

Auditor / Treasurer / Finance Committee Update

July 21, 2021

10:50 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Grace Jimenez, Arny Davis, Rodney Reynolds, Larry Grove, Katie Conradi, Gwen Reed, Tailor Arrington, Commissioner Stamper (10:53 a.m.)

Guest: Frank Corbin

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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Rodney Reynolds said the county has collected roughly 50 percent of its revenue year to date.

Becky Butler said \$1 million in funding from the Roads fund soon will go to the Sheriff's Office.

Becky noted that the county had budget \$250,000 for payment in lieu of taxes funding but that it came in at \$687,075, a \$437,000 increase.

Rodney said the county has collected \$399,047 in lodging taxes year to date, double what was collected during the same time period the previous year. Rodney said the largest area of growth was Packwood.

Rodney reviewed Lewis County's liquid deposits and earnings. He said the county has invested with Cathay Bank, which has an end rate of 0.55 percent.

Becky said the county has 15 individuals in LEOFF 1, with one individual in long-term care.

Auditor

Grace Jimenez and Larry Grove provided the following updates:

- The county's expenditures are at roughly 50 percent year to date.
- The State Auditor's Office (SAO) is conducting its 2020 audit of Lewis County and will hold an entrance conference later in the day.
- Michelle Sauter has been promoted to financial analyst I position, and Kayla Reynolds has been hired for the payroll position.
- The state Department of Licensing pushed out a system upgrade at the beginning of the month.
- Susan Caldwell has been hired for the Elections department vacancy.
- Redistricting must be completed by the end of November.

Meeting ended at 11:24 a.m.