



Board of Commissioners' Finance Meeting
May 31, 2023 ~ 1:00 pm ~ Room 214

5/31/2023 - Minutes

1. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner DeGroot, Commissioner Minty, Commissioner Henslee, Sandy Cox/Admin Staff, Vickie Noel, Kirby Garlitz, Natalie Parker/Finance, Heidi Gaither/Developmental Disabilities,

2. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

Commissioner DeGroot approves minutes from April 26, 2023 Finance meeting

3. Direct Hire Vs. Contracting With Local For Well Inspections

Natalie Parker addresses the Board reviews discussion from previous meeting, explains that the County needs to "pick up" and fund the inspection portion of the program. Commissioner Henslee asks if the grant can pay for it. Parker responds yes. Commissioner Minty understands that OWRD should really be doing the inspection part, but they are so short staffed they can no longer handle the inspections. Discussion about hiring a private consultant for inspections. Commissioner Henslee wants to continue having a great relationship with the State, but struggled with the funding piece. Board is agreeable with moving forward in getting consultants for inspections.

4. Grants Department Permanent Employee

Vickie Noel addresses the Board, asking if they want to keep the second grants position permanent? Commissioner DeGroot wants us to build a robust grants department to help our community partners. Discussion that our grant department is to be support but not to actually apply for and do the work regarding grants for community partners. Parker explains this person is important and very needed going forward in a full time capacity. Noel concerned if/when grant admin funding runs out how shall we pay for her? Commissioner Henslee doesn't like hiring employees based solely off grant funding. Commissioner Minty questions how much longer do we have funding through wells and ARPA grants? Discussion that we have funding through this next FY to the keep position, then if grant funding runs out will find funding elsewhere. Commissioner Henslee doesn't feel its fair to keep any employee in limbo.

5. ARPA Allocation Remaining Balance. LATCF Allocations

Commissioner DeGroot explains that recently learned at the NACo WIR conference last week that the Fed's are likely going to "claw back" unallocated ARPA dollars when they vote tomorrow. Commissioner Minty indicates there are other asks for funding and is confident we can find projects. Discussion about funding to update the "Baldwin Museum" property with the City. Commissioner Henslee says we need 150k to fund the "Tyler" upgrade project that we "must" fund. Noel also indicates there is a shortfall in the Tax department because of the decreased CAFFA grant as well as TRT dollars. Commissioner Minty motions to allocate \$75,547.19 from ARPA to the "Tyler" project, Commissioner Henslee seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

Discussion about allocating 2.5 million of LACTF funds to the Fairgrounds RV project. Commissioner Henslee motion to loan 2.5 million in an interfund loan agreement to the fairgrounds at 4.5% interest, Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

6. Home Builders Association Request For Funding Tiny Home Project

Discussion reviewing the previous discussion and why they asked for 20k, they do have a plan to continue the event in perpetuity. Discussion that there is 528k in the Economic Development fund now with anticipated 500k in expenditures, this 20k request could be funded from there. Commissioner Minty is not in favor of funding these types of requests out of the Economic Development Grant cycle. Commissioner Henslee agrees with Commissioner Minty's position, would be in favor this time but not fund again. Commissioner DeGroot really likes this project and happy to see they have a sustainable plan for future funding, but this should go through the grant cycle.

7. Klamath Film Request For \$25,000

Discussion that this funding request could be sent to the ED and/or Tourism grant funding cycle. Board is agreeable with this request going through the grant cycles.

8. Baldwin Park

Commissioner DeGroot reviews previous discussion about this project, believes we previously committed 100k. Discussion about where the funding can come from and how much funding is in the Tourism fund and when funding is due. The City has asked if we are still committed to the 100k so they can move forward with a grant application for the remaining funds. Board is agreeable with the 100k commitment and coming from Tourism funds.

9. Sheriff Personnel Change To 2023-24 Approved Budget

Vickie Noel addresses the Board and explains there was an error and a position was left out, would like bring a budget resolution in the next week or so for approx. 10,800. Commissioner Henslee motions to authorize the transfer as presented, Commissioner Minty seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved. Sheriff can post the position.

10. General Fund - Tax Collector Revenue Shortfall

Vickie Noel addresses the Board, appears they may have a 60k shortfall due to TRT and grant declines. Noel explains that if there is General Fund carryover will need to take care of this shortfall.

11. DDS Internal Service Impact On IS Departments

Commissioner DeGroot asks Noel how much funding does DDS contribute to "internal services" fund? Noel responds 150k to internal services but that doesn't include the risk fund or insurance liability, however if not using those services then would be part of the "bill" for those services. Additionally I.T. costs are 58k, but again if not using the licenses and hardware then those costs would not be assessed, so roughly between 150k - 200k. Commissioner Minty appreciates that DD Services and the employees are county/local. Commissioner Henslee is unsure what this conversation is about, but does believe we need to look at "State" departments and if the "County" should really be in charge of those departments, we need to streamline government. Commissioner DeGroot just wanted today to be about the financial impact.

12. Oregon Living With Fire



Commissioner DeGroot explains contract from Title III funds. Noel explains that the Title III committee is not ready to evaluate projects and there is not funding in Title III. Board discussion about public process to spend Title III funds, the County will apply to the Title III Committee for this funding, Commissioner Henslee will take the lead on this.

13. Other County Business

Commissioner DeGroot asks about Emergency Management's budget and will there be a shortfall? Noel responds that Sandy has a better grasp on the funding, but guesses about 40k. Commissioner DeGroot advises Noel that OEM is sending a team down next week to audit the grants, instructs Noel to get with Sandy for more more information.

14. Adjournment

1:50pm

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