

**FINANCE MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 1:30 pm**

Present: Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler and Gary Eichelberger; Larry Thomas, Chief Clerk; Heather Ilgenfritz, Commissioners Office; Dana Best, Tammy Bender, Sherry Byers, John Jones, Ron Snow, Finance; Kirk Stoner, Planning; Mark Adams, IMTO; Mick Burkett, Human Resources; Dean Kaplan, Gordon Mann and Edisa Rodriguez, Public Financial Management; Mary Jane Zeigler; Christen Croley, The Sentinel and Steve Marroni, The Patriot News.

Discussion on Survey

PFM is working with Colbalt Community Research, a governmental research coalition, to create a survey for a randomly selected 2,500 County residents to complete. It will also be available online to complete, but those survey results will be separate from the mailed surveys.

Kirk Stoner reviewed the Draft Survey with the Board. During the review, the Board suggested changes to be made to be more in line with the County. (see attached)

The Letter:

- Commissioner Cross – We don't own roads, so in letter change roads to bridges.
- Commissioner Hertzler – Focus on what County does; all their programs
- Commissioner Eichelberger – Swap roads for bridges

The Survey:

1. Aspects of County Government
2. Commissioner Hertzler – typo paid to pay.
3. Homestead broke into 3 payments? Why ask a question we have no control over.
Commissioner Eichelberger – keep the question to get residents perspective.

Kirk Stoner – there are challenges to consolidate programs

4. Larry Thomas – keep survey short
Commissioner Eichelberger - asked if residents know what Planning is. – change to Land Use Planning. Measuring device – give examples
Commissioner Cross – move sheriff to Court Services – give examples
Mark Adams – Under: Planning & Conservation - Natural Resource/Protection – Waterways
5. Kirk Stoner – current topics question – programs = should county have these programs
Commissioner Hertzler – modify question – eliminate County involvement? Change choices?
Kirk Stoner – doesn't like word “eliminate”
6. Question if resident has used services
- 7.
8. Ideal ?
9. Expectations areas we're doing well.
Commissioner Cross – veer from School Districts, Municipalities.
Commissioner Hertzler – Improve services – ask specific suggestions where to save. A Write-in section.

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- 11.
12. Demographic Information – Zip/Municipality

Send out after Labor Day in the mail with a return envelope. Looking to receive 1,500 responses, but may only receive 750 at the least. Target return is 35%. Additional responses can be done online if any resident wishes to participate. The online results will not be included in the mailing results.

Commissioner Hertzler has concerns that too many surveys will go to one specific area (based on population). How is it distributed evenly? PFM consultants assured that they will be reviewed before going out in the mail. Deadline for return of surveys will be 6 weeks.

Discussion on the Fiscal Management Assessment from PFM

Gordon Mann from PFM reviewed the power point presentation of the County Financial Assessment. (see attached)

A 4 question focus:

- Fund Balance: categorize it – Prepaids, Restricted, Assigned, Unassigned.

Commissioner Cross – the State reimbursements are slow to be received this year.

Dana Best – mentioned that Nursing Home payments are delayed also.

Other section discussions: Credit ratings, investors, bond holders.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

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