

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING - Thursday, May 21, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Anne Basker Auditorium, 600 NW 6th Street
Grants Pass, Oregon

Budget Committee: Pat Fahey, Jim Brumbach, Margaret Goodwin, Keith Heck and Simon Hare (Cherryl Walker was unavailable)

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 Minutes of May 7, 2015

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

3) Elected Officials Compensation – Deferred Comp Match (Commissioner Hare)

JJ Scofield, Human Resources Director, discussed the Budget Committee approval of a plan to give an alternative option for Elected Officials who chose to opt out of PERS. They elected to have a 6% deferred comp match and a question arose as to whether 6% was the correct number. The Budget Committee agreed to not take action and leave the deferred comp match at 6%.

4) Budget Overview and Summary Presentation – O'Hare

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director reviewed **Budget Overview Exhibit A**.

5) Discussion and Action by Budget Committee

1. DA Request

Ryan Mulkins, District Attorney, advised he is requesting \$153,105 which is a combined total for a Deputy District Attorney and a Legal Secretary and said with these two additional positions the DA's office would be able to prosecute all of the crimes in Josephine County that have legal merit.

Ms. Goodwin made a motion to transfer \$500,000 from Public Works Forestry Receipts to the Public Safety Fund for Rural Patrols and increase the District Attorney budget by \$154,000 plus 2 FTE's, seconded Mr. Hare. Mr. Brumbach does not support the motion. Mr. Heck expressed that it should be made simple and Mr. Mulkins is only requesting \$154,000. Upon roll call vote motion failed 3-2; Heck – no, Goodwin – yes, Brumbach – no, Hare – no, and Fahey – yes.

Mr. Hare said he will make a motion to use sequestration money that is likely to not come in.

Mr. Hare made a motion that the Budget Committee direct the Board of County Commissioners when the final check for Secure Rule Schools (SRS) comes in and if the money is available by not leveraging sequestration against the total SRS appropriation then \$154,000 will be allocated to the District Attorney for 2 FTE's, seconded by Mr. Brumbach. Upon roll call vote motion carried 5-0; Heck – yes, Goodwin – yes, Brumbach – yes, Hare – yes, and Fahey – yes.

Mr. O'Hare stated this is a recommendation by the Budget Committee and this does not change the budget.

2. Other Changes to FY 2015-16 Budget

None heard.

- 6) **Public Comment** (limit of three minutes each, public comment may be allowed at additional meetings)
Dale Mathews, Grants Pass, spoke in opposition of Commissioners discussing budget meetings without the Budget Committees knowledge.
Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger, Grants Pass, spoke about saving money by cutting union employees salary by 10%.
Sandi Cassanelli, Merlin, read and submitted Josephine County Budget Session 5/21/15 (**Exhibit B**).
Judy Aherns, Josephine County, spoke about the importance of Memorial Day.
Bill Hunker, Merlin, mentioned Lane County's Public Works department money pays for their rural patrol.

- 7) **Approval of FY 2015-16 Budget and Setting Tax Rate and/or Setting Next Budget Meeting**
Mr.Brumbach made a motion that the proposed budget for Josephine County be approved as amended for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of \$77,373,000.00 and establish the full time equivalent (FTE) level to not exceed 306.96, seconded by Mr. Fahey. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 4-1; Fahey – yes, Hare – yes, Brumbach – yes, Goodwin – no, and Heck – yes.

Mr. Hare moved that the Budget Committee set the property tax levy in the amount of \$0.5867 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for general government operations and set the local option levy for property taxes of \$0.08 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for Animal Shelter and Animal Control operations and set the qualifying bonded debt levy of \$1,020,000 (one million twenty thousand) for the Adult Jail Facility Bond, seconded by Ms. Goodwin. Upon Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0; Fahey – yes, Hare – yes, Brumbach – yes, Goodwin – yes, and Heck – yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Guinn

Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Budget Overview

Exhibit B: Josephine County Budget Session – May 21, 2015