

Lane County Budget Committee Meeting
Monday, May 6, 1991
5:20 - 6:20 p.m.

S U M M A R Y

Present: Karsten Rasmussen, Chair; Ron Hanson and Rob Laney, citizen members; Commissioners Jack Roberts, Jerry Rust, and Marie Frazier. Commissioners Ellie Dumdi and Steve Cornacchia arrived at 5:25 p.m.

Absent: Citizen members Scott Bartlett and Peter Bartel

Staff Present: Jim Johnson, County Administrator; Margo Drivas, Assistant County Administrator; and Nancy Cameron and David Garnick, Management Analysts.

1. CALL TO ORDER Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES

MOTION (Roberts/Hanson) to have the meeting summaries for April 25 and May 2, 1991 approved as presented CARRIED unanimously (6-0).

3. PUBLIC SAFETY GENERAL FUND (24) PROGRAMS

Base Budget

Budget staff gave a brief overview, first of the departmental reorganization of the budgetary programs, and then of the adjustments to the base budget. These included adjustments to overtime, capital outlay and data processing charges, a data processing position, and to Contract Services revenue.

Regarding Contract Services, a handout was distributed correcting an earlier estimate of the General Fund subsidy needed to perform the contracted services. The County Administrator's proposed budget increased contract revenues based on an earlier subsidy estimate provide by Public Safety. The intent was to renegotiate the contracts to substantially reduce or eliminate the subsidy or, alternatively, to identify reductions in service. The corrected calculation seems to indicate that revenues are now overstated in the department's budget by approximately \$70,000. Reducing the revenue to the correct amount will result in an increase in the General Fund requirement for the department.

Sheriff McManus then gave his budget message to the committee. He said that although he had asked for more resources in the form of add packages, he felt the department had been treated fairly and that the department was developing a plan for managing the proposed reductions.

MOTION (Laney/Dumdi) to tentatively approve Public Safety's Base budget as submitted CARRIED unanimously (8-0).

Addition Packages

Mug and Print Accounting Clerk - This item was discussed in detail by the committee. During the discussion it was pointed out that the proposed fee necessary to pay for this position was currently under review by Legal Counsel and the Finance and Audit Committee.

MOTION (Rust/Dumdi) to tentatively approve the new Mug and Print Clerk subject to Legal Counsel review and the Board of Commissioner's approval of the new fee, and subject to a provision for indigent defense considerations and the possibility of obtaining the mug and print service at the jail at no cost. The motion CARRIED on a vote of 7-1 with Frazier opposed.

Community Service Extra Help and a Community Service Position - These additions were recommended by the Ernst and Young management study with a proposed fee increase to cover the costs. A proposal to increase the participant fee has met with support from the Circuit and District Courts, the Central Lane Justice Court, and the Florence Municipal Court. All other courts were invited to comment on the fee proposal but have not, as yet, responded.

MOTION (Rust/Laney) to give tentative approval of both self-funded positions, an extra help position and a full time community service position, CARRIED unanimously (8-0).

4. CORRECTIONS OPERATIONS SERIAL LEVY (FUND 18)

Budget staff provided an overview of the serial levy programs for each department explaining the budgetary changes from the current to the proposed budget year. Staff then explained a spreadsheet showing how the original three year budget for each program compared to the latest three year projections. It was pointed out that while some program expenses were up, other programs were less than originally projected. When the impact of Measure 5 is figured in with actual revenue collection activity, the spreadsheet projected that of the \$684,622 in general funds originally projected to be needed, approximately \$130,000 is all that will be needed. This means that not only will the \$400,000 Contingency not be needed, but the County should also be able to save an additional \$155,049 in general funds.

MOTION (Roberts/Dumdi) to tentatively approve the three serial levy programs within Public Safety CARRIED unanimously (8-0).

MOTION (Roberts/Dumdi) to tentatively approve the serial levy programs within the Departments of Health & Human Services and Youth Services also CARRIED unanimously (8-0).

5. PUBLIC SAFETY'S COMMISSARY FUND (39)

The Commissary Fund was revisited, having not been approved at the May 2, 1991 meeting pending the provision of additional information from Public Safety. The requested information was handed out and did suggest a revision

in some of the budget numbers. This material was reviewed by the committee.

Jim Johnson added that, based upon preliminary research by Legal Counsel, there appeared to be no legal reason why the budget committee couldn't use commissary funds for something other than for commissary purposes. Public Safety staff has not yet been able to locate the original order establishing the fund back in the early 1970s.

MOTION (Rust/Dumdi) to tentatively approve the Commissary Fund budget as revised CARRIED unanimously (8-0).

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


David Garnick, Recording