

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

In-person

Public Service Building, 2051 Kaen Rd, Oregon City, 97045
BCC Hearing Room, FL4

PRESENT: Commissioner Tootie Smith, Chair
Commissioner Paul Savas (*arrived in person at 10:11 am*)
Commissioner Mark Shull
Commissioner Ben West
Citizen Member James Karn
Citizen Member Wilda Park
Citizen Member Jan Lee
Citizen Member James Rhodes
Citizen Member Kenneth Sernach

ABSENT: Commissioner Martha Schrader

STAFF: County Administrator, Gary Schmidt
Finance Director, Elizabeth Comfort
Budget Manager, Sandra Montoya

CALL TO ORDER (10:00 am):

- 1) Approve May 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Recorded Time 2:39)

Motion to approve the May 24, 2022 meeting minutes by Wilda Parks and second by Kenneth Sernach. The motion passes with 7 in favor, 2 absent, 0 against.

- 2) FY23-24 Budget Planning Overview (Recorded Time 4:05)
- 3) General Fund Forecast (FY22-23 through FY56-57) (Recorded Time 6:38)

Commissioner Savas requests a breakdown of what is driving overtime costs by department. The example given is overtime for the Sheriff's Office; can overtime be attributed to houseless or mental health situations? With this information, the financial burden can be offset by other services that may result in savings. Commissioner Savas requests a greater level of detail from each department on what drives overtime costs. This follow-up item will be provided to the Budget Committee before the April 26th meeting.

Wilda Parks requests a breakdown of overtime from year to year for comparison to see how the data collates and determine what factors have driven overtime, at least through a partial year. This follow-up item will be provided to the Budget Committee before the April 26th meeting.

Commissioner West points out the importance of definitions for terms, such as “structurally”, “sound”, and/or “sustainability”, and how our understanding of these terms affects priorities and goals. Commissioner West believes it is important to have a shared understanding of the framework of these terms as they are used in Budget Committee discussions. This follow-up item will be provided to the Budget Committee before the April 26th meeting.

4) FY23-24 Budget Planning Calendar (Recorded Time 22:21)

5) New Business/Questions

MEETING ADJOURNED (10:42 am)

Prepared by: [Priscila Montoya](#), Budget Coordinator. The Budget Committee approved these meeting minutes on April 26, 2023.

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