

Chairman Randy Bosch convened the adjourned session with Peters, Bosch, Behrens, Koedam and Michael present. Motion carried assumes unanimous vote unless otherwise stated. Those in attendance at the meeting were: Recorder Eldon Kruse, Attorney Shayne Mayer, Sheriff Stewart Vander Stoep, Deputy Sheriff Stephanie Schreurs, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Munneke, Deputy Sheriff Rob VerMeer, Deputy Sheriff Mark Dorhout, Chief Deputy Jerry Birkey, Deputy Sheriff Rick Bos, Maintenance Director Lance Iwen, Deputy Treasurer Michelle Stewart, Economic Dev. Director Steve Simons, West Lyon Herald Reporter Verдона Kelly, Deputy Auditor LeAnn Krull, Public Health Administrator Melissa Stillson, and Auditor Jen Smit.

Supervisor Michael started by commending the department heads present for the work they put into making a 3% cut to the 17/18 budgets. Michael explained that there are multiple funds within the county budget including the general basic fund. The past years the general basic fund has slowly been getting lower and lower. This fund is the main operating fund for the county. It was explained that even though valuations have risen over the last 10 years, the ability to generate more tax dollars is held by the maximum assessment rate of 3.50/one thousand dollars of valuation. This rate is set by Iowa Code and the Board may not raise it. Valuations going forward will more than likely not continue to rise at the same rate and may even decrease, putting a further strain on the fund. There is a general basic sub-fund that hold the revenue received from the casino being situated in the county that could be used to bolster the general fund. However, it was noted that this is not the route the Board wants to go as the sub-fund dollars should be used for projects that would not otherwise be done. This is the reason for the 3% cut in 17/18 expenditures. The general fund needs to have a larger ending fund balance in order to properly operate going into 18/19.

It was also discussed that the Board has the authority to decrease the compensation board's recommendation to zero for elected officials but cannot mandate that elected officials lower the salaries of their staff.

Sheriff Vander Stoep asked to speak in regards to the Sheriff department. Vander Stoep referred to documents sent to the Board regarding the increase in workload that his department has received in the last 4 years. The documents also showed that the department has turned in dollars every year since he has become sheriff. Vander Stoep recommends leaving the salary decision as it was for 17/18 and putting elected officials on notice that it is a very distinct possibility that there will be no raises in 18/19.

There was discussion by the Board regarding elected official salaries for 17/18 and the compensation board's recommendations. The compensation board's recommendation for 17/18 was as follows:

Auditor	\$1,500	increase to \$60,647	(2.54%)
Recorder	\$1,500	increase to \$60,647	(2.54%)
Treasurer	\$1,500	increase to \$60,647	(2.54%)
Sheriff	\$3,000	increase to \$86,476	(3.59%)

Attorney \$3,000 increase to \$100,324 (3.08%)  
Supervisors \$ 800 increase to \$26,987 (3.05%)  
Chairman \$ 800 increase to \$28,062 (2.93%)

After much deliberation, the Board decreased the recommendation of the Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer by \$317 or by 21.14%, thereby having to also decrease Sheriff and Attorney the same 21.14% of the dollars recommended. The increase for Supervisors and Chairman were also decreased \$800 or 100% giving no increase for these positions.

Motion was made by Michael, second by Behrens to approve salaries for FY17/18 as follows:

Auditor \$60,330 (increase of \$1,183 or 2%)  
Recorder \$60,330 (increase of \$1,183 or 2%)  
Treasurer \$60,330 (increase of \$1,183 or 2%)  
Sheriff \$85,842 (increase of \$2,366 or 2.83%)  
Attorney \$99,690 (increase of \$2,366 or 2.43%)  
Supervisors \$26,187 (Zero increase)  
Chairman \$27,262 (Zero increase)

Motion carried for salaries for 17/18.

It was noted by Supervisor Michael that department heads should not expect increases over 1% for 18/19 and that budgets may also be held to a certain percentage of increase.

Transfers to other funds were discussed for reduction. Motion by Michael to reduce the 17/18 transfer (65,000) from general basic fund to economic development by 3% (\$1,950), and 17/18 transfer (152,843) from general basic to secondary roads by \$5,000 (3.27%), second by Koedam. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding reducing allocations to organizations and EMA were discussed with the Board deciding to make no cuts to those allocations.

The revenue that goes into the conservation 71000 account was also discussed for reduction. These revenues would be: 30% of weekly park fees \$68,500, 70% of permanent camping sites \$23,940, and 100% of year round cabin revenue \$32,200. It was noted that currently there is \$250,000 assigned for the nature education center in the general basic sub-fund and the 71000 fund will have approximately \$370,000 as well at the end of 17/18. It was decided that this revenue would remain as is for 17/18 as Conservation Director Van Otterloo or any Conservation Board members were not present, but would be discussed for 18/19 budgeting with the possibility of reductions.

The Board needs to set a public hearing date for the 17/18 budget hearing. Motion by Koedam to set public hearing date as March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for FY17/18 budget, second by Peters. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Behrens to approve minutes, seconded by Michael. Motion carried.

There being no further business there was a motion by Michael, seconded by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST

APPROVED

County Auditor

Chairman