

Kitsap County Citizen's Budget Committee

March 16, 2009

Attending: Steve Maxim, Shannon Childs, Robert Meadows, John Ahl, Chris Tibbs, Gary Nelson, Kitty Candelaria, Bob Lamb, Monica Hunsaker, Stephanie Pinard, Deanna Erstad

Absent: Jim Sommerhauser, Rob Gelder

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The minutes from the March 2, 2009 meeting were approved.

Discussion was held on the committee member's issues and recommendations. Steve commented that we are looking for items we all agree on to take to the Board of Commissioners. The following points were discussed:

- Don't have enough information to recommend elimination of Sheriff's water fleet – remove from list.
- Revenue sources – don't support going to the citizens for tax increase in this economical environment.
- Not sure services provided by the county should or can stay at current level.
- Boils down to “cut government” or “increase taxes”?
- Increasing taxes was pulled from the revenue source statement.
- Contingency plans
- Review of boards the Commissioners sit on.
- Forgone revenue
- Management of transportation/equipment assets – research \$ amount for next meeting.
- Personnel management – remove from list
- It was suggested that the committee craft “macro” and “micro” recommendations
- Recommend collecting impact fees upfront instead at the end of construction,
- Ask Larry Keeton how much money is outstanding in impact fees and what it would cost to collect it.

- Reduce the total budget from \$328 million to \$300 million.
- Research Cencom issue – the \$800,000 they received from the General Fund. The phone tax was to support Cencom, why are they still getting money from General Fund? Need to learn to live within their budget. Even though the sales tax revenue for Cencom goes up, the county is still paying them \$800,000?
- Facilities consolidation
- Consider temporarily closing some of the parks.
- Are Board of Commissioners' decisions being made without proper information by Department Heads?
- KCCHA issue – the guaranteed debt should be reflected in the county budget.
- Monica was asked to look at consolidation of collecting money due – impact fees, auditor's fees etc
- Changing culture of departments

Steve asked everyone to go back through their issue statements and make updates and changes and bring back to next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2009