

# LANE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

2:00 p.m.

BCC Conference Room

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

In addition, County Administrator, Steve Mokrohisky; Budget and Financial Planning Manager, Christine Moody; Human Resources Director, Marsha Edwards; Wellness and Benefits Manager, Mary Miller; Interim Director, George Russell; County Counsel, Steve Dingle; and Assessor, Mike Cowles were present.

## **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Denis Hijmans called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## **II. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **A. Comments from Chair Hijmans**

Chair Denis Hijmans reviewed the around-the-table process for asking questions, posing questions via the cards, and adherence to the Agenda.

Chair Hijmans asked for comments from the Committee regarding the process for discussion and asking questions. Comments were made by Commissioners Sorenson, Farr, Leiken, Stewart, Bozievich, Vice Chair Reichenberger, Laurie Trieger, Dale Stoneburg, and Herb Vloedman. The comments centered on the balance between the allotment of time for department presentations, questions from the Committee, and the value of dialogue between the departments and the Committee.

Administrator Mokrohisky indicated an appreciation for the feedback and indicated a willingness to review the future presentation and discussion/question time frame.

Chair Hijmans asked for input from the Committee regarding the potential addition of meetings to the current Budget Session. There was consent to adhere to the current Budget schedule but to move toward restructuring for the upcoming Budget Year.

Chair Hijmans discussed the “20-minute rule” (refer to Lane Manual 2.007 – 15-Minute Rule).

### **B. Handouts were provided to the Committee**

Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were provided to the Budget Committee members. Chair Hijmans indicated that there would be a minute to review the minutes.

### **C. Approve Lane County Budget Committee minutes: May 12, 2015**

Commissioner Bozievich made a motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Herb Vloedman and passed unanimously (10-0).

## **D. Committee Process**

No Committee Business was presented.

## **III. GENERAL EXPENSE**

Christine Moody presented on behalf of General Expense. A handout on Intergovernmental Agreements, Dues and Association Costs was provided. (Presentation is available online). Chair Denis Hijmans asked if the Committee members had questions.

Discussion was held by Christine Moody, Administrator Mokrohisky, Commissioners Bozievich, Sorenson, Stewart, Chair Hijmans, and Vice Chair Shanna Reichenberger,

Topics of discussion included LRAPA, the County's Fiscal Year, proposed debt payoff, O&C Association, Association of Oregon Counties, National Association of Counties, BLM, return for investment on dues and fees, unfunded mandates, and Secure Rural Schools.

## **IV. HUMAN RESOURCES**

Marsha Edwards and Mary Miller presented on behalf of Human Resources. Handouts regarding the move to a self-funding health plan model were provided to the Committee. (Presentation is available online) Chair Denis Hijmans asked if the Committee members had any questions.

Discussion was held Commissioner Sorenson, Marsha Edwards, Mary Miller, Laurie Trieger, Dale Stoneburg, Administrator Mokrohisky, Vice Chair Shanna Reichenberger, and Herb Vloedman.

Topics of discussion were self-funded health insurance, TIAA CREF, Wellness Center and return on investment, affordable child care, the Cadillac Tax, compensation structure and equitable pay within the County.

## **V. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

Administrator Mokrohisky and George Russell presented on behalf of County Administration. (Presentation is available online) Chair Denis Hijmans asked if the Committee members had any questions.

Discussion was held by Administrator Mokrohisky, Commissioner Sorenson, Commissioner Leiken, Commissioner Bozievich, Herb Vloedman, Judy Williams,

Topics of discussion were bus passes for employees, RAIN (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network), FertiLab and Thinkubator, diversity in purchasing procedures, Parole and Probation, Community Corrections Act funding,

## **VI. ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION**

Assessor Mike Cowles presented on behalf of Assessment and Taxation. (Presentation is available online) Chair Denis Hijmans asked if the Committee members had any questions.

Discussion was held Assessor Cowles, Commissioner Leiken, and Commissioner Bozievich.

Topics of discussion were multi-County coalition, Resources vs Requirements, State Revenues, CAFFA, Southern Oregon Personal Property Project funding (252K).

## **VII. BUDGET COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Chair Hijmans announce there will be a short break. Recess at 4:24 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

### **Prior to Adjournment:**

Christine Moody provided a handout for Budget Committee deliberation process/guidelines. Chair Hijmans reviewed these guidelines.

Discussion was held by Commissioner Bozievich, Commissioner Farr, Commissioner Sorenson, Christine Moody, Chair Hijmans, Vice Chair Reichenberger, Laurie Trieger, and Herb Vloedman. Topics of discussion were motions to approve the Budget, technical adjustments, add packages and take away, Watermaster funding request, use of one-time revenue for one-time expenses, County policy regarding Reserves and GFOA recommendations, VRF (Vehicle Registration Fee).

Copies of the next meeting's Agenda were provided to the Committee members. (May 21, 2015, 5:30 p.m. in Harris Hall)

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned by Chair Hijmans at 4:45 p.m.