

Law and Finance Committee Minutes
2023 Tentative Budget
November 3, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Jonathan Schopf; Committee members Joe Grasso; Jean Raymond, Kevin Tollisen and Matthew Veitch; Supervisors, Mark Hammond, Mike Smith, and Chairman of the Board Theodore Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, Michelle Granger, County Attorney; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Dan Kuhles, Public Health; Penny Heritage, Animal Shelter; D'Arcy Plummer, Auditor; Andrew Jarosh, Chris Schall, Treasurer; John Warnt, Purchasing.

Chairman Schopf called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Overview of Tentative Budget

Mr. Bulger provided an overview of the \$378,000,000 proposed 2023 budget including a five percent property tax decrease, a sale tax projection of \$150,000,000, the addition of only two personnel positions, and the County's debt which equals less than one percent of the operating budget. Discussions took place regarding personnel decisions and the home delivered meal program.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, for committee approval of changes made to the Long Range Capital Plan. Unanimous.

Changes included six purchase recommendations under highway equipment and money set aside to purchase a new HAZMAT truck.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to forward the budget as proposed to the full board for review. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Rider
Deputy Clerk of the Board