

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARING 2017
MILLARD COUNTY THE 6th DAY OF DECEMBER 2016
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Dean Draper Chairperson
Alan M. Roper Commissioner
James I. Withers Commissioner

Pat Finlinson County Attorney
Lesli Shields Deputy County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Marki Rowley County Clerk
Sheryl Dekker County Planner
Wayne Jackson Commissioner-Elect
Scott Barney MEDA
Connie Hansen County Recorder
Sheri Dearden County Treasurer
Lynette Madsen Deputy County Auditor
Bonnie Gehre County Auditor
Robert Dekker & Richard Jacobson County Sheriff's Office
Mark Watson Chronicle Progress
Monique Draper, Brinley Gehre, Jake Christensen, Jackson George and Eldon
Frampton Citizens

Note: This meeting in its entirety was recorded and is available for review in the Clerk's Office.

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 Draper welcomed the public and thanked the audience for their attendance. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Draper stated that the certified tax rate for the year is at a level that would almost bring in as much revenue as the previous year.

Commissioner Draper then turned the time over to Auditor Gehre.

Auditor Gehre covered information relative to the adoption of the budget. The 2017 Tentative Budget was adopted on November 1, 2016. Public notices were run in the Chronicle

Progress on November 9, 2016, and November 16, 2016, 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, as well as the County website. It also indicated that the 2017 Budget Hearing would be held today.

Auditor Gehre said that the spreadsheets handed out reflect the full detail tentative budget. One handout shows prior year activity, current year budget and activity, as well as the 2017 tentative budget, which shows all of the departments by line item. The summary form summarizes the budget by funds and departments. She explained several of the line items. She stated that at this time, there is no anticipated funding available for a COLA for 2017.

Auditor Gehre explained that renewal for health insurance costs for County employees was a 30.4% increase over last year. Renewal for dental insurance was a 3% increase. County employees contribute 15% towards their premium of health and dental coverage.

Auditor Gehre said that the County has continued to work on the budget since the adoption of the tentative budget. Various meetings have been held with elected officials and department supervisors as they worked through the budget process.

Auditor Gehre said that this is a summary of the significant changes to the budget that are being considered. The final adoption of the 2017 Budget will take place at the regular scheduled commission meeting on December 20, 2016.

Commissioner Draper briefly explained that while the certified tax rate was increased this year, there was less tax revenue collected due to declining revenue.

Commissioner Withers briefly explained the unexpected loss of a scraper in the Landfill Department, which increased its 2016 budget considerably. The 2016 budget had to be opened in order to move funds to the Landfill Budget to cover that unexpected expense.

Commissioner Draper clarified that the Landfill Supervisor was able to repair the scraper at a cost of approximately \$118,000.00, rather than purchasing a new one.

Commissioner Draper briefly explained that the increase in health insurance is due to the Affordable Care Act, with an average of a 30% increase nationwide. He said that there were negotiations with the insurance company and he believes that the County received a good rate compared to what other counties and states are receiving.

Commissioner Draper then opened the floor to the public for comments.

Commissioner Roper expressed his appreciation to Auditor Gehre and her office, as well as all of the department heads and elected officials. He said that they have all been asked to tighten their budgets in order to become balanced.

Commissioner Draper expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Withers and Commissioner Roper for all their hard work on the budget, as well as Auditor Gehre, her office and Sheriff Dekker.

There were no other comments made.

Commissioner Withers made a motion to go out of the public hearing.

Commissioner Roper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing closed at 7:15 p.m..

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Attest: _____

Approved: _____