

2019 Preliminary Budget Meeting – Superior Court

October 3, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Fund; Commissioner Jackson; Commissioner Stamper; Budget Services Manager Becky Butler; Superior Court Judge Joely O'Rourke; Superior Court Administrator Susie Parker; and Citizens Budget Committee members Judy Pectol, Peggy Hammer, Bill Marshall, Tory Graf and Robert Berg

Guest: Brian Green

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Unfunded mandates discussed: Indigent defense

Revenue: \$21,340

Expenditures: \$1,407,000

Request: Additional \$2,192

Full-time equivalent employees: 8.65

TO-DO / QUESTIONS

Question: Follow up with Judge O'Rourke regarding the administration of the law library

Susie Parker outlined Superior court's request for an additional \$2,192 to increase the court commissioner's salary to match that of the judges' salaries.

Susie said the Legislature has put into place rules and regulations that make assigning and collecting fines more difficult.

Commissioner Stamper left at 1:41 p.m.

Susie discussed staffing related to the involuntary treatment act (ITA).

Commissioner Stamper returned at 1:42 p.m.

Susie said the Behavioral Health Organization reimburses the county for its court costs related to the ITAs.

Becky Butler discussed the mental health tax, which is used to fund Drug Court, Family Recovery Court and other programs.

Robert Berg asked how the state divvies up indigent defense funding. Becky said Lewis County receives \$89,000 for the Defender of the Day, plus fines gathered from convicts. Susie said she believes the reimbursements are divvied up based on population.

Meeting ended at 1:53 p.m.