

Budget Update

April 27, 2021

3:22 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, Tailor Albright

Guests: Claudia Yaw

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Becky Butler provided the following updates:

- Auditor continues work on year-end update for 2020.
- County General Fund shows and increase of \$2.5 million at the end of 2020.
- 2020 expenditures for salaries were down as a result of Coronavirus Relief Funds.
- Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding for 2020 arrived in April 2021, so it was processed in 2021. Becky said SRS totaled more than \$624,000.
- Sales tax is up for 2021.
- Expenditures are up for 2021.
- The next step for OpenGov will be integration with Munis. Dashboards and training should be available by year-end.
- Work orders

Claudia Yaw left at 3:30 p.m.

Becky Butler provided the following updates:

- ARPA pre-work has been completed as required.
- Staff are on high alert for scams.
- Offices and departments should consider assigning a point person to find outside funding sources.
- Guidance for ARP funding is expected in mid-May.

Erik Martin said the county will need to identify vacant positions that need to be filled as well as additional positions that may be needed.

Becky said the courts will need to be able to apply for and track Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) funds. She also discussed fallout from the Blake decision.

Becky said she will reach out to District Court, Superior Court, the Clerk's Office, the Sheriff's Office and Prosecutor's Office to identify their staffing needs. She said she also will help establish a website devoted to the allocation of ARP funding.

The group discussed water banks.

Commissioner Stamper left at 3:52 p.m.

Becky said she would like to attend the NACO training in Maryland in July.

Becky said Fair funding is increasing but that use of the additional funds is restricted.

Becky said the marijuana tax is being increased across the state.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.