

## **Budget Update**

**November 28, 2023**

**2:06 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Eric Eisenberg (2:16 p.m.), Meja Handlen (2:19 p.m.)

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

Becky Butler previewed the preliminary budget for 2024. She noted that the use of reserves is at \$2.9 million, a \$2 million decrease from previous estimates. She said the savings are a result of cost-saving measures the county has taken, including freezing and eliminating positions, as well as use of one-time ARPA funding.

Eric Eisenberg joined at 2:16 p.m.

The group discussed potential cost increases for the Sheriff's Office linked to the interlocal agreement for 911.

Meja Handlen joined at 2:19 p.m.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to add shelter frontage improvements to the agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Eric Eisenberg discussed work being done by Raindrop Properties, which is adding sidewalks to an area the county planned to continue using as a bus stop for the homeless shelter. Eric said he will ask the property owner to consider leaving the 15-foot area incomplete for now.

Eric left at 2:34 p.m.

The commissioners further discussed the upcoming budget hearings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.