

Budget Update

June 22, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler

Guests: Bill Serrahn, Frank Corbin

Recorder: Tammy Martin

FEMA contracts and projects

Becky Butler said the Board will need to discuss the MOU with the Lewis County Seniors during Wrap-up June 28, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Becky and Erik Martin are reviewing projects to find their correct project category to distribute funding. Different tax structures are making the determinations more difficult. Moving IT would allow for PHSS to service more public. There are grants directly related to cybersecurity. IT has ongoing costs and lists that record lost revenue. There was a meeting with PHSS and Erik to look at funding from ARPA. They are looking for strategic goals for COVID-19 and what the critical areas needing response at public health are. Becky said there is an opening for:

- Grants Coordination position
- Public Information Specialist
- Fair employees.

Josh Metcalf said Marrienne Schumacher from the Lewis Economic Development Council is working on creating a stakeholder meeting. Lewis County will review the MOU with the EDC and they are looking for feedback regarding the consultant work and request for proposals (RFP). The consultant services will be for county wide water and sewer services

There will be transparency site for ARPA funds information available for funding application, contracts, and press releases. The goal is to have the website available for the public July 2021.

OpenGov planning and update

Becky said data integration is the next step in utilizing OpenGov. Online budget books will be linked together. Becky undergoes training soon. Once data integration is complete, the tables will show live data. These will be great tools to strategize reporting. Becky said they will be functional and can be downloaded into spreadsheets.

2022 Budget Planning

Citizen's Committee applications will be open in July, 2021.

MUNIS Update

The go live for the MUNIS update is scheduled for July 12, 2021. There is new training and it is available for county users on the intranet. Based on outreach from directors, having access to training documents will be beneficial.

PAFs will be processed paperless. Becky said she is looking to have a timeline by the end of the year.

Staffing

Becky said she is still interviewing for a grants coordinator.

Becky said she has requested the state treasurer to attend the next Combined User Group Meeting with 911 to speak about their local program. This program funds low-interest loans for infrastructure, equipment and real estate, and there is a potential option for small fire districts or the county. The interest rate is less than 1%. Matt Schoenfeld, the program administrator from the Washington State Treasurer's office, will be presenting in Mossyrock to discuss loan options.

Becky sent an update on clarification of ARPA funds for broadband. Becky did say broadband investment is for areas that are unserved or underserved household/businesses.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.