

## **Budget Update**

**May 3, 2023**

**1:30 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Budget Administrator Becky Butler

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

Becky Butler provided the following updates:

### **Broadband project**

- Will meet with the resident engineer June 1
- Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) has asked that Lewis County help one of its other grantees with their process

### **Current year budget review and 2023 budget planning**

- Sales tax may be trending downward
- Real estate excise tax may be trending downward
- Reconciling salaries and benefits
- Setting rates
- Will review 2024 forecast June 27
- Need actuary study for all funds, including LEOFF, unemployment and workers' comp
- Working with Treasurer's Office to review revenues
- Munis / Open Gov trainings planned for the end of May
- Staff developing worst-case scenario plans

### **Opioid settlement funding**

- Met with Sheriff's Office, DEM and others to discuss the funding
- Stakeholders would like to use opioid funding to purchase Narcan for staff safety
- OAC

### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

- Reviewing contract with Fox Theatre
- Will work with BerryDunn to develop construction contracts to avoid potential funding claw-backs
- Public Works has requested LATCF funding to supplement the Reynolds Avenue project

**Announcements**

Becky reviewed legislation that could have local funding impacts. She also noted that the Assessor's Office is implementing a re-org.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.