

LANE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 29th, 2014
5:30 p.m.
Harris Hall Meeting Room

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

In addition, Interim County Administrator; Alicia Hays, Budget and Financial Planning Manager; Christine Moody, Assessor Mike Cowles, Public Works Budget Manager; Tanya Heaton were present.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rose Wilde called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Election of FY 14-15 Chair and Vice Chair

Current Chair Wilde opened the floor to nominations: Denis Hijmans nominated Wilde for Chair, seconded by Reichenberger. No other nominations were presented. The vote was unanimous in favor (10-0). Chair Wilde nominated Reichenberger for Vice-Chair, seconded by Leiken. No other nominations were presented. The vote was unanimous in favor (10-0).

B. Approve Lane County Budget Committee minutes: May 23rd, 2013

Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2013. The motion was seconded by Chair Wilde and passed unanimously (10-0).

C. Committee Process

Chair Wilde, Moody, Sorenson, Hays, and Hijmans discussed the FY 14-15 budget and the anticipated possible changes during FY 15-16.

III. BUDGET MESSAGE

Alicia Hays presented budget message as Interim County Administrator. Chair Wilde asked if any Committee members had any questions in regards to the message. No questions were presented. (Message is available online)

IV. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Christine Moody presented the budget overview and the basics in regards to how the budget is built. (Presentation is available online)

Trieger, Moody, and Vloedman discussed the Financial Summary section of the 2014-15 Proposed Budget Document. (Available online)

Hijmans, Chair Wilde, Moody, and Hays talked about the strategic plans that are in place.

Next, Chair Wilde mentioned that she forgot to state there will be public comment at 7:30 pm.

V. PROPERTY TAX OVERVIEW

Mike Cowles presented the Property Tax overview. (Presentation is available online)

Sorenson, Leiken, Bozievich and Cowles discussed the history of interest rates, banking regulations, and foreclosures.

Wilde and Cowles conversed in regards to the industrial property taxes along with the Federal and County regulations.

Bozievich and Cowles talked about the various stages of construction and how Assessment and Taxation regulate the assessed taxes on such property.

VI. ROAD FUND OVERVIEW

Tanya Heaton presented the Road Fund for the Public Works department. (Available online)

Chair Wilde, Heaton, and Moody spoke of the Road fund and if there is more detailed information pertaining to only the Road fund – 225. Heaton mentioned that she can run specific reports and return such reports to the Board.

Chair Wilde asked if there were any further questions from the Board and no questions were presented at such time.

Chair Wilde announced there will be a 10 minute break. Recess at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Time before Public Meeting:

Moody mentioned to Board that there are note cards for Committee if there are further questions.

Chair Wilde, Sorenson, Bozievich, and Hijmans spoke about budgeting for two years and the various pros and cons pertaining to this type of planning.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Wilde opened Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. No public comments were offered.

VIII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by Chair Wilde at 7:36 p.m.