

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARING 2021
MILLARD COUNTY THE 1st DAY OF DECEMBER 2020
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Evelyn Warnick. Chairperson
Wayne Jackson.. . . . Commissioner
Dean Draper. Commissioner
Pat Finlinson. County Attorney
Marki Rowley. County Clerk

EXCUSED: Jamie Hair. Deputy County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith & Lynette Madsen.. . . . Auditor’s Office
Richard Jacobson. County Sheriff
Connie Hansen. County Recorder
Sheri Dearden.. . . . County Treasurer
Jim Warnick Citizen

PURSUANT TO AN AGENDA WHICH HERETOFORE HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO each member of the governing body, posted at the principal office of the Millard County Commission, posted on the Utah Public Notice Website, and provided to the Millard County Chronicle Progress, a newspaper of general circulation within Millard County, Utah, as required by law, the following proceedings were had:

Commissioner Warnick welcomed the public.

Commissioner Warnick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and then turned the time over to Auditor Smith.

Auditor Smith covered information relative to the adoption of the 2021 budget. She explained that the 2021 Tentative Budget was adopted by the County Commission on October 20, 2020. Public Notices were run in the Chronicle Progress on October 28, 2020 indicating that the tentative budget had been adopted and that it was available for inspection at both the County Courthouse in Fillmore and the County offices in Delta; it was also available on the County’s website and stated that today would be the date for the public hearing.

Public notice was also provided and published in the Chronicle Progress, prior to budget work meetings held on September 30, 2020, October 8, 2020, October 9, 2020, October 26, 2020, November 3, 2020, November 9, 2020, and November 12, 2020. These notices provided additional notice for tonight’s meeting, as well as, mandated notice on property tax valuations and billings.

Auditor Smith provided a summary of the budget. She said that there are full detail tentative budgets available for reference, which are summarized by fund. She explained that at

this time, a 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) has been included in the budget and it is anticipated that there will be funding for pay increases in accordance with the County's current step and grade program.

Auditor Smith explained that she, the commissioners, and her office have all met with department heads/elected officials prior to the adoption of the tentative budget and have continued to work on the budget since its adoption.

Auditor Smith explained that the following budget has ultimately been prepared at the Commission's discretion with the exception of a few items which she has added:

- \$5,500.00; Capital sand removal project - racetrack.
- Beginning in 2021, interest earned will be broken down and credited appropriately to each fund.

Other increases budgeted (all of these are pending resolution or public hearing):

- Hourly to salary for the Landfill Manager
- Extrication personnel increase hourly/paid volunteer
- Lieutenant grade promotion
- Commissioner 2% per year of service increase

2021 New Budgeted positions:

- One full-time Heavy Equipment Operator
- One full-time Patrol Deputy
- One full-time Jail Deputy
- One Sheriff's Captain/Chief Deputy – this was not filled in 2020
- One part-time Building Inspector – this was not filled in 2020
- One full-time Recreation Secretary

Some of the changes that are being considered that are of greater significance are as follows:

New Capital:

- Email server upgrade in the amount of \$85,000.00
- Communications tower upgrade in the amount of \$100,000.00
- Golf Course in the amount of \$25,000.00
- Pools & Recreation combined in the amount of \$283,500.00

Auditor Smith noted that \$1.2 million was being considered for jail remodel – this has been removed.

Capital Projects carryover from prior year:

- Records Building completion \$350,000.00
- Millard Care & Rehabilitation Center – Dining Hall \$500,000.00

Auditor Smith said that the two below items were not included in the printed budget; however, she received requests earlier today to add them as carryover items. She said that these

two employees' focus and responsibilities have changed, due to COVID, and the projects were not completed:

- Door Security \$33,000.00 - Richard Beckstrand
- West Recreation parks curb and gutter \$10,000.00 - Kevin Morris

Auditor Smith stated, as a matter of clarification and transparency, the shared Road/Landfill shed located in Fillmore, Utah was budget all in the 2021 Road Fund in the amount of \$549,950.00.

Auditor Smith reviewed fund balance to be utilized in the 2021 Budget Fund Balance usage from prior years:

- General Fund – includes recreation, E911, a \$500,000.00 transfer to General Fund from Capital and approximately \$525,000.00 use of General Fund balance from prior years.
- Road Fund - \$344,200.00 fund balance contributions from prior years.
- Special Projects – \$85,800.00 fund balance contributions from prior years.
- Capital Projects – \$1,387,300.00 fund balance contributions from prior years.
- Tourism – \$84,250.00 fund balance contributions from prior years includes \$20,000.00 contribution toward an ambulance.

There were no other comments made.

The budget hearing closed at approximately 6:11 p.m..

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Attest: _____

Approved: _____