

Budget Meeting

October 5, 2021

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Austin Majors, Gwen Reed, Tammy Martin

Guest: Frank Corbin

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Becky Butler reviewed the preliminary budget for 2022.

Among the highlights she reviewed:

- The 2022 preliminary budget for all funds reflects revenues estimated at \$144.3 million and expenditures estimated at \$159.9 million.
- The 2022 preliminary budget for the General Fund reflects a beginning fund balance of roughly \$14.1 million, revenues projected at \$42.3 million and expenditures estimated at \$44.9 million.
- Unanticipated revenue as well as savings from vacant positions will likely change the final results.
- Savings from vacant positions and retirements typically average \$500,000 to \$1 million annually.
- Department heads and electeds have submitted budget increase requests totaling \$1.4 million above the submitted 2022 preliminary budget. Meetings in October with the BOCC and Citizens Budget Committee will allow elected officials and department directors an opportunity to discuss their requests.
- Decisions on budget increases will be made in November after all budget meetings have concluded.
- The Assessor's Office is continuing work to identify new construction revenues, which will be included once they are more solidified.
- District Court fines and fees are expected to decrease 11 percent as a result of new legislation.
- The preliminary budget reflects directives outlined in the county's Strategic Plan.

Becky outlined the next steps in the budget process as the following:

- Upload data into OpenGov.
- Hold all-day Budget meetings Oct. 6 and Oct. 18.
- Hold an informational Budget presentation in November.
- Meet with the Assessor to discuss property taxes.

Meeting ended at 11:12 a.m.