

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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

Meeting convened at 10 A.M.

MICHELLE EMERSON—BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

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

Michelle Emerson and Tracee McKim presented budget requests for FY 2019-20.

Clerk: Michelle Emerson requested wage increases and an increase in the clerk's Travel budget.

Indigent: Emerson had requested increases in the budget lines for Social Security, Medical Insurance, Medical-Medication, Contract-Medical (jail), and Contracts-Jail Dental. Decreases were seen in Medical-Professional Services, DE/Mental Health, and Non-Medical, due to historic use.

The Commissioners did not discuss the donation of \$2,000 historically given to the South Central Community Action Partnership. The executive director of the organization had requested in May \$2,000 again from the FY 2019-20 budget.

Election Budgets: Emerson requested an increase in the Travel-Education budget line for Elections. In the Election Consolidation Budget, she requested increases in the Wages-Election Supervisor, Retirement, Social Security, and Medical Insurance budget lines.

FY 2019-20 BUDGET WORKSHOP

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

General Fund: The Commissioners approved increases in the State Unemployment, Workman's Compensation Insurance, Supplies-Copy Machine, Professional SVC-Auditing, Advertising, Contingency (for possible additional jail expenses with new addition), and Dues/Memberships.

Decreases were seen in Supplies-Office and Utilities.

Those present discussed donations to be included in the FY 2019-20 budget and determined as follows: **Community Action**, \$2,000; **Snake River Study Group (Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission)**, \$2,893 (an increase); **SIED (Southern Idaho Economic Development)**, \$9,900; **Southern Idaho Tourism**, \$1,000 (an increase); **Board of Community Guardians**, \$2,000 (new budget line replacing Community Council); **Jerome Food Ministry**, \$4,000; **Jerome American Legion Hall**, \$6,500 (an increase); **Eden/Hazelton American Legion Hall**, \$4,500 (an increase); **Interlink Care Givers**, \$2,000; **Interfaith Association**,

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\$2,500 (an increase); **Victory Home Recovery**, \$1,000 (an increase); **Rangeland Fire Protection**, \$750 (an increase); **Little Wood River Veterans of Foreign Wars**, \$2,250 (an increase); **4-H Travel (formerly 4-H Shooting Donation)**, \$1,500; **Voices Against Violence**, \$4,000; **Animal Control**, \$1,500; **Historical Society**, \$5,000; **Jerome Highway District**, \$2,000; **Hillsdale Highway District**, \$2,000; **Economic Development** (for Jerome 20/20), \$40,000; **Snake River Parks Administration**, \$25,000 (a decrease); **Northside Transportation Committee Dues**, not funded; **Snake River Parks Clean-Up**, \$1,500 (an increase); **Northside Military Museum**, \$5,000; **Jerome Senior Citizen Center**, \$6,500 (an increase); **Eden/Hazelton Senior Citizen Center**, \$6,500 (an increase); and **Soil Conservation Service**, \$12,000.

General Fund: Other changes in budget lines in the General Fund were: Natural Resource Litigation, \$800 (biennially); Contracts-E911 Service, increased; and Digital Imaging Project, decreased.

In Capital Outlay, the Building Fund was increased to allow for constructing two new pods to the County jail. Increases were also added for Building-Extension Office and Capital-Other, which included building a maintenance shop for the maintenance supervisor.

Salaries: The body discussed salary increases differing from the formula to be used for most employees, which is seven percent increases for those earning an annual salary of \$40,000 or less; five percent for \$40,000 to \$50,000; and three percent for over \$50,000. Commissioner positions would increase seven percent, with \$250 more per month for the chairman. The Board determined to increase the sheriff salary five percent; the 4-H coordinator, seven percent; the fair manager, ten percent; and the elections specialist, ten percent.

The Commissioners accepted the department reorganization and corresponding salaries proposed by the Planning and Zoning Office administrator as well as the sheriff's salary proposals that included an additional detective position. Additional funding was allowed for new part-time assistant fair manager and assistant fair maintenance positions.

Airport Capital: The Board included an Airport Capital budget line of \$76,000 to allow for building a new storage shed and purchasing a larger mower deck for the Airport tractor.

Fair Capital: The Commissioners discussed the budget request of \$377,500 from the fair manager on June 25, which included \$345,000 for new grandstands. They determined to budget \$100,000 again, detailing \$50,000 to begin a grandstand building fund and \$50,000 for other capital outlays.

Meeting adjourned at 1 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner