

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES– 2021 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Members present: David Heeres, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Christian Marcus
 Members absent: Joshua Watrous, Jason Helwig
 Others: Brad Rizzo, Sherry Comben, Sheryl Guy, Peter Garwood, Jeremy Scott, Dan Bean, Dean Pratt, Mike Gank

Vice-Chair Karen Bargy called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

The Vice-Chair Bargy went through the process in which the Board will address the 2021 Budget.

REVENUE SUMMARY: Projected for 2021 Review

Exceptions:

- Grand Traverse County has not provided 2021 estimated revenues for District Court and Circuit Court.
- Projected State – General/Revenue Share estimated reduction 50% from 2020.
- Estimated Tax Revenue – Legislation: Possible Tax use changes forthcoming.

Total Expenditures estimated	\$14,340,079.00
Revenue estimated with notes as state above	(\$1,113,498.00)
Beginning Fund Balance estimate	\$12,448,550.00
Net Revenue under expenditures	(\$1,113,498.00)
Approximate Court Revenues	540,299.00
Approximate Court Expenditures	(\$875,744.00)
Vacant Sheriff Positions	\$515,797.00
2 - Sergeants	
2 - Corporals	
2 - Deputies	
Current estimate as reviewed:	(\$933,146.00)

Excluded in expenditure estimates are the following:

- Negotiated contract wage increases for 2021 for ACT, Sheriff (3) Bargaining Units
- Yet to be negotiated General and Probate Court bargaining units and the Unrepresented/Elected and the Part-time groups.
- 2021 Health Insurance Premiums/County Caps are not reflected in the estimated expenditures. Pending availability from Priority Health/Dewey Insurance nor has County set hard caps.

Discussion followed.

Included in expenditure estimates are as follows:

- MERS – Unfunded liability set at \$350,000.00 in 101-895-967.
 - Pension discussion followed.
- Dental Insurance – No increase in premium from 2020 to 2021.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Bargy asked the Finance Director to prepare an Other Funds analysis for Board to identify red flags.

Discussion followed on the following department budget and appropriation requests:

Capital Outlay – Sheriff/Marine

Appropriations – Increase in request from NLEA/GRNA/Glacial Hills/Airport

NLEA – Services (Regional) benefit and open to all public – formula based.

GRNA – CIP: Phase 2 of Boardwalk

Glacial Hills – Improve trail system

Finance Director addressed the Airport/K-9 Unit/Energy Fund/LED Lighting and ACT budget request approved by Board March 2020.

Capital Improvement Plan – Projects discussed.

Parking lot repairs and striping

Animal Control Building partial floor improvements – funding source endowment/trust/donations.

Finance Director stated that he used tighter number projections than used in previous years and that traditionally non-tax revenue exceeds budgeted projections.

Commissioner Bary asked the members to study the budget requests and that the Board will review each department one by one and make cuts if and when necessary.

Commissioner Bary and members requested that the Finance Director incorporate the following:

- Other Funds analysis to provide a picture to assist and identify any red flags.
- Insert the 2021 negotiated wage increases for the three (3) Sheriff Bargaining Units and the Antrim County Transportation.
- Contact Grand Traverse County Circuit and District Courts for their 2021 estimated revenues and budgets.
- Add page numbers to budget.
- Contact Board members who have not picked up their Budget books.

Commissioner Bary announced that no action will be taken on projected Revenues until the Sheriff Department’s wages and Court figures are in.

VARIOUS MATTERS:

County Administrator informed the Board that the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan added to the Board agenda and he has sent all members a communication regarding the MERS Pension.

Commissioner Bary reminded members that the next Budget Work Session is Monday, August 24 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Commissioner Bary asked for Public Comment. Deputy Administrator Jeremy Scott addressed public attending online. There was no public comment.

Work Session adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Vice-Chair, Karen Bary

County Clerk, Sheryl Guy