

Maine Cumberland County

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

The County Finance Committee held their meeting on Zoom.

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Public comments were submitted to gailey@cumberlandcounty.org prior or during the meeting

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, July 13, 2022

5:30 PM

Attendance

Finance Committee

Paul Tworog, Bridgton
Lee Pratt, Gorham
Bob Vail, Cumberland
Dustin Ward, New Gloucester
Jocelyn Leighton, South Portland

Staff Members

Alex Kimball, Deputy Manager
Mike LoConte, GM Cross Insurance Arena
Jim Gailey, County Manager

Welcome & Introductions

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

The County Manager asked the Finance Committee whether they objected to taking up Agenda Item #2 first since the GM of the Cross Insurance Arena was with us at that point. No objections raised.

1. Review of 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Cross Insurance Arena Budgets

General Manager Mike LoConte was introduced by County Manager Gailey.

GM LoConte presented YTD budget numbers ending the end of May 2022. GM LoConte also

presented the FY2022-2023 Cross Insurance Arena Operations Budget.

Commissioner Gorden – have you had any interactions with the National Governors Association (answer was no).

Paul Tworog – Operating Budget, Capital and Debt Service – how do they all wrap together. Deputy Manager Alex Kimball explained. Asked about the Management Fee of Spectra Management.

Bob Vail – Asked about Cross Insurance and their insurance policy for the Arena.

Dustin Ward – Are there any expenses you are keeping your eye on that may be variable?

Bob Vail – Costs associated with food costs and increases being experienced.

Jocelyn Leighton – Any cap on events per year? The show Megadeth must have drunk a good amount that evening.

GM LoConte – talked a little bit about Comic Con coming in the spring and the recent purchase of a half house curtain.

2. Review of 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Jail Budgets

Deputy Manager of Finance and Administration Alex Kimball went through the 2021-2022 County Jail Budget that ended June 30, 2022.

Bob Vail – Are other parts of the State seeing similar trends as it relates to their Jails?

Deputy Manager of Finance and Administration Alex Kimball went through the 2022-2023 County Jail Budget.

Bob Vail – Contracted Services: All subcontracted I assume. Are you tied into national contracts for prescriptions?

Paul Tworog – Staffing number you really know that you aren't going to fill if you did a projection you wouldn't put all full-time staffing in the budget.

Bob Vail – We should look at a flat over a 3-year projection.

Dustin Ward – Use of Fund Balance from last year or multiple years?

Bob Vail – Ability to use the surplus/fund balance from Jail in other areas of the County?

Paul Tworog – Can't put numbers in this year that could constrain you down the road. Sharpen your pencil and make the budget more realistic.

Dustin Ward – Asked about fund balance in last years budget as he didn't see it there.

3. Six-month update on the current 2022 County Budget

Deputy Manager of Finance and Administration Alex Kimball went through the YTD County General Fund Budget that began in January 2022.

Dustin Ward – Asked about what type of fees are associated with the Probate Office.

4. Finance Committee Schedule – Fall of 2022

County Manager Gailey discussed the upcoming Finance Committee Caucus in August and that the work this fall for the Committee will be to review a six-month budget and twelve-month budget due to the County changing budget years in 2023.

5. Adjourn

Motion: Bob Vail

Second: Paul Tworog

Vote: 3-0 (Leighton(6:40 pm) and Pratt (6:56 pm) left the meeting)

Time: 7:10 pm