

PROCEEDINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHOSHONE COUNTY, IDAHO

BOOK 2023

Monday, August 28, 2023

Present:

Commissioners: David Dose - Chair

Tracy Casady

Jeff Zimmerman

Deputy Clerk: Sydney Millard

9:00 AM Fiscal Year 2023/2024 General Budget Workshop

Also, present: Sheriff Lindsey, Undersheriff Stutzke, Jessica Stutzke, Karey Eddy, Jerry White, Tamie Eberhard, Timmie Hunter, Ben Allen, Josh McDonald, Matt Beehner, Joe Avery, Lydia Mika

Commissioner Dose reviewed previous budget workshops and where the county is currently. Elected official's reviewed potential thinning in their budgets. Sheriff Lindsey noted it was hard to find areas to thin. She made sure their budget reflected actual spending. One idea is getting rid of reserve officers, for a savings of \$57,720. Getting rid of court security, for an estimated savings of \$61,000. With Veba, capital expenses and lease payments removed it totals an estimated \$324,300 of proposed savings. She noted they are frequently over budget in the jail. They have lost three experienced detention staff, so replacing their wages will be less expensive. They reviewed line items to see where they could cut. Totaling an estimated \$96,600 of proposed savings for the jail. Commissioner Dose asked what cutting reserve officers would do. Sheriff Lindsey explained that their full-time reserve would be lost, as well as a position on the St. Joe River. As well as the school resource officer position. The board expressed they are against cutting reserve officers and want to look at everything they can do besides affecting critical services and employees if possible. He stated he made changes in certain areas as one-time adjustments to float the county through understanding that we may need to adjust them back up in subsequent years to make up for it. Ben presented his potential cuts for the Prosecutor's budget, totaling just under \$30,000. There are decreases in several areas including office supplies, trial prep, expert fees, library & equipment, training, and witness fees. Jerry said that when budgets are done, they are very conservative to begin with, making additional cuts very difficult. He stated there is nothing left to cut in motor vehicle. In appraisal, proposed cuts included travel, postage, education/reg, office supplies and copier and fax supplies. Totaling \$3,850 in savings. In Assessor, proposed cuts included platting supplies and vehicle expense, totaling \$250 in savings. Karey presented proposed cuts for the Treasurer's budget, which included keeping last year's amount of \$7,000 for temporary wages instead of raising it. Additionally keeping last year's amount of postage instead of raising it and decreasing bank charges to \$3,500 from \$4,000. Karey noted that in the past, families received \$1,000 for Veba and \$500 for a single employee. Commissioner Casady said that would be something to look at, as opposed to losing Veba altogether. Jessica presented proposed cuts for the Roads budget. For Parks, she noted it's a shoestring budget, there isn't a lot besides employees. They could alter the

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park hours to four days a week, Thursday through Sunday which are the busiest use days. This would decrease employees from four to three. This would result in an estimated \$16,825 in savings. Other proposed decreases included lodging, cleaning supplies, shop tools, erosion control and chip oil. Tamie noted she had spoke with Mike Smith and he had found proposed cuts in his budget as well. Commissioner Casady noted she is concerned about cutting anything for the employees, because we're struggling to keep up service to the county. Commissioner Dose said he doesn't like the idea of cutting reserve officers. Commissioner Dose said he is concerned about employees and moral. Commissioner Zimmerman said he has asked the Idaho State Controller to help look at the budget. He believes we need an outside auditor to help figure out what happened and where we're at. Commissioner Dose said he believes they'll need to work with elected officials to get creative on alternative sources of revenue. Public comment: Joe Avery said it sounds like the past auditor wasn't doing their job, the board has inherited a problem to fix. He agrees you can't cut law enforcement as it's a necessity. Matt Beehner said splitting the Title III money would cover the reserve officers. He said putting the Maverik sale money in the budget this year, will we be getting that money again next year. He doesn't see a way to not touch salaries and wages. Jerry said its very limited how we can raise revenue as legislature stands. Sheriff Lindsey said that her proposed cuts are worst case scenario, and if there's any way to save the reserve program that is their priority. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

By: Sydney Milled
Deputy Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

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Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Present:

Commissioners: David Dose - Chair

Tracy Casady

Jeff Zimmerman

Deputy Clerk: Sydney Millard

9:30 AM Monthly Department Head Meeting

Also, present: Randy Hoskins, Sheriff Lindsey, Jessica Stutzke, Colleen Rosson, Bill McLeod, Dan Martinsen, Trish Brown, Matt Beehner

Sheriff Lindsey: Sheriff Lindsey shared that morale is low in her department, but she believes employees are willing to stick it out. She has fielded a lot of concerns about services being cut. There are five open positions in the jail, with no interest so far. She plans to broaden the job postings. Three inmates went to the hospital last week. Patrol is fully staffed. There were 828 calls in July. There is one dispatch position opening, and there is usually good interest for those positions. She explained they are working on an overall strategic process for the department moving forward and are brainstorming with the staff on the budget.

Randy Hoskins/Maintenance: Randy said he is working on gutting the library. He has a crew coming back to continue work on the courthouse floors. There is a new fence around the chiller. He will circle back on potential repairs needed to the boiler.

Dan Martinsen/P&Z: They have been working on ten building permit and four vacations of right of way. Training with Trish has continued. They are looking at staffing with the budget.

Dan Martinsen/Disaster Services: Dan said they are working on a mass casualty tabletop workshop with the fire districts.

Colleen Rosson/Grants: Colleen explained a historical society architect will work with Randy on courthouse building restoration. With the ILED program, there has been difficulty finding a counselor to fill the position. Otherwise, she is working on getting ready for year-end.

Bill McLeod/Fire Mitigation: Bill said they finished sawing and piling at Terra Gulch. There hasn't been a real increase in calls. He said he'll be working on writing grant proposals the next three to four months.

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10:30 AM Fiscal Year 2023/2024 General Budget Workshop

Also, present: Tamie Eberhard, Sheriff Lindsey, Undersheriff Stutzke, Timmie Hunter, Jessica Stutzke, Colleen Rosson, Karey Eddy, Ben Allen, Jerry White, Josh McDonald, Joe Avery, Matt Beehner

Tamie said she doesn't think the compensated absences line should be removed from the Prosecutor's budget. This is a fund that is kept to pay employees out who decide to leave the county and have accrued vacation or comp time. Ben noted he has one potential anticipated retiree employee, but they don't have significant accrued hours. He is hopeful that money will not be used this year, but it can't go away altogether. Commissioner Casady made a motion to keep the compensated absences line, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried unanimously. Looking at the Sheriff's budget, Commissioner Dose said he doesn't believe we can afford to cut the reserve officer program if we are attempting to shelter the public from the effects of this budget process. Commissioner Casady agreed. Commissioner Zimmerman said they need to also look at courthouse security. He said we have big trials coming up, and wondered if this is the right time to make changes. Commissioner Casady said it would be reasonable to have a schedule of times where they are really needed. Tamie noted we also have a bailiff position. Sheriff Lindsey said a part-time position would be hard to fill if the current employee decided not to stay for part-time. Undersheriff Stutzke noted there are opportunities in the Sheriff's office to utilize the employee when they aren't needed in the courthouse. Commissioner Casady said with new information, she thinks the position should be kept full time and used to help the Sheriff's office as well. This will reduce the transport line in the Sheriff's budget. The board said they are okay with the Assessor and Treasurer's proposed cuts. Tamie noted in the Clerk/Auditor budget she reduced overtime from \$1,500 to \$750, she reduced bailiff fees and overtime in district court, totaling \$1,950 in reductions. Tamie talked to Bj about data processing which led to reducing internet, software maintenance and hardware maintenance totaling a reduction of \$6,221. She also spoke with Mike Smith in probation which led to reductions in electronic monitoring, postage, and community service, totaling an \$850 reduction. Looking at the park's hours, Commissioner Dose said he is in favor of not altering the parks hours. Instead, going with Jessica's \$1,300 proposed cuts. Commissioner Casady made a motion to change Veba to \$500 for single, and \$750 for joint/family for those with medical benefits, seconded by Commissioner Dose. The motion carried. Commissioner Dose said he is concerned by cuts to chip oil, which is cutting services. Commissioner Dose made a motion to maintain the chip oil requested amount, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried. Commissioner Dose made a motion to accept the Roads budget proposed cuts, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Casady made a motion to recess for ten minutes, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Zimmerman said we need two full time employees in Planning and Zoning, an admin and a tech. Commissioner Dose made a motion to leave the 1% COLA increase, seconded by Commissioner Casady. The motion carried. Commissioner Dose said he


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will speak with Solid Waste about providing cuts before the next budget workshop. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: Sydney Millard
Deputy Clerk

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Wednesday, August 30, 2023

The Board convened at **9:30 a.m.** in regular business session and the meeting was called to order.

Present:

Commissioners: David Dose - Chair

Tracy Casady

Deputy Clerk: Sydney Millard

Also, in attendance: John Hansen

PUBLIC COMMENT: John said the county YouTube videos have stoppage, audio issues and are hard to follow. He said his name is still on the airport. He asked if there were any reserves set on the items going to auction next week. He wanted to restate that Commissioner Zimmerman still doesn't have any property in Shoshone County and doesn't pay property tax.

The consent agenda was reviewed for consideration as follows:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Decision of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Public Agenda Session dated Monday, August 21, 2023 to August 25, 2023. Commissioner Casady made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Dose. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consent Agenda** – (These items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a Commissioner that one of more items be removed for separate discussion.)
 - Beer, Wine & Liquor Licenses
 - Ambulance Service District Payables dated 7/20/23-8/17/23
 - Shoshone County Payables
 - Cancellations/Homeowner's Cancellations
 - Resolution 2023-19 Granting the Shoshone County Treasurer Blanket Authorization to Invest County Monies

CHANGES TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casady, seconded by Commissioner Dose to approve the consent agenda as presented with specific items addressed as indicated. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Executive Session: Indigent Cases: Consideration and Decision. Executive Session ID Code 74-206(d). A motion was made by Commissioner Casady,


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seconded by Commissioner Dose to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(d). Roll call vote: Commissioner Casady – Aye, Commissioner Dose – Aye. The motion carried. The Board adjourned from Executive Session and a motion was made by Commissioner Casady to approve cases 209-19 and 221-2, seconded by Commissioner Dose. The motion carried.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: 
Deputy Clerk

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Thursday, August 31, 2023

Present:

Commissioners: David Dose - Chair

Tracy Casady

Jeff Zimmerman

Deputy Clerk: Sydney Millard

9:00 AM **Executive Session:** Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) – To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated – Procurement Procedures
Regular Session: Procurement Procedures

Also, present: Tamie Eberhard, Sheriff Lindsey, Ben Allen, Timmie Hunter, Colleen Rosson

Commissioner Casady made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. Roll call vote: Commissioner Casady – Aye, Commissioner Dose – Aye, Commissioner Zimmerman – Aye. The board exited Executive Session with no action taken and the meeting adjourned.

11:30 AM **Update on Canyon/Brookside**

Also, present: Jessica Stutzke, Stephanie Featherstone, Matt Beehner

Stephanie explained that herself, Jessica, and Ben Allen had a meeting with Rob Stratton, and they believe that it would be best to do a public meeting and send letters with copies of Rob's survey to the surrounding property owners in the area this is affecting. With all parties in one room, Rob can explain his survey and his findings and people can voice their concerns if they wish in a structured fashion in the interest of moving forward. Commissioner Casady said this sounded like a reasonable idea, Commissioner Zimmerman agreed. Jessica reiterated they believe this would be the best way forward to also minimize further meetings, and it will be best to get all the information at one time. Commissioner Dose noted it would be important to let all the neighbors know clearly what is at stake and why they need to be there. Matt asked if Stephanie was thinking about a public hearing, she said no. Matt stated he spoke with Jessica regarding a pole that ties into his residential property. Public works will work on the letters for

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the public, and review with the board. Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to schedule a public meeting as discussed, seconded by Commissioner Casady. The motion carried unanimously.

2:00 PM Right of way Agreement on Grubich Road – Northwood Surveying

Also, present: Stephanie Featherstone, Matt Beehner


Stephanie explained that the client changed their mind on their project so there is nothing to present today. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

3:00 PM Fiscal Year 2023/2024 General Budget Workshop

Also, present: Tamie Eberhard, Ben Allen, Timmie Hunter, Sheriff Lindsey, Jerry White, Jessica Stutzke, Karey Eddy, Colleen Rosson, Margie Dorchuck, Joe Avery, Matt Beehner, Josh McDonald

Commissioner Dose said he was changing his thinking on keeping the 1% COLA increase. He is concerned that we are plugging the hole with onetime cash, meaning we will have more cuts next year and it clouds the issue to still give the increase. Commissioner Dose made a motion to remove the 1% COLA increase, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Dose said he spoke with Solid Waste and they agreed to take a \$2 raise, instead of the \$4 raise that was originally promised. Commissioner Dose made a motion to give Solid Waste a \$2 raise, seconded by Commissioner Casady. The motion carried. Commissioner Dose made a motion to move property infrastructure and improvement funds to current expense, seconded by Commissioner Casady. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Casady made a motion to deposit the Maverik sale funds into current expense, pending legal counsel, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried unanimously. Ben noted he believes the county isn't spending too much, but we instead need more revenue sources. Sheriff Lindsey agreed, and believes we need to work together and get creative. Jerry White said there are a lot of revenue opportunities with missing permits that need to be looked at. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: Sydney Millard
Deputy Clerk