

Kitsap County Citizen's Budget Committee

November 17, 2008

Present: Steve Maxim, Gary Nelson, Robert Meadows, John Ahl, Jim Sommerhauser, Robert Gelder, Bob Lamb, Chris Tibbs, Shannon Childs, Stephanie Pinard, Nancy Grennan, Deanna Erstad

Absent: Monica Hunsaker, Paul Uhlig

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Bob Lamb introduced himself as a new member of the committee.

Bert Furuta, Director of Personnel & Human Services and two of his staff, Steve Frazier and Che Che Murphy gave a presentation on their department.

Questions/Comments

Chris

- Questioned the time it takes to do payroll and how that would change under the KRONOS System.

Robert

- Does Veteran's Assistance include money from the reserve fund?
- Questioned use of non-discretionary funds
- Questioned cost of "Stand Down"
- Mental Health - County must spend \$7,500 in order to get funds (\$30,000,000) from state?

Jim

- Personnel – state and federal compliance mandates – which others are state and federal funded?
- Federal Hatch Act complaints go to Prosecutors?
- Executive searches – do you have the capability to do or do you always use outside firms?

Rob

- 54.2 million grant/other funding – can you assess the viability in these economic times and changes?
- Are the 415 home-delivered meals county provided or do they contract for this?

Gary

- With the 12.2 FTE's for Labor Relations/Training what type of training is provided for county employees?

Shannon

- From the Supervisor Training/Certification program, what type of successful results have you seen, i.e. fewer lawsuits/grievances, or what?
- KRONOS efficiencies – do you anticipate this will result in less personnel needed – staff reductions?
- For services such as Aging, Substance Abuse, Recovery Center – is the county reimbursed for these services by insurance or grants?
- What is the percent of people who actually complete treatment? Success rate?
- For other services such as Dropout prevention, are these results being tracked?

Bob

- Why are two departments with distinctly different functions together and under Bert Furuta?
- Questioned 15 separate unions with 13 contracts? How long do the contracts run?
- You represent 3 counties in two major programs- does Kitsap kick in any \$ from our budget to fund these?

John

- Have you given any thought to your priorities if possible cuts in federal and state grants?

Steve

- Questioned payroll system improvements, i.e. KRONOS
- Can county-wide payroll be consolidated into Personnel and would there be any savings?
- Could any other services be consolidated?
- Service Providers who support programs – any effort on your part to “weed out” the non-performers by performance reviews so we are getting the best bang for our buck?
- Can the two personnel systems (Civil & County) be consolidated?
- If state and federal funding goes away to you see taking that money from the general fund?

The group thanked Bert and his staff for their presentation.

Shawn Gabriel and his staff gave their presentation: Mark Abernathy, Risk Management; R'Lene Orr and Linda Nelson, Purchasing; Bonnie Tufts, CDBG; Marilyn Osborn, Administration; Bev Reeves, Facilities Maintenance; Jan Koske, Volunteer Coordinator; Brian Lyman, Project Manager.

Comments/Questions

Chris

- Approximate cost of Central Kitsap Community Campus?
- What other partners have you identified besides YMCA?
- Has Kitsap Regional Library shown an interest?
- Does Kitsap Consolidated Housing have any involvement in this project?
- Cost of the Coroner's facility?
- Do the funds for HOME go to the City of Bremerton directly?

Robert

- You show an 18.7% increase for 2009 – is this truly an increase – very puzzling the way it's displayed

Jim

- Do reps for Boundary Review Board go through background checks as they seem to be fiduciary?
- Does the PFD also have fiduciary responsibility?

Rob

- Questioned the percent of increase in budget

Gary

- Personnel spoke of Supervisor Certification training – does Risk Management have any measurements for success of this training?

Shannon

- R'Lene mentioned that some electeds opt out of standards of maintaining county records – why is that?
- Nancy - Why can't standards apply to everyone?
- Shawn – Special Fund items – if the funding goes away do you turn to the general fund or do the programs just go away?
- Brian – on recently completed projects, how does our cost per square foot compare to similar buildings in the public sector?

- Shawn – The Commissioners asked for a 2.2% cut in 2009 – will that be enough and if not how will your budget be impacted?

Bob

- Regarding your increase – can you show us the actual increase?

John

- Any enticements to get on board and what is your 5 year projection?

Steve

- Confused on the presentation. 2008 you had 37.75 FTEs and 2009 you have 45.28 FTE's? With where the budget is heading seems you would decrease the FTE's.
- Seems a lot of the same things are done in different departments – do you see any chance of consolidation?

The committee thanked Shawn and his staff.

Steve asked Nancy if she could do her presentation of the Commissioners budget at the next meeting and she agreed.

Jim said he thought it would be a good idea to cancel the December 15th meeting – Steve said we will discuss at the next meeting. We will also review the minutes of November 3rd at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2008

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