

**Gilliam County Budget Committee
May 3, 2017 Minutes**

Present were: Judge Steve Shaffer, Commissioner Michael Weimar, Commissioner Leslie Wetherell, Budget Officer Nathan Hammer, Committee members Brad Anderson and Gary Miller. Paul Barnett was absent.

Judge Shaffer opened the meeting at 2 p.m. Brad Anderson volunteered to serve as Budget Committee Chair. All agreed.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Budget Committee will be approved at the next meeting.

Gary Miller stated that he misses working with Commissioner Gronquist, and welcomed Commissioner Wetherell.

Budget Officer Nathan Hammer read the attached Budget Message.

Budget Officer Hammer presented an overview of changes from the current budget to the proposed budget referring to the attached 2017-18 worksheet.

Additional changes that came up during included the following:

Page 1 - Beginning fund balance \$1,000,000.00

Page 2 - Transfer from SIP Discretionary Fund: Amount decreased due to change in beginning fund balance.

Page 5 – New Hire Shared Assistant: Deleted - Wheeler County has decided to keep the Juvenile program within that county.

Page 5 – Frontier Digital Network: Being disbanded.

Page 7 – CAMI Expenses: Incorrect amount was submitted to Budget Officer.

Page 8 – Indigent Burials – Item was placed in wrong location on budget.

Page 12 – Salary increases for Sherriff's Department employees Terland, Garth and Fitzsimmons are not yet approved by Court; waiting for LGPI salary survey.

Page 14 – Deputy-treasurer salary: new, full-time position.

Page 18 – Surveyor, Land Corner Preservation: Some land corners are more than 100 years old, per Jeff Schott.

Page 17 - Senior Programs: Was moved to separate budget item per request by Senior Services Coordinator. After discussion, the Committee decided a separate budget isn't needed, and to return to previous method.

Page 18 – Gary Miller inquired about decreases in NORCOR budget; Judge Shaffer explained that NORCOR is accepting ICE prisoners, and is also contracting with another county, resulting in increased income.

Page 19 – Family Services: Highlighted items (Cooks at Arlington and Condon meal sites; Arlington and Condon meals and Earl Hardie program) all will be pushed back to last year's value plus cost of living adjustments.

Page 20 – Indigent Relief: Hammer explained this is not the same as 101-106, Indigent Burials.

Technology/Software: New accounting and payroll software has been discussed by the Court, but not yet approved. Hammer said the current system works well enough, but Gary Miller suggested it would make sense to be updated technologically rather than getting further behind. Hammer agreed that the program could eventually get so outdated it could stop working.

Predator Control Program has been reduced from \$86,000 to \$67,202.

Page 22 – Federal Land Program (FLAP): To track grant to pay for chip seal of Lower Rock Creek Road. Also transferred \$500,000 from page 40 to asphalt for a total of \$820,000.

Page 23 – Internal Rock Cost Increase.

Page 24 – Some roads haven't been chip-sealed for 19 years.

Page 25 – Transfer from Economic Enhancement Fund: volume is up due to signed contract between Waste Management and City of Seattle.

Page 29 – Increase due to planned construction and Improvement at Burns Park Pavilion. However, no definite plans are in place at this point.

Page33 – Beginning Fund Balance, transfer, etc.

Project Development Costs:

Transfer Funds 2,635,000 Million dollars from SIP to Economic Development.

Page 34 – New hire up to 50 percent time: Will be reverted to original method.

Page 36 – Transfers from General Road Fund and Public Works.

Page 37 – Transfer from Economic Enhancement Fund: Revenue \$250,000 plus annual amount involved a timing issue.

Page 38 – OWS Host Fees: Should be \$627,235

Page 38 – Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance: \$4,862,776

Page 38 – Transfer County Capital Project: \$391,327

Page 40 – (General discussion about road department)

Page 42 – Transfer to Economic Development - \$2,635,000

Page 44 – Propane: Change to Utilities, total \$5,600: Propane (\$2,000) and Electric (\$3,600)

Page 46 – Fire Monitoring Telephone: Title changed to Panic Buttons Telephone (state funded)

Page 53 – Transfer from Economic Enhancement: \$500,000 cap.

The next meeting of the Gilliam County Budget Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 at 8 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Brad Anderson, Budget Committee Chair

Recorder: Mary Dyer