

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, May 5, 2020

2:00 p.m. – Board of Commissioners’ Office via Zoom

500 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Budget Committee: Steve Welch, Jim Brumbach, Karen Bodeving, Darin Fowler, Daniel E. DeYoung and Lily N. Morgan;
Wendy Watkins, Recorder

Budget Officer: Arthur O’Hare, Finance Director

1) Open Meeting – Darin Fowler, BCC Chair

Mr. Fowler opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

2) Elect New Chair of Budget Committee

Mr. Fowler opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Budget Committee. Mr. DeYoung nominated Mr. Fowler. Mr. Brumbach nominated Ms. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Bodeving. Ms. Morgan accepted the nomination. Upon roll call vote, nomination carried, 6-0; Mr. Fowler – yes, Ms. Bodeving – yes, Mr. DeYoung – yes, Mr. Brumbach – yes, Mr. Welch – yes and Ms. Morgan – yes.

3) Elect Vice Chair/Secretary of Budget Committee

Ms. Morgan opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair/Secretary of the Budget Committee. Mr. DeYoung nominated Mr. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Bodeving. Mr. Fowler accepted the nomination. Upon roll call vote, nomination carried, 6-0; Mr. Fowler – yes, Ms. Bodeving – yes, Mr. DeYoung – yes, Mr. Brumbach – yes, Mr. Welch – yes and Ms. Morgan – yes.

4) Budget Officer presents Budget Message and Proposed Budget for FY 2019-20

Arthur O’Hare, Budget Officer, read and presented the **Josephine County Budget Message (Exhibit 1)**.

5) Budget Committee establishes meeting calendar.

a. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other dates set as needed.

The committee confirmed and agreed to meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 and again on Tuesday, May 14, 2020. Mr. Brumbach made a motion to approve the next meeting dates for Tuesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Welch. Upon roll call vote, motion passed, 6-0; Mr. Fowler – yes, Ms. Bodeving – yes, Mr. DeYoung – yes, Mr. Brumbach – yes, Mr. Welch – yes and Ms. Morgan – yes.

b. Proposed Presentations:

i. May 12 – Sheriff, District Attorney, Juvenile Justice, Public Health

ii. May 14 – Elected Officials Compensation Committee, Public Works, Community Development

The Budget Committee agreed to read the budget book first before deciding on which department to hear from. The Budget Committee was directed to work with Mr. O’Hare in regards to any other presentations than listed. Mr. O’Hare mentioned in response to the current health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Anne Basker Auditorium is closed to the public and meetings will be held electronically. The meetings will be live streamed on the County’s YouTube channel as well as recorded and available on the County’s website at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us> The meetings may also be joined by phone. Please call the Board of Commissioners Office at 541-474-5221 by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting for instructions and access code. This is a public meeting, but not a public hearing. No public testimony will be received. The opportunity for public testimony on the proposed budget will be provided at the conclusion of the department presentations on Thursday, May 14, 2020. Mr. Fowler speculated on why the budget was increased by 7% this year. Mr. O’Hare said grants and contract revenue are a contributing factor. Airports and Community Corrections get more money from grants which increases the budget. In a normal course of events, you can expect a 2 to 3% increase with inflation.

6) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 – Josephine County Budget Message