

Budget Update – Parks & Rec and Fairgrounds

October 30, 2023

10:06 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Steve Wohld, Rachel Churchill, BJ Kuykendall, Lee Napier, Becky Butler, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey, Nic Scott, Meja Handlen, Ross Nielson

Citizens Budget Committee members: Tim Wood and Paul Crowner

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

>> Parks & Recreation

Representatives present: Steve Wohld, BJ Kuykendall, Rachel Churchill

BJ said the department grew from 7.5 to 10 full-time employees to cover the fair and parks after the two departments combined.

>> Fair

Fair has budget of \$1.3 million.

General fund request: \$217,971.

Parks expenses: \$532,380. No general fund support.

In response to questions from Tim Wood, Rachel Churchill and BJ said actual campground revenue is \$48,000 year to date with 15 sites. They said the campgrounds are profitable now, and they discussed future marketing plans.

BJ said the department currently has one office vacancy, which was posted before the countywide hiring freeze.

BJ said there has been no evidence of increase in homeless encampments on parks properties.

Meeting ended at 10:46 a.m.