

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Friday, August 7, 2020

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

Meeting convened at 9:40 A.M.

TANYA STITT—CELL PHONE SERVICE, Continuation from August 3

Emergency Management Director Tanya Stitt and Coordinator Kirsten Howard as well as Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson and Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim were present.

Tanya Stitt answered questions from the Commissioners about changing cell phone service for the sheriff's office. She explained how the monthly bill from First Net would be less than what the County is currently paying to Verizon, with better service.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to approve the switch of cell phone service for the sheriff's office to AT&T First Net. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Stitt also presented an Employee Wage Change form and evaluation to increase the salary of Kirsten Howard, as discussed with the Commissioners on July 27, which the Commissioners signed.

ADOPT TENTATIVE AMBULANCE BUDGET, Continued from August 3

Present was Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim.

Tracee McKim explained worksheets she presented for a tentative FY 2020-21 ambulance budget.

Commissioner Howell said he would like to have more cash on hand and be able to continue increasing the amounts provided to the two County Quick Response Units, to which the other two Commissioners agreed.

➤ McKim said she would refigure the ambulance budget, and adopting the tentative budget was scheduled for August 10.

ADOPT TENTATIVE COUNTY BUDGET, Continued from August 3

Present was Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim.

Tracee McKim provided a tentative FY 2020-21 County budget of \$16,750,208. She noted that since the budget did not include a three percent increase from FY 2020 that the forgone amount would be \$225,459. She also presented a tentative resolution to reserve the forgone amount for potential use in subsequent years.

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McKim said the County levy would increase \$.26 per \$1000 because the market value of the County had decreased.

The Commissioners were satisfied with the tentative budget.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to adopt the tentative County budget and tentative Resolution No. 2020-35. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

ADOPT TENTATIVE RESOLUTIONS TO RESERVE THE FORGONE AMOUNTS FOR THE AMBULANCE AND THE COUNTY, Continued from August 3

Present was Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim.

A tentative resolution to reserve a forgone amount in the ambulance budget was continued until August 10.

The Commissioners adopted a tentative resolution to reserve a forgone amount from the FY 2020-21 budget.

CARES ACT FUNDING, Continued from August 3

Present was Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim.

Tracee McKim referred to a sheet from the State showing that Jerome County would receive \$1,175,454 from CARES Act funding. She gave examples of how much the funding would reduce property taxes.

The Commissioners discussed whether to withdraw from accepting CARES Act funds and determined to continue making a decision until August 10.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectively submitted:

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner