

2012-2013 POLK COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARINGS

May 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

9:39 a.m., Denny Wilfong called the 2012-2013 Polk County Budget Committee Hearing to order. Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Ainsworth, Commissioner Wheeler, Blair Wasson, and Norbert Hartmann were in attendance.

Staff Present: Greg Hansen, Budget Officer
 Heather Alvarez, Recording Secretary

The following minutes will refer to the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget document and to the CD where the corresponding discussion was recorded. CDs of the proceedings are on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 2-5, 2012

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, BLAIR WASSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2-5, 2012

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APRIL TENTATIVELY APPROVED BUDGET

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer explained the one modification that was made to the proposed budget that occurred during the April budget hearings: in the Juvenile fund, the administrative fee to the Health & Human Services Department was reduced by \$25,000. The Budget Committee chose to use \$10,000 to fund VORP, \$10,000 was used to increase the Juvenile detention beds, and \$5,000 was used to reduce the General Fund transfer, which increased the contingency by \$5,000.

There were four wish list items: One FTE Deputy District Attorney, one FTE Sheriff's Deputy Patrol, two Patrol vehicles, and VORP juvenile sanction. The wish list items total \$250,000. The VORP wish list item was funded through the Juvenile fund, as mentioned above. The recommendation from the Compensation Committee for elected officials salary, if approved, will affect the General Fund contingency by less than \$10,000.

The current Portland CPIW is 3.3%. The County is in negotiations with all four represented unions in the way of wages, and the Deputy Sheriff's Association is in full negotiations. The cost of living adjustment for non-reps will be decided once the AFSCME negotiations are settled.

Health insurance renewal rates for Blue Cross and Kaiser Permanente have been proposed at 17%, which is approximately \$190,000 higher than was budgeted. Mr. Hansen explained that approximately 20% of County employees opt-out of the County health insurance plans, and as long as that continues, the County should be able to absorb the increase this year. Mr. Hansen recommends that the County address health plan costs in the labor negotiations next year. AFSCME and non-rep employees currently contribute 15% of health insurance premiums, FOPPO contributes 10% and DSA contributes 5%. PERS employer contribution rates will also be increasing by at least 5% in 2013-2014.

Mr. Hansen introduced a memo recommending the Budget Committee adopt a General Fund tax rate of \$1.716 per \$1,000, and a Debt Service Tax Levy for the road bond in the amount of \$2,550,000.

Mr. Hansen reviewed recommended changes to the Health & Human Services fund, which includes an increase in Administration from A & D 70 funds by \$17,500, and Commission for Children & Families increased funding of \$25,000 from loss of CASA funding and increase of

Healthy Start funding. Recommended changes to the Public Health Fund include a \$75,000 increase in General Health from a Healthy Communities grant (0.8 FTE increase). The Mental Health Fund includes proposed changes to Administration of \$170,000 from increased State revenues (2.0 FTE), and \$15,000 increase in Outpatient services from a modification to the admin charge. The youth programs fund has a \$41,000 increase in state revenues and beginning fund balance (0.6 FTE).

Mr. Hansen explained that with these changes, the overall County budget is increased by \$343,500 over what the Committee tentatively approved on April 5, 2012.

Denny Wilfong opened the meeting to public comments at 9:55 a.m.

Blair Wasson discussed allocating funds for use by the Commissioners to organize planning for future O&C funding. Commissioners Pope agreed that in order for Polk County to stay engaged in the O&C funding issue, it is important for funding to be available to fight for the revenue opportunities. Commissioner Pope said that it does appear that the SRS attachment to the Transportation Bill will pass through Congress, which should provide 95% of the 2011 funding. If and when these funds are received, Mr. Hansen explained that it will be unanticipated revenue, and at that time a supplemental budget could be developed. Mr. Hansen would not recommend adding back any positions that were cut, but possibly consider one-time capital outlay item purchases.

MOTION: BLAIR WASSON MOVED, NORBERT HARTMANN SECONDED, TO ALLOCATE \$15,000 OF CONTINGENCY TO NON-DEPARTMENTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: NORBERT HARTMANN MOVED, BLAIR WASSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, NORBERT HARTMANN SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE 2012-2013 BUDGET WITH THE BUDGET OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND TAX RATE OF \$1.7160 PER \$1,000 AND DEBT SERVICE FUND ROAD BOND TAX LEVY OF \$2,550,000.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Denny Wilfong adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.