

BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

DRAFT - MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bill LaHaie, Dan Ludlow, Lucille Bray, Bill Peterson, Brenda Fournier, Travis Konarzewski, Burt Francisco, and John Kozlowski.

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator Jesse Osmer, Clerk Keri Bertrand, Treasurer Kim Ludlow, Judge Alan Curtis

Chair Kozlowski called the Budget Workshop to order at 11:09 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEM: Treasurer Kim Ludlow reported the 2025 deficit started at \$917,632 and is down to \$519,479.

INFORMATION ITEM: Judge Alan Curtis reported he had written a grant to receive enough money for someone to run the Drug Court. He asked for \$138,000 and only received \$53,000. This is a reimbursement grant. Discussion was made on the revenues between Drug Court and District Court. If the Drug Court was eliminated, the cases would go to Circuit Court and Judge Black supports any decision made. Judge Curtis has until November 1st to reallocate within the grant and decide if they will accept the funding or not. More discussion will be had at the Full Board meeting on October 22nd.

INFORMATION ITEM: County Administrator Jesse Osmer reported the announcement was previously made for cuts at the Sheriff's Office and that he is continuing to work on decreasing the \$500,000 deficit and has a few items, some of which are contractual, that may help.

Discussion was made on the \$800,000 ARPA funding to help balance 2024 and focus moving forward on 2025.

Treasurer Ludlow reported the current Budget Policy states if the County drops below 24.97% of next year's budgeted expense that means laying off all temporary and part-time employees. If dropping below 19.97% that means layoffs across the board. Even if next year's budget is balanced the percentage is still not at the 20%.

Treasurer Ludlow reported there is currently \$991,268 in ARPA Funds and of those \$862,102 are not committed. If money is not committed and/or spent by December 31st of this year, it must be sent back.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to recommend approval to move all available uncommitted remaining ARPA funds to the 2024 General Fund as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Peterson, Fournier, Konarzewski, Francisco, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: Recommendation to move 100% of the available uncommitted remaining APRA funds to the 2024 General Fund as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Konarzewski to adjourn the meeting.

The Budget Committee Workshop ended at 11:51 a.m.

John Kozlowski, Budget Workshop Chair

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