

CITIZEN'S BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – 2-25-2021
Holbert Building – Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Members present:

Scott Phelps (Alt. Courtland)
Tim Bryner, Secretary (Livingston)
Kathryn Dennis, Chairperson (Chancellor)
Nicole Cole (Salem)
Dawn Napper (Battlefield)
April Gillespie (Berkeley)

Call to order: 6:37 PM

Pledge: Dawn Napper

Moment of Silence

Determination of Quorum

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Kathryn Dennis spoke about the CBRC and job to review the county proposed budget and the school's proposed budget each year; March 9th presentation to Board of Supervisors; also spoke on things CBRC does.

Dawn Napper volunteered to fill the vacant Vice Chair position, and this passed unanimously.

The approval of the last meeting minutes will need to wait until another meeting.

A discussion about budgets occurred. Dawn Napper brought up the difference between the county and school budget regarding local funds; Bonnie Jewell, Chief Financial Officer, clarified why this was.

Kathryn Dennis had questions about the school operating fund.

A discussion occurred on the school operating fund transfer; this led into a discussion on the school's Evergreen study which then led into a discussion on raises; April Gillespie and Kathryn Dennis noted the Evergreen study and the school positions ahead of market.

A discussion occurred on federal and state funds.

Tim Bryner suggested the CBRC put forth to the Board of Supervisors to support closing out the third year of Evergreen.

Scott Phelps suggested recommendation to have an out-year plan for CIP for schools.

Nicole Cole recommended looking visionary to the future.

A discussion on replacement vehicles came up and April Gillespie inquired about schools.

April Gillespie inquired about preparations for growth and Jewell spoke on this.

A discussion occurred between April Gillespie and Dr. Daniels, Salem District School Board Member, regarding the impact on students going back to school.

Kathryn Dennis brought up the application of reduction in the business tangible taxes (2021 tax rate) and Bonnie Jewell provided insight on this and the difference between this and the grant; further discussion with various members of the board happened on this.

Kathryn Dennis brought up the COLAs in the budget and Bonnie Jewell discussed this.

Kathryn Dennis brought up the library, Sheriff Forfeiture Fund, and compensation study on page 29 of the County Administrator's recommended budget.

Kathryn Dennis wanted the committee to consider more narcotics detectives.

The next meeting for CBRC was tentatively set for 6:30 PM on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Motion to Adjourn:

Dawn Napper motioned to adjourn the meeting and Nicole Cole seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.