

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Richard Elías, Vice Chair  
Ramón Valadez, Acting Chair  
Ally Miller, Member  
Ray Carroll, Member

Also Present: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator  
Thomas Weaver, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board  
Charles Lopiccolo, Sergeant at Arms

### 1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. **COUNTY BUDGET**

County Budget Fiscal Year 2016/2017

### 3. **DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

- **Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

Jeff Guthrie, OEMHS Director, provided a report on the mandated services provided by the department and regional emergency management coordination and activities. He stated that a major portion of his budget was grant funded.

Supervisor Miller asked why the Wireless Integrated Network had been designated as its own department and the movement of general government fees.

Mr. Guthrie responded the separation would make PCWIN a more autonomous organization.

Thomas Burke, Deputy County Administrator, explained the movement of the funds and the revenues that were split between interdepartmental and other jurisdictions.

- **Wireless Integrated Network**

John Voorhees, PCWIN Executive Director, provided his budget report to the Board. He stated there was no significant changes to the budget and that subscription service rates would remain the same with membership rates substantially increased.

Supervisor Miller questioned the projected revenues. Mr. Voorhees explained the increased revenue and the expenditures for the IT Technicians needed for the radio system.

- **Health Services**

Dr. Francisco Garcia, Health Services Director, reported on the plans and goals for various health programs for the next fiscal year and the requested budget. He stated that since joining the County in 2014 when the department was over budget nearly \$760,000, the department has met or been below the allocated budget.

Supervisor Miller questioned the increase in personnel in the health grant fund. Dr. Garcia responded that this year personnel had been correctly allocated based on programmatic activities and these positions had previously been budgeted in the health fund.

- **Pima Animal Care Center**

Dr. Francisco Garcia, Health Services Director, explained that PACC was now a programmatically different operation with a live release rate of 90%. He discussed the increase in full time personnel to reduce overtime expenditures and spoke on the substantial external funding that had been received by PACC and the planned expenditure of those funds.

Supervisor Carroll inquired on outsourcing the licensing function and whether the construction of the new center was on track. Dr. Garcia responded that the construction was on track and that investigation into outsourcing the licensing function did not seem to provide a cost saving benefit but it was something that staff continued to explore. He also spoke on the disaster planning efforts of staff.

Supervisor Carroll requested a report on the licensing component and whether outsourcing would produce cost savings.

Supervisor Miller discussed expected donation income, the increase in legal fees and requested detailed information regarding the increase in administrative overhead.

Thomas Burke, Deputy County Administrator, explained the budgeting for donations and their set-aside into a special revenue account.

Supervisor Carroll asked about volunteer hours that have been invested at PACC.

Justin Gallick and Jose Ocano, PACC staff, stated that 600 active volunteers had completed over 75,000 volunteer hours in 2015.

Supervisor Carroll spoke against those in the community that wanted to stop construction of the new center.

Supervisor Miller stated the community had spoken loud and clear regarding the need for the shelter and that they could count on her support.

- **Superintendent of Schools**

Ricardo Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer for the Superintendent of Schools, discussed the general fund support for their office and the potential funding for the Accommodation District that would be realized with the passage of Proposition 123 which had been earmarked for teacher salaries. He reported changes in the funding workflow for neglected and delinquent students and also spoke on the Stemazing Institute, the Health and Safe Schools Program and the election of a new Superintendent.

- **Assessor**

Bill Staples, Pima County Assessor, stated for the last 11 years his office had been under budget, was projected to be 7 to 8% under for the current fiscal year which was about half a million dollars, and was committed to being below budget for the coming fiscal year.

Supervisor Miller questioned why the budget had historically been underspent and asked if there were plans to make any reductions.

Mr. Staples explained the significant savings being realized from Proposition 117, and the consolidation of services under one roof with the recent move to the Public Service Building, as well as the timeline to fill vacancies.

- **Recorder**

F. Ann Rodriguez, Pima County Recorder, provided an overview of the department budget and stated most of the increases were due to election related expenses including mandated mailings. She said there had been only a modest increase in recordings over the past couple of years. She explained they expected to be over budget this current fiscal year due to unexpected election costs which included the May special election. Ms.

Rodriguez reported the current number of registered voters was 503,151 with 329,997 on the permanent early voting list. She explained the activities for the next election cycle.

Supervisor Carroll questioned the potential of having an all-mail ballot in the future.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that the County Recorders and election officials supported legislation for an all-mail ballot. She also explained the two methods used for voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles and that their forms needed to be amended for clarity.

- **Treasurer**

The presentation of the budget for the Pima County Treasurer was rescheduled to May 10, 2016.

- **Clerk of the Board**

Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board, provided an overview of the department budget. She said the assumption of the tax roll correction process for current and prior tax years from the Assessor's Office, and the public records request workflow had created an impact on the department service level, and that an additional full time employee had been funded. She added that building costs had been transferred to Facilities Management.

Supervisor Miller questioned the elimination of the electricity expenditure.

Ms. Brigode explained that the transfer to Facilities Management included all utilities, trash, janitorial, landscaping and building repair/maintenance expenses.

Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator, stated that facilities costs for this general fund department were being centralized.

#### 4. **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Brian Johnson spoke on the Assessor's budget stating it did not address salary decompression and that the Assessor no longer allocated values in a current tax year.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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