

Lane County Budget Committee
Thursday, May 18, 2023
5:30 pm – Harris Hall

Budget Committee members present: Chair, Sarah Means, citizen members: Holly Mar-Conte, Herb Vloedman, Chris Pryor, Bruce Webber, and Lane County Commissioners: David Loveall, Heather Buch, Pat Farr and Laurie Trieger. Ryan Ceniga attended electronically through webinar.

Staff Present: Lane County Administrator, Steve Mokrohisky, Budget and Financial Planning Manager, Christine Moody, Budget Staff; Kevin Mahoney, Jennifer Violette, Michele Stark, Jason Miles

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Means called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Commissioner Loveall moved to approve the minutes for May 09, 2023, with a 2nd from Holly Mar-Conte. Motion passed.

Commissioner Loveall moved to approve the minutes for May 11, 2023, with a 2nd from Bruce Webber. Motion passed.

IV. BUDGET RECAP

Steve Mokrohisky, Lane County Administrator gave a brief recap of the budget process.

V. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION / DELIBERATION

The following Budget Committee member proposals were shared noting at least four votes for a proposal to move to be deliberated on:

FUND	DESCRIPTION	Revenue	Expense	Reserve	FTE
124	(LOVEALL) Allocate \$200,000 from General Fund reserves for TWO rehabs on foreclosed properties suitable for Mental Health/Drug low-barrier, street first level treatment. The other, a second level treatment after stabilization offering a recovery-to-work model. These homes, one in Eugene and one in Springfield, will be used as a "pilot" modules to test the make-up and viability of the planned Stabilization Center model with peer staffing.	0	200,000	(200,000)	0.00
124	(LOVEALL) Allocate \$117,191 from General Fund reserves to rejoin Association of Oregon and California Counties (AOCC) which consists of Lane County share of due at 15.27% is \$70,061.20. PLUS litigation contribution to keep the 2016 RMP appeal in front of the US Supreme Court, splitting the cost with the American Forest Resource Council AFRC is \$47,130. Add membership dues to operating budget in future years.	0	117,191	(117,191)	0.00
124	(CENIGA) River Road Community Organization and Santa Clara Community Organization - funding to provide information to County households outside of City Limits. TOTAL OF \$15,947 to be paid from General Fund reserves.	0	15,947	(15,947)	0.00
124	(FARR) Request for \$1,965 from General Fund reserve combined with \$1,965 in existing existing expenditure authority in the North Eugene commissioner account for a total of \$3,930 (\$330 per month for 12 months) for Lane Consumer Council is a group of lived-experience behavioral health patients who meet monthly to develop and provide feedback on services that are existent or being considered for their peers. Their consistent attendance has diminished since support was removed, the request would allow for a more robust meeting announcement and outreach effort.	0	1,965	(1,965)	0.00

Chair Means provided a description of Commissioner Loveall's proposal of \$200,000 from General Fund reserves to rehab two foreclosed properties to be used as mental health/drug treatment facilities. There were five votes by the Budget Committee to move forward to discussion and action.

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Chair Means provided a description of Commissioner Ceniga's proposal of \$15,947 from General Fund reserves to provide information to County households outside of city limits about the River Road Community Organization and Santa Clara Community Organization. There were seven votes to move forward to discussion and action.

Chair Means provided a description of Commissioner Farr's proposal of \$1,965 from General Fund reserves combined with \$1,965 in existing expenditure authority in the North Eugene commissioner account for Lane Consumer Council. There were nine votes to move forward to discussion and action.

In order to approve the motions after deliberation, six votes are required.

Commissioner Loveall described his proposal to allocate \$200,000 from General Fund reserves to rehab the foreclosed properties in greater detail, and additional discussion on the topic followed. Commissioner

Farr moved to approve the motion with a 2nd from Bruce Webber. Motion fails with a vote of four in favor, six opposed.

Commissioner Loveall provided more information regarding his proposal to allocate \$117,191 from General Fund reserves to rejoin the Association of Oregon and California Counties. The proposal was discussed further by the Committee and it was moved by to approve the motion by Commissioner Farr with a 2nd from Herb Vloedman. Motion fails with a vote of five in favor, five opposed.

Commissioner Farr talked about Commissioner Ceniga’s proposal to use \$15,947 from General Fund reserves in order to provide information to County households outside of City Limits about the River Road Community Organization and Santa Clara Community Organization. Commissioner Trieger moved to approve the motion with a 2nd from Chris Pryor. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Farr described his proposal to allocate \$1,965 from General Fund reserve combined with \$1,965 in existing expenditure authority to the Lane Consumer Council. Commissioner Trieger moved to approve the motion with a 2nd from Holly Mar-Conte. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Trieger inquired about a request from a municipal judge in Florence about funding for paying fines. It was unclear during discussion if the funding had already been allocated in the proposed budget. Commissioner Trieger indicated she would bring it to the Board of County Commissioners rather than through Budget Committee.

The following Addition & Technical Adjustment was proposed:

3. ADDITIONS & TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO FY 23-24 BUDGET						
Possible Action on issues brought to Table (6 votes to include in Proposed Budget)						
DEPT	FUND	DESCRIPTION	Revenue	Expense	Reserve	FTE
HHS	285	One time funding related to the Governor's Executive Order due to Homelessness (All In)	5,207,499	5,207,499	\$ -	0.00
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						0.00
		TOTAL	5,207,499	5,207,499	-	-

Budget & Financial Planning Manager Christine Moody provided an overview of the Addition & Technical Adjustment. Commissioner Buch moved to approve the Addition & Technical Adjustment with a 2nd from Herb Vloedman. Motion passes unanimously.

The Committee provided some final thoughts and observations about the budget and the budget process, particularly in the area of County revenues.

Motion 1:

Move approval of the FY 2023-2024 Lane County Permanent Tax Rate of \$1.2793 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value.

Herb Vloedman moved to approve Motion 1 with a 2nd from Commissioner Buch.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 2:

Move approval of the FY 2023-2024 Local Option Tax to maintain Jail and Youth treatment beds in the amount of \$0.55 per \$1,000 Assessed Value with \$0.50 for Jail services and \$0.05 for Youth services.

Bruce Webber moved to approve Motion 2 with a 2nd from Commissioner Loveall.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 3:

Move approval of the FY 2023-2024 Local Option Tax to support 4-H and OSU Extension Programs in Lane County in the amount of \$0.028 per \$1,000 Assessed Value.

Commissioner Loveall moved to approve Motion 3 with a 2nd from Bruce Webber.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 4:

Move approval of the FY 2023-2024 Local Option Tax to fund Lane county Parks in the amount of \$0.16 per \$1,000 Assessed Value.

Commissioner Trieger moved to approve Motion 4 with a 2nd from Commissioner Loveall.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 5:

Move approval to allow the use of transient room tax dollars for operational purposes consistent with Lane Code 4.005.175D.E & .F and ORS 320.350 as follows:

Lane Events Center - \$1,220,321

Lane County Parks Division - \$754,660

Bruce Webber moved to approve Motion 5 with a 2nd from Holly Mar-Conte.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 6:

Move approval of entire FY 2023-2024 budget with all adjustments approved by the Budget Committee.

Chris Pryor moved to approve Motion 5 with a 2nd from Commissioner Loveall.

Motion passes unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Means adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

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