

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

PRESENT: Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman
John Crozier, Commissioner
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Meeting convened at 9:34 A.M.

Commissioner Howell was not present because he had been called to a SIRCOMM (emergency communications) meeting.

GEORGE OPPEDYK—SHERIFF BUDGET PRESENTATION

Sheriff George Oppedyk, Jail Administrator Marisela Ibarra, Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Taylor, Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson, and Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim were present.

Sheriff Oppedyk requested a sheriff salary increase of 3.5 percent, four percent for deputies, and the addition of a narcotics investigator position. He said he expected the new position to slow down the illegal drug problem in the County and gave an example of arrests of 18 persons from a house containing meth, marijuana, and stolen property.

The sheriff requested five percent increases for his administrative staff and an increase in part-time wages in order to add an employee to sell driver's licenses on Fridays.

Sheriff Oppedyk indicated he needed increased budget lines for Vehicle Equipment, Utilities, Fuel, Vehicle Repairs, Repairs/Maintenance-ILETS, Investigation, Ammunition, Investigator Clothing, and Education-Tuition, Registration. He reduced his request for BLM Donation Funds.

Capital budget lines for vehicles, firearms, and ballistic vests showed increases for the next budget year.

9:43 A.M. - Commissioner Howell was present.

Deputy Ibarra reviewed budget requests for Sheriff-Detention expenses. She requested five percent salary increases for detention and court security deputies and a seven percent increase in part-time wages.

Deputy Ibarra asked for budget increases in Travel, Supplies-Office, Supplies-Law Enforcement Equipment, Fuel, Vehicles-Repairs, Jail-Repairs, and Education-Detention Deputies.

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson recommended increasing a contingency budget line to cover possible expenses after the construction of additional jail pods.

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Deputy Taylor told the Board that he had investigated receiving bulk fuel rates but that the County did not purchase enough fuel to be eligible. He recommended continuing with the rebates offered by Valley Co-op.

➤ The Commissioners were to consider sheriff budget requests in their budget workshops in July.

TEVIAN EKREN-KOBER—TREASURER BUDGET PRESENTATION

Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober, Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson, and Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim were present.

Tevian Ekren-Kober requested three percent raises for herself and her two deputies, with the request for larger increases if offered to all departments.

Ekren-Kober requested increases in Travel, Supplies-Office, and Repairs/Maintenance-Office Equipment.

➤ Consideration of budget requests would be made at budget workshops in July.

JAMIE RUPERT—FAIR BUDGET PRESENTATION

Fair Manager Jamie Rupert, Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson, and Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim were present.

Fair, County: Jamie Rupert requested more than three percent increases in seven County Fair budget lines and three percent increases in another 14 lines. She explained that the increases exceeding three percent in three salary lines were to attract quality help.

Rupert had increased the Sheriff-Fair Security line to reflect more accurately the cost of deputy patrol during the annual Fair. She explained that she had requested \$10,096 more under Promotional Events in order to include a one-time increase of \$10,000 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fair in 2020. The Fuel and Miscellaneous lines were raised to cover increased fuel and event prices.

Rupert said the Contingency line was not necessary because it had not been used.

Fair, Capital: Rupert listed 19 desired capital improvements, five of which were priorities, to wit: new grandstands and VIP bleachers, new trees, updates in the Messersmith Building, replacement of water lines, and new horse stalls, all amounting to \$377,500. Adding the other improvements would come to a total of \$1,046,300.

The Commissioners discussed with Rupert the request from the Fair Board for new grandstands, and she said she would obtain some price quotes.

➤ The Commissioners were to discuss whether to increase the current capital line from \$100,000 in their budget workshops in July.

TRACEE McKIM—DATA BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim and Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson were present.

Tracee McKim requested a little less than a three percent increase in the director salary. She explained increases in Information Technology, Contract Software Support, and Contract-Internet Access. She had reduced the request for Repairs/Maintenance-Office Equipment, based on use from the current budget.

➤ The Commissioners would discuss technology budget lines during their July budget workshops.

Social Services Director Kim Drury was present to explain a request for a subordination agreement.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to amend the agenda to include a subordination agreement with Title One. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT

Social Services Director Kim Drury was present.

Kim Drury explained a request from Title One to sign a subordination agreement so a client could refinance property.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to accept the subordination agreement, Order No. 19336250, for Case Nos. 1718-043 and 1718-038. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner