

BUDGET COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Harris Hall

Chair Denis Hijmans presided with Budget Committee members present: Commissioner Gary Williams, Larry Abel, Commissioner Sid Leiken, Vice-Chair Herb Vloedman, Commissioner Jay Bozievich, Commissioner Pat Farr, and Commissioner Pete Sorenson.

In addition, Strategic Planning and Budget Supervisor, Judy Williams; Budget and Financial Planning Manager, Christine Moody; County Administrator, Steve Mokrohisky; Sue Herron and John Mosby from the Budget Office, were also present.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Chair Denis Hijmans calling the meeting to order and began with nominations for FY19 Chair and Vice-Chair. Citizen members Phil Carrasco and Dale Stoneburg enter.

For Chair: Vice-Chair Herb Vloedman nominates Chair Denis Hijmans. Larry Abel seconds the nomination. No other nominations. All in favor, none opposed. Chair Denis Hijmans accepts.

For Vice-Chair: Chair Denis Hijmans nominates Vice-Chair Herb Vloedman. Commissioner Pete Sorenson seconds the nomination. No other nominations. All in favor, none opposed. Vice-Chair Herb Vloedman accepts.

Chair Hijmans present the minutes for May 25th Budget Committee for approval. All approve.

Judy Williams makes announcements: Materials for this meeting are posted on the website. Participants are informed that they have copies in their dropbox for those that opted for electronic only communications. The Public is invited to use the website for meeting materials. Introduced Budget Team members.

II. BUDGET MESSAGE

Administrator Steve Mokrohisky thanks the Budget Team for their work, and states that The General Fund, Road Fund, and all Funds, are structurally balanced, with no use of reserves; the proposed county budget includes no lay-offs and no reduction in services to residents; and presents a recap of the successes and challenges of FY18.

Administrator Mokrohisky's presentation includes the following slides and discussions:

- Where Property Taxes Go: Employment rates in public sector, and a standard assessment of Lane County's projections.
- Lane County Rural Schools Funding
- Lane County Public Safety System Funding: Health Services for public employees.

- 2018-2021 Strategic Plan, including vision, mission, purpose, and core behaviors. Every action of Administration is based in this plan.
- PERS Side Account: Costs with PERS will continue to grow.
- Housing Crisis in Lane County: Affordability is main issue.
- Frequent User System Engagement (FUSE): Pilot outreach plan, which began in 2016. Crime rates down, successful program. Need more housing.
- Housing Improvement Plan
- Policy Lab: A formal partnership between Lane County and UO.
- Capital Improvement Plan: Will assist in making decisions regarding assets and investments.

Commissioner Bozievich asks for clarification regarding the PERS Side Account costs and percentage rates, and is answered by both Administrator Mokrohisky and Christine Moody.

Commissioner Sorenson asks about PERS matching fund allotments, and is answered by both Administrator Mokrohisky and Christine Moody. Chair Hijmans makes a statement regarding concern about our commitment and lack of follow through from the state.

Chair Hijmans thanks Administrator Mokrohisky for his presentation.

III. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget and Finance Planner Christine Moody presents the Budget Overview with the following slides and discussions:

- Total FY 18-19 Proposed Budget: There are 32 active funds. The budget is \$678,676,195.
- FY 18-19 FTE: Broken down by service category.
- Budget Basics: Revenue v. Resources and Requirements v. Expenditures
- FY 18-19 Revenue: \$403,560,557
- FY 18-19 Other Resources: Fund balances and transfers
- FY 18-19 Budget Details: Expenditures \$421,723,311
- FY 18-19 Other Requirements: Interfunds, Contingencies, Reserves, Loans
- FY 18-19 Reserves: Cash Flow, Requirement, Bond Rating, Future Equipment, Service and Rev Stabilizer.
- Highlighted Budget Changes
- General Fund FY 18-19 \$101,136,170
- General Fund Resources: Discretionary v. Department Activity
- General Fund: Resources and Requirements Comparison by Type
- General Fund Forecast
- Future Cautions: Economy & Housing Market, Wages, PERS rate increases, Aging Assets.
- Foundational Strengths reviewed

IV. PERFORMANCE AUDITOR SUMMARY

Casey Crear, PhD begins by thanking the board and committee. He began working with the county in March 2018 and refers to slides to review his hiring process and future plans:

- Professional Overview: Reviews his professional experience
- Academic Overview: Reviews his academic achievements
- Audit Review Progress So Far
- General Audit & Project Areas
- What's Up Next: Future plans

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Hijmans opens to the public for questions and public comment. There is one question, from Jennifer MacLean, from NAMI Lane County. NAMI budget is a little above \$200,000 per year. They have three resource centers in Lane County, open over 30 hours per week.

NAMI is funded at 62% through Trillium, however that funding will be ending this year. She is asking the county to consider putting NAMI into the budget. If NAMI loses their funding, they will lose most staff members and much of their public outreach, severely limiting their ability to provide mental health services to the local community.

Chair Hijmans adjourned the meeting.