

2024-2025 POLK COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARINGS
May 15, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

9:30 a.m., David Johnson called the 2023-2024 Polk County Budget Committee Hearing to order. Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Mordhorst, and Norbert Hartmann were in attendance. Blair Wasson was absent.

Staff Present: Greg Hansen, Budget Officer
 Nicole Pineda, Recording Secretary

2. COLA/HEALTH INSURANCE MEMO

Mr. Hansen informed the Board that the Portland CPIW no longer exists, which is what we used to follow, and the new indicator is West Coast Cities. FOPPO has settled on COLA rates between 3% - 4%. The cost-of-living adjustment for non-represented has not been finalized for the upcoming year. Elected Officials salary adjustments were determined in January and have already been incorporated into the tentatively approved budget.

Mr. Hansen also reported that the Health Insurance rates for Kaiser Permanente will be increasing rates by 8%. Pacific Source is estimated at a 5% increase.

PERS will remain the same for the upcoming fiscal year.

3. BUDGET SUMMARY

On April 9th and 10th, 2024, the Polk County Budget Committee met and discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

On May 15, 2024, the County will be holding a final meeting of the Budget Committee to formally approve the 2024-2025 budget and set property tax rates (permanent and Public Safety Operating Levy) for the County.

Mr. Hansen went over his formal approval memorandum and discussed his recommendations. The recommended budget for approval has an overall increase in the total budget of \$1,000,000.00, making the total budget for the County \$124,745,750.00

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. BUDGET COMMITTEE ACTION

a) APPROVE THE MAY 17, 2023 MINUTES.

MOTION: NORBERT HARTMANN MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAY 17TH, 2023 MINUTES.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) APPROVE 2024-2025 BUDGET WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES.

MOTION: NORBERT HARTMANN MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE 2024-2025 BUDGET AS DISCUSSED AND MODIFIED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) APPROVE 2024-2025 GENERAL FUND TAX RATE AND OPERATING LEVY

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, NORBERT HARTMANN SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND TAX RATE OF \$1.7160 PER \$1,000 AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING LEVY OF \$0.495 PER \$1,000.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

David Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.