

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman
Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman
John Crozier, Commissioner
Cy Lootens, Deputy Clerk

Meeting convened at 9 A.M.

BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Nancy Marshall of Planning and Zoning was present to discuss the Hazelton airports issues with a permit from the Building Department. Nancy stated that there is no stoppage of a permit from her office for the airport. She stated all they need to complete a project is a hanger number, and there is no issue with an address as was stated to Airport Manager Tim Larson and was brought to the Commissioners on Monday, July 29. Commissioner Howell asked if the property needs surveys. The commissioners spoke with Nancy about the survey process.

The County Commissioners contacted Tim Larson over the phone to update him on what Nancy had presented. Commissioner Howell relayed Nancy's statements. After discussion, Commissioner Crouch stated he would put together a packet of previous applications with the Planning and Zoning Department to forward to Tim.

AMBULANCE BUDGET WORKSHOP

Tracee McKim was in attendance to give an update on the ambulance budget. She stated that the paramedics have not given her any numbers to work with for the budget, so she increased their budget from last year by 3%. She stated the total budget for the year is \$562,849. She stated that the levy from last year for the Ambulance was \$0.38 per \$1000. The proposed budget for 2020 will be \$0.33 per \$1000.

Next the ambulance building contract was discussed. The current contract is at \$2000 per month. The ambulance district submitted a contract with the same amount for 2020. After discussion among the Commissioners, a 5% increase was agreed upon to ask the district for this year, for a total of \$2100 per month. Commissioner Howell stated he will discuss the increase with Mike Seib and the district to make sure it is allowed in the contract.

Tracee also presented the total budget for the county. She said there was an increase in funds of \$2,742,044 with \$2 million of it being saved for the new jail construction. Tracee described how she figures the budget and allocates money to departments. She stated that the total levy for the County for 2019 was \$5.09 per \$1000. She stated that the total for the 2020 proposed budget is \$5.03 per \$1000, a decrease of 6 cents per \$1000.

Commissioner Howell asked Tracee about the proposed pay increases for employees. He asked if a Department head could allocate other numbers to employees than what was presented in the budget, such as the 3%, 5%, 7% structure. Tracee stated it is up to Department Heads what they would like to do, but the minimum 3% was introduced to help pay for the increase in cost of

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PERSI benefits for the upcoming year. Commissioner Crouch stated that he would create an e-mail to explain the year's wage increases and why they are structured, as well as that it is up to Department Heads to make the final decision.

TAX DEED AUCTION

The County Commissioners attended a tax deed auction in the lobby of the courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectively submitted:

Cy Lootens, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner