

Budget Update

March 26, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Public comment: None

2023 Year-End Update: Becky Butler said general fund expenditures used an estimated \$1.5 million in reserves. Becky said the last time reserves were used was 2017.

2024 Budget Amendment: There will be an unanticipated budget amendment for the LCSO jail. Noxious Weed is purchasing a vehicle through ER & R. There will be a reduction in salary for Parks and Rec. Fleet has a \$902,000 increase in revenue due to an incorrect reporting of rates.

ARPA: The next report is due in April. All administrative costs need to be estimated for the grant management. Becky said WSAC is having regular updates providing updates and advice for ARPA reporting. 911 had a bid close March 25. The Fair had a meeting with the engineer about the water main project. Becky said the water main project is on track to be under contract by the end of April. Becky said there has not been an update from the City of Vader. There are HVAC projects available to use the remaining funds in case additional projects are needed. Commissioner Pollock asked if transportation projects would be applicable for the use of ARPA funds.

Opioid Settlement Funds: Becky said checks were received from the Opioid settlement. \$42,205 year-to-date spent. Funds from the Opioid settlement purchased Narcan for law enforcement. Becky said the mental health tax has been over-utilized and she suggests using Opioid funds in place of mental health tax dollars. Becky received direction from the BOCC to find expenditures from the general fund that would qualify for Opioid funding and then use the funding that would be saved in the general fund to support expenditures at the Coroner's Office. There is no deadline to use the funds.

Broadband Grant: Bid opening on March 19th. Becky said the project is still over budget. Becky will be helping ToledoTel's CPA with project reporting. If additional funds are not granted, change orders can be made to adjust the project or look for additional sources of funding. Becky said the first hook-up will be mid-April. This time next year, the project will be wrapping up. Dale Merten has been going door-to-door to let customers know about the upgrades in service. There has been limited sign-up for the new internet.

Risk Services: Becky said she has been working on evaluating policies and Risk practices. Becky said Rachel Tiller will be contracted for additional services. Becky said the indigent screening process will be done at the Law and Justice Building. Natalie has been doing the screening process and Becky is looking

to move that back to Superior Court, allowing Natalie to help with Workers' Comp. Aimee Albright is taking the lead on the Actuary study. Becky said there was an ask of the study to look further into the LEOFF I fund.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.