. Walker both congratulated Ms. Hoover on doing a very good job.

**(3) Public Safety**

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

James Goodwin, Juvenile Justice Director reviewed **Exhibit C, Juvenile Justice** with the Committee. Mr. Goodwin explained he changed the temporary site from Jackson County to Douglas County and the savings was so significant he was able to build in a .6 FTE.

**(b) District Attorney’s Office – Ryan Mulkins**

Ryan Mulkins, District Attorney reviewed **Exhibit D, District Attorney’s Office** and clarified questions asked by the Committee.

**(c) Sheriff’s Office – Dave Daniel**

Dave Daniel, Sheriff reviewed **Exhibit E, Sheriff’s Office** with the Committee. Mr. Daniel noted that there was an error in the slideshow which stated 70 bed capacity for 15-16 FY which should be changed to 60 bed capacity for the jail. Mr. Daniel discussed that this budget proposal includes \$1,545,000 from Secure Rural Schools (SRS) which is money that has not yet been received and if the SRS money is not to come through he would have to redo the budget and close the jail.

**5) May 14th Presentations: Public Works, ISF Overview, Budget Overview**

Arthur O’Hare, Finance Director, suggested the meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> be cancelled due to the election being so close and stated that if the levy does not pass the Budget Committee will convene on May 21<sup>st</sup> and if the levy does pass then he suggested to cancel the meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> and convene on May 28<sup>th</sup> to give the Finance Department a couple days to put together a balanced budget. The Budget Committee all agreed.

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

None heard.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.*

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*Respectfully submitted by Wendy Guinn*

**Exhibits:**

**Exhibit A: Dedicated Funds Overview**

**Exhibit B: Public Health**

**Exhibit C: Juvenile Justice**

**Exhibit D: District Attorney’s Office**

**Exhibit E: Sheriff’s Office**