

Budget Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
2/15/2023

Members Present: Representatives Bogert, Bean, Bordes, Coker, O'Hara,
Also present: Debra Shackett, County Administrator Lori Sharp, Finance Director & Commissioner
Hodges & Spanos
Absent: Representatives Harvey-Boulia, Huot

2:00PM Met with representatives from outside agencies.

Testimony from Community Action program, UNH Co-op extension, Belknap conservation district and
Lakes Region mental health. Decided to fully fund their requests.

3:30 PM Met with Lori Sharp Finance Director, to review the department's budget.

The following recommendations were made:

- Separate dental insurance from health insurance to reflect a 90% to 10% split between employee and employer. Resulting in a reduction of dental insurance cost to county from \$1054 to \$949 a \$105 reduction.

The resulting total was \$319,776 a reduction of \$105 from the commissioner's budget of \$319,881.

4:00 PM Met with Deb Shackett, to review IT budget.

The following recommendations were made:

- Move \$27,000 from the IT system upgrade line to ARPA funds to cover switches. Bringing line from \$49,500 to \$22,500.

The resulting total was \$270,979 a reduction of \$27,000 from the commissioner's budget of \$297,979.

Revenue review

The following recommendations were made:

- County Admin
 - Gun Stock revenue from commissioners \$250,000 to 300,000.
- Finance Office
 - Interest earned from commissioners \$5,000 to \$15,000.
- Sheriffs Department
 - Reduced grant from commissioners \$10,000 to \$0.
- Restorative justice
 - Reduced from commissioners \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Motion was made by O'Hara and seconded by Bordes to recommend \$33,108,862 for expenditures and \$12,391,810 for revenue. Unanimously approved by voice vote. 5-0.

Exact amount of ARPA funding was to be tallied and calculated; it has no impact on the amount to be raised by taxes.

O'Hara made a motion to approve minutes from 2/8/23, Bean seconded the motion, all voted in favor. 4 - 0.

Adjourned at 5:13 PM, Prepared by: Matt Coker, Clerk