

Auditor / Treasurer Update
November 18, 2020
10:48 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Jackson, Becky Butler, Arny Davis, Rodney Reynolds, Suzette Smith, Larry Grove

Zoom: Grace Jimenez, Kaity Nissell, Katie Conradi, Shad Hail, Marnie Larson

Guest(s): Frank Corbin, Nic Scott from KELA

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Treasurer update:

There has been a continued trend of the LGIP rate drop. Pacific Premier Bank bought out Opus Bank and they have given a lower LGIP percentage than normal. An example given by Arny Davis was based on \$42 million in invested funds, approximately \$800 in interest would be earned. Commissioner Stamper asked if these percentages were state regulated. Rodney explained that these funds were liquid cash funds and available at any time, whereas the County invests long-term with different strategies earning more dividends available maturing in the future.

The General Fund is still strong with more cash than normal to invest. There is a \$110,062 General Fund increase, \$4 million more revenue has been received for 2020 vs 2019. The majority of the differences have been from excess timber revenues and COVID relief funds according to Becky Butler.

Financial Services update:

General fund usage is currently at 83% for the year. Some departments' payroll is well under the 83% due to receiving COVID funds. E911 is currently over budget. The law library is approximately 86% to budget. The COVID-19 response fund has expended \$1.4 million in revenue and \$1 million has been received.

MUNIS System update:

Suzette feels that MUNIS has been a huge time saver as well as a big help with the State Audit. There are still glitches being worked out, but overall, MUNIS is a good system. Arny Davis concurred even though he feels there are still some issues that are currently unresolved.

Elections update:

Larry Grove said that the canvassing of ballots will be complete Tuesday, November 24. This year there has been an approximately 84% return of ballots which equals 54,205 voters. People of all ages came to register and vote. Larry feels early voting, new software, and the acquisition of the Agilis ballot machine increased processing of ballots. The Secretary of State will certify the ballots December 2, 2020.

Licensing & Recording update:

Larry Grove reported about the continual challenge with citizens not complying with the mask mandate. Larry expressed his thanks for having the partitions in the office that protect the employees from the citizens. Larry asked for more masking signage because he has some citizens that are being argumentative. Commissioner Stamper said that he would suggest having security to monitor the situation as needed.

Meeting ended: 11:30 a.m.