

Josephine County Budget Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

Anne Basker Auditorium, 604 N.W. 6th Street
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

Present: Marie Hill, Dwight Ellis, Keith Heck, Sandi Cassanelli, Larry West, and Simon Hare. Attending: Rosemary Padgett, Budget Officer; Arthur O'Hare and Chris Carlson, Finance; Abe Huntley, Community Corrections; Stephen Campbell, District Attorney; Gil Gilbertson, Sue Watkins, and Jonathon Brock, Sheriff's Office; Rob Brandes, Public Works; Linda McElmurry, Recorder; members of the media and other interested parties.

1) Open Meeting – Chair Heck

Chair Heck opened the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes, 4-20-11

Mr. Hare made a motion to approve minutes with the caveat to make corrections, seconded by Ms. Hill. Ms. Cassanelli called for several corrections which the committee discussed and agreed on. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6 – 0; Mr. Ellis – yes, Mr. Heck – yes, Mr. Hare – yes, Ms. Hill – yes, Ms. Cassanelli – yes, and Mr. West – yes.

3) Budget Officer - Follow Up to Questions from 4-20-11 Meeting

COLA – January 1, 2011

Rosemary Padgett, CFO presented **Exhibit A** to show a historical perspective of the COLA's received by elected officials and employees.

4) Fund Presentations:

Fund 243, Adult Corrections Fund – Abe Huntley

Abe Huntley used **Exhibit B** to illustrate that, although they receive no General Fund support, State government funding reductions will affect Josephine County. Ms. Hill asked why they are not considering stopping supervising misdemeanors now. Abe responded they think it's the right thing to do. Abe discussed reductions to drug court, caseload size, and opt out levels while answering questions from the Committee. He explained they have a great in-house Alcohol & Drug program that is cheaper and more effective than other available programs. They screen the highest risk offenders and keep them in house.

Fund 240, Public Safety: Public Safety Plan Projections

Rosemary Padgett, CFO explained that they were in the final year of the plan and submitted **Exhibit C**.

Office of District Attorney - Stephen Campbell

Stephen Campbell, District Attorney used **Exhibit D** to show the outcomes they felt were most important to the citizens. He showed what their Office currently does and what he anticipates in the following year without finding additional funding. He was questioned about a citizen who is supposed to have the full protection of the law and was he judging by not prosecuting. Stephen said that is his job, much goes into the decision, but it has to be made based on available resources. Statistics show they are down on cases filed but are up on trials. It is because the cases are a year old. If out of custody, the case is often a year old. He explained to the Committee that there are not enough courts to move the trials. The State recognizes the need for another judge but it is a funding issue.

Office of Sheriff – Gil Gilbertson

Sheriff Gilbertson reviewed **Exhibits E and F** with the Committee showing their goals and objectives as well as outcomes. He felt they should strive toward establishing a Justice of the Peace program if the City, County, and State would cite to that court, it could be very productive. He answered questions about his new information system and said it will help the deputies, bookings, and the District Attorney. He said he would like to have an external performance audit done on the Sheriff's Department. He explained the need for an Undersheriff, saying if the position were removed it would have a devastating effect on his position. Sue Watkins clarified the need for overtime costs which are caused by deputies being in court and was standard throughout the state.

Fund 201, Public Works – Rob Brandes

Rob Brandes, Public Works reviewed **Exhibit G** with the Committee saying they are operating at 60% of optimum of the Transportation System Plan.

Chair Heck called for a break at 6:00 to change tapes. Meeting reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

Rob continued his presentation explaining the programs within Public Works and how they are planning for the future. He explained the funding allocated for the proposal to replace the pump station at NV Industrial Park.

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Proposed 4-28-11 Presentations: Juvenile Justice – Janine Wilson
Public Health Fund – Dianne Hoover
Parks Fund – Doreen Ferguson
Capital Projects
Budget Committee Requests

Chair Heck asked the Committee if they wanted to hear all five on Thursday. After some discussion they decided they should hear from all five. Ms. Cassanelli asked that they add the PEG Fund for discussion. Rosemary Padgett said she would bring a special presentation under Capital Projects on the narrow band project that was not included in the budget. After a short discussion, Chair Heck asked Committee members to let him know if they wanted to hear from any other departments.

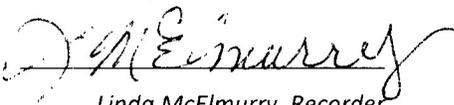
5) Budget Committee meeting calendar: Thursday, April 28 and Thursday, May 5 (if needed)

Rosemary Padgett said these dates have been scheduled for the Committee.

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

None heard.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22p.m.



Linda McElmurry, Recorder

- Exhibit A COLA Memo
- Exhibit B Community Corrections
- Exhibit C Public Safety Plan Projections
- Exhibit D District Attorney Presentation
- Exhibit E Sheriff's Presentation
- Exhibit F Sheriff Performance Measures & Outcomes
- Exhibit G Public Works Presentation