

Lane County Budget Committee
Thursday, May 20, 2021
5:30pm – Virtual Meeting

Budget Committee members present: Chair, Herb Vloedman, citizen members: Chris Hazen, Dawn Lesley, Chris Pryor, Bruce Webber, and Lane County Commissioners: Joe Berney, Jay Bozievich, Heather Buch, Pat Farr and Laurie Trieger

Staff Present: Lane County Administrator, Steve Mokrohisky, Budget and Financial Planning Manager, Christine Moody, Budget Staff, Jill Allen, Tawnya Ellis, Joe Szelesta

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Vloedman called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

II. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Bruce Webber moved to approved minutes for May 11th with a 2nd from Chris Pryor. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Buch moved to approved minutes for May 13th with a 2nd from Chris Pryor. Motion passes unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

IV. BUDGET RECAP

Steven Mokrohisky, Lane County Administrator gave a brief recap of the overall budget noting it is mostly structurally balanced due to uncertainty of COVID and Holiday Farm Fire.

Discussion was held in regards to the newly added Data & Analytic and Equity positions noting they will be used to identify data that will help determine the challenges Lane County faces and aide in solving those challenges.

V. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION / DELIBERATION

The following Budget Committee member proposals were shared noting at least 4 votes for a proposal to move to be deliberated on.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	Revenue	Expense	Reserve	FTE
124	(BOZIEVICH) Add Dues for Association of Oregon & California Counties for FY 21-22. (O&C Association). Reduce reserves to balance fund.	0	76,350	(76,350)	0.00
124	(FARR) River Road Community Organization and Santa Clara Community Organization - funding to provide information to County households outside of City Limits. (see attached documentation). TOTAL OF \$22,781 - \$19,900 new expense from Reserves and \$2,881 from existing Commissioner Farr account.	0	19,900	(19,900)	0.00
124	(HAZEN) Whereas the County is committed to racial equity in its public safety system, whereas Lane County, like other counties in Oregon, has disproportionate representation of people of color in this system, and whereas Lane County citizens would like assurance (as indicated by various public comments received by this Committee) that their tax dollars are not supporting a public safety system which supports racial inequity, the Administrator is requested to report on the key available metrics indicating progress towards equity as part of the annual budget report, and include recommendations for changes in public spending (regardless of department) that might demonstrate the County's commitment to this goal. Cost implications: Staff time otherwise spent on preparing other types of budget-related briefings.				
124	(HAZEN) Whereas the County is committed to best practices in Budget Presentations, the Administrator is requested to produce the next Budget in Brief document (for FY21-22) in a way that highlights cost-effectiveness of county investments, as well as tradeoffs where county budgets are limited and not every need is able to be met. Cost implications: Staff time otherwise spent on preparing other types of budget-related briefings. Printing and other publication costs are normally part of the County budget.				

Mr. Hazen withdrew his proposal to report on key available metrics.

Mr. Hazen's proposal on the Budget in Brief document did not receive enough votes by the Budget Committee to move forward to discussion and action.

Discussions were held Association of California and Oregon Counties (O & C Association). Commissioner Farr moved to approve to add dues for Association of Oregon & California Counties for FY 21-22 and reduce reserves to balance fund. Commissioner Bozievich 2nd the motion. Motion fails 3 yes, 7 no.

Discussions were held on the proposal for River Road Community Organization and Santa Clara Community Organization. Commissioner Farr moved to approve funding for River Road Community Organization and Santa Clara Community Organization in the amount of \$22,781 total \$19,900 from Reserves and \$2,881 from Commissioner Farr's account. Commissioner Berney 2nd the motion. Motion passes 9 yes, 1 no.

Ms. Moody shared an overview of the known adjustments.

3. ADDITIONS & TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO FY 21-22 BUDGET				
	Revenue	Expense	Reserves	FTE
Land Management Fund - Increase FTE for increased workload/fee waiver	223,980.00	730,873.00	\$ (506,893)	7.00
Extension Service Fund - Levy \$0.028 per \$1k 05/18/21 election	1,063,356	1,063,356	\$ -	0.00
Intergov Svc. Fund - Dept of Treasury Emergency Rent Assistance	20,488,661	20,488,661	\$ -	0.00
TOTAL	21,775,997	22,282,890	\$ (506,893)	7.00

Chris Pryor moved to approve Lane Management Fund increase in revenue by \$223,980 and expense \$730,873 with a decrease in reserves of \$506,893 for 7.00 FTE for increased workload/fee waiver. Commissioner Buch 2nd the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Trieger moved to approve the Extension Service Fund for the Levy of \$0.028 per \$1 thousand that passed during the May 18, 2021 election. Chris Hazen 2nd the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Buch moved to approve Intergovernment Service Fund Department of Treasury Emergency Rent Assistance in the amount of \$20,488,661. Commissioner Trieger 2nd the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Moody shared the last portion of the meeting would be the final motions for the Tax Rate, Local Option Tax, Transient Room Tax, and approval of the entire budget.

Commissioner Buck moved to approve Motion 1 with a 2nd from Dawn Lesley.

Motion 1:

Move approval of the FY 2021-2022 Lane County Permanent Tax Rate of \$1.2793 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Motion 2:

Move approval of the FY 2021-2022 Local Option Tax for Jail & Critical Youth Services in the amount of \$0.55 per \$1,000 Assessed Value with \$0.50 for Jail Services and \$0.05 for Youth Services.

Motion passes unanimously.

Dawn Lesley moved to approved Motion 3 with a 2nd from Commissioner Trieger.

Motion 3:

Move approval of the FY 2021-2022 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.

Motion passes unanimously.

Bruce Webber moved to approve Motion 4 with a 2nd from Commissioner Berney.

Motion 4:

Move approval to allow the use of transient room tax dollars for operational purposes consistent with Lane Code 4.175(5) & (6) and ORS 320.350 as follows:

- Lane Events Center - \$1,005,526
- Lane County Parks Division - \$718,443

Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Buch moved to approve Motion 5 with a 2nd from Bruce Webber.

Motion 5:

Move approval of entire FY 2021-2022 budget with all adjustments approved by the Budget Committee.

Motion passes unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Vloedman adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm.

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