

**Budget Meeting**

**August 4, 2020**

**3:39 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Josh Metcalf, Andy Caldwell, Becky Butler, Amber Smith

Guest(s): Meri Hamre, Bill Serrahn, Larry McGee, Matt Matayoshi, and Robert Cramer

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Commissioner Fund and Stamper agreed to propose a zero increase in operations for 2021 Budget Planning.

Josh Metcalf estimates a 25% budget deficit because of a decrease in new construction and decreased fuel tax revenue. Becky said that the Commissioners might have to consider a fund transfer for Roads and Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Stamper suggested keeping the budget at the 2020 rate until preliminary numbers are available.

WSU contract needs revisited by October.

Becky is looking into other funding sources for Senior Services.

Coronavirus Relief Funds –Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Fund would like to move forward with allocating \$200,000 to non-profit groups. Both Commissioners would like to fund both operations and services. Matt suggested having guiding principles to determine administrative costs. Becky would like to shift some of the CRF funds to help with schools as well. Becky asked Matt to help provide guidelines for Thursday COVID-19 to wrap up details.

Broadband Grant proposals: We have received two proposals. Asking to delay any decision until Commissioner Jackson and Erik Martin come back from vacation. The grant specifies that it will only fund projects that have to be in place within the timeline. Commissioner Stamper would like to schedule a meeting and have both parties responsible for the proposals present.

Amber wanted to bring to the Board's attention as to what was available for grants and funding. Twenty-six applicants were unable to receive funding from CRF grants. Based on distributions, there can be a MOU to determine criteria. There are other funds and sub-grants that Andy said they are trying to help River Valley Community Health through the Trans-Alta grant.

May's sales tax was up, but the rural sales tax was down. This will affect .09 funds. Motor vehicle fuel tax was down approximately \$266,000 and is anticipated to remain low.

Becky said that shifting employees to other areas and using COVID-19 funds was to minimize impact, but there will have to be a general fund transfer in order to cover costs of utilities of the fair.

Adjourned 4:28 p.m.