

LANE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

2.00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room

Chair Rose Wilde presided with Budget Committee members present: Sid Leiken, Jay Bozievich, Herb Vloedman, Pete Sorenson, Laurie Trieger, Faye Stewart, Denis Hijmans, and Pat Farr.

Vice Chair Shanna Reichenberger was absent.

In addition, County Administrator; Steve Mokrohisky, Budget and Financial Planning Manager; Christine Moody, District Attorney; Alex Gardner, District Attorney Accountant; Rebecca Messenger, Interim Human Resources Director; Howard Schussler, Assessor of Assessment & Taxation; Mike Cowles, and Human Resources Sr. Analyst; Cindy Tofflemoyer were present.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rose Wilde called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. COMMITTEE BUSINESS – Available Online

Approval of Minutes for May 1st, 2014

Chair Wilde entertained motion to approve minutes while Stewart moved and Trieger seconded.

Bozievich mentioned that there was a need to adjust House Bill number from 3141 to 3149.

With amendment; Vote (9-0) Passed

III. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Available Online

Alex Gardner presented the District Attorney's presentation.

Bozievich, Hijmans, and Gardner discussed the crime rates per arrest rates within the charts that were presented.

Trieger and Gardner conversed in regards to changes in the nature of violent crimes.

Leiken and Gardner spoke in regards to services the office provides outside of Lane County government.

Trieger, Gardner, and Messenger discussed various revenues relating to the District Attorney's office; such as, the INET program and what restrictions there are per available grants.

Stewart and Gardner spoke in regards to the Medical Examiner and revenue for such program.

IV. HUMAN RESOURCES – Available Online

Howard Schussler presented Human Resources presentation.

Hijmans and Schussler discussed the trends in retirees health care cost and the available health care services offered at different times of County hiring.

Farr and Schussler spoke in regards to the collective bargaining and Cadillac taxes that might take place around 2018.

Chair Wilde, Trieger, and Schussler reviewed the increases in health care cost and the comparable areas around Oregon.

Chair Wilde, Farr and Schussler discussed the Equity and Diversity tracking within the County.

Chair Wilde, Trieger, Sorenson and Hijmans conversed about diversity and how this subject pertains to the County's Budget.

Sorenson and Schussler debated risk management issues that pertain to Managing within the Law.

V. ASSESSMENT & TAXATION – Available Online

Mike Cowles presented the Assessment and Taxation presentation.

Chair Wilde and Cowles spoke in regards to the CAFFA grant that Assessment and Taxation receive and how that relates to the percentages based on expenses within the department.

Cowles presented various pieces of equipment that are being utilized in the field and the savings that pertain to the each item.

Chair Wilde, Farr, and Cowles discussed the possible future Levies.

Farr, Chair Wilde, and Cowles spoke in regards to the local taxing jurisdictions.

Bozievich and Cowles discussed various recording fees.

Chair Wilde called a recess

Meeting resumed at 3:53 p.m.

VI. ELECTED COMPENSATION BOARD

Howard Schussler presented on behalf of the Elected Compensation Board with regard to a recommended change to Commissioner compensation.

Wilde and Schussler spoke in regards to the compensation recommendation being brought forth to the Budget Committee. The committee then asked questions regarding the proposal. Upon further review, it was determined that the attachment to the packet of material was incorrect with regard to current commissioner compensation following a voluntary reduction in commissioner compensation that occurred after a motion by Commissioner Bozievich at the February 8, 2012 Board of Commissioner's meeting.

There was additional discussion regarding how cost of living increases are included in the budget. Moody explained that only bargained or approved increases are included.

The committee requested an updated attachment with corrected information on current commissioner compensation and will take up this issue at a future meeting.

VII. BUDGET COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Moody presented handouts and discussed the order of the deliberation night.

Chair Wilde and Moody discussed possible issues that may be brought to the table by the Board and the deadlines to the Budget staff and Committee.

Sorenson, Moody, Bozievich, and Chair Wilde discussed the expansion of FTE and the County's projected future budgets cuts.

Hijmans and Mokrohisky talked about the possible budget deficits.

Stewart spoke in regards to the extended SRS payment from last year's budget along with other possible future funding.

Chair Wilde and Moody discussed the possible changes in funds as allowed per budget law.

Sorenson revisited data pertaining to the Road and General Fund FTE expansion and requested additional details.

VIII. ADJOURN

Chair Wilde adjourned meeting at 4:44 p.m.