

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Sitting/Acting as (if applicable)

**Study Session Worksheet**

**Presentation Date:** 1-24-2012   **Approx Start Time:** 2:30 PM   **Approx Length:** 30 min.

**Presentation Title:** Budget Priorities for FY 2012/13

**Department:** County Administration and Finance

**Presenters:** Steve Wheeler and Marc Gonzales

**Other Invitees:** Cam Gilmour, Laurel Butman and Nancy Newton

**WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?**

1. Continue discussion of budget priorities.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On Jan. 17, 2012 the Board had a productive discussion on FY 2012/13 budget priorities. For today's meeting I plan to discuss the following:

1. A preliminary look of General Fund Revenues, specifically how much, if any, increase in General Fund revenues from current fiscal year 2011/12 to forthcoming fiscal year, 2012/13 can the County anticipate?
2. Continue a discussion on the advisability and possible shape of a County work plan in FY 2012/13 that would incorporate a systematic review of options for service provision within the urban unincorporated area. The Department of Transportation would be essential in leading this review – Director Cam Gilmour will be present to participate in the discussion.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):**

While this study session does not have immediate financial impacts, priorities and direction received from the Board will be key inputs for County Administration as the Proposed FY 2012-13 Budget is developed. Outcomes of this study session will therefore influence future spending decisions of the County.

**LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

The County is legally required to develop and adopt, by July 1 of each year, a balanced budget that sets spending policy for the upcoming fiscal year. This requirement applies to the general County budget as well as the budgets of the ten agencies and service districts for which the County Board sits as their governing body. The County Administrator is the County's Budget Officer charged with preparing the County budget for Budget Committee review and approval.

**PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

Clackamas County budget committees consist of the Board of County Commissioners plus an equal number of public members (except the Housing Authority which as only one additional public member) who review the Proposed Budgets and approve the Budget for subsequent Board adoption. The general County Budget committee meets quarterly during the year and all budget committees participate in a series of hearings prior to approving the budgets under the County's authority; those hearings are public hearings with an opportunity for testimony. In addition, most agencies and service districts under the County have advisory boards that are heavily involved in their budget development processes as well as rate setting where applicable. The County also maintains a budget website that is very active during budget development to keep the community informed about the budget process and provide budget information as it becomes available.

**OPTIONS:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is interested in the Board's input and priorities regarding the FY 2012-12 budget and has no specific recommendations at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator Approval SLW \_\_\_\_\_

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