

JEROME COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, July 15, 2021
Continued from July 12, 2021

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

Meeting convened at 9:15 A.M.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

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

Ambulance Budget: The Board considered increases requested by the Quick Response Units (QRU) of both the Jerome and Rock Creek Fire Districts and determined to increase the budget line to \$80,000 so that a donation of \$40,000 could be made to each QRU from the FY 2021-22 budget.

The Commissioners also determined to allot again \$10,000 in the Capital Outlay budget line.

Fair: Tracee McKim advised that the FY 2021-22 budget request by the Fair Board would exceed the Fair's levy limit. She said \$25,000-\$28,000 would need to be cut.

➤ It was determined to meet with the Fair manager on July 19 to make adjustments to stay under the levy limit.

Salaries: The Commissioners approved the clerk's request for salary increases as wage equalizers and determined to include in the budget five, seven, or nine percent salary increases depending on current wages. The Board determined to increase the part-time veterans service officer/board of community guardians coordinator position to full-time, with a three percent wage increase.

They also approved including a misdemeanor probation officer a nine percent increase because of his additional responsibilities.

The Commissioners determined the FY 2021-22 budget would include two new deputy sheriff positions, to wit, a detective, and a code enforcement officer. The code enforcer would work approximately 60 percent for the sheriff's office and 40 percent for the planning and zoning office.

Also approved was an additional employee in the clerk's office.

Data Processing: The Board agreed to increase a contract with Computer Arts from 500 hours a year to 600 because County needs had been exceeding the 500 hours.

Health District: McKim said the budgeted donation to the South Central Public Health District would be increased from \$134,000 to \$206,500 because the State would no longer be contributing to the health districts by March of 2022. She said decreases in the Indigent budget would allow for the increased costs of the health district.

General: McKim said she had taken \$1500 for 4-H Travel from the General Fund and included it in a new budget line labeled Discretionary Miscellaneous Funding of \$10,000.

Airport: McKim said the Capital-Other budget line for the Airports would be reduced from \$30,000 to \$15,000 but that two new budget lines would be in the Airport Fund. They would allow \$50,000 in Capital-Buildings and \$15,000 in a Building Fund.

District Court II: McKim advised the District Court II Capital-Buildings line would be increased to \$125,000 to allow for new windows and repaving the parking lot at the Judicial Annex Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

A. Ben Crouch, Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner

Charles M. Howell, Commissioner