

**FINANCE MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 1:30 pm**

Present: Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler and Gary Eichelberger; Larry Thomas, Chief Clerk; Heather Ilgenfritz, Commissioners Office; Chris Secriest; Bob Dagrosa, Controllers; Dana Best, Tammy Bender, Sherry Byers, Ron Snow, Finance; Kirk Stoner, Planning; Mark Adams, IMTO; Mick Burkett, Human Resources; Karen DeWoody, Scott Sowers, CNRC; Dave Swartz, Ag Extension; Silvia Herman, MH/IDD; Bob Broyles, Bosler Library; Jonelle Darr, Paul Fisher, James ?, Kevin Stoner, Paul Fisher, Elizabeth Stone, Chris Charles, Jeff Swope, Cumberland County Library System; Bill Gould, Shippensburg Library; Dean Kaplan, Gordon Mann and Edisa Rodriguez, Public Financial Management; Christen Croley, The Sentinel and Steve Marroni, The Patriot News; Theresa Myers, Mary Jane Zeigler, Citizens.

Power Point Presentation: Priorities, Performance Measures and Process Improvements (see attached)

Gordon Mann from PFM gave the presentation reviewing the scope of work to date. GFOA recommends change Mission to Good Management. Need to Manage department goals of priority mandates and avoid unnecessary work. County goal: livable, safe, healthy, low tax rate, etc.

Gary: implementing the challenge of how broad to make priorities. How to solve County issues. Begin with a future vision (15yrs). Importance, time urgency, influence.

Jim: what is County mandated - Educate the Public. What departments should we have / not have. Think about HomeRule.

Larry: County responsibilities vs municipal responsibilities. Should we coordinate more with municipalities. PFM says we do that already. Example 911. Jim agreed.

Library System Presentation – Overview of Financial Status (see attached)

Jonelle Darr introduced Library Board members. Paul Fisher gave the presentation. They are asking for a 3% increase. \$.78/household/year. The last increase was in 2004. The state has cut back on library funding, therefore, they are looking for other options for funding. Current funding comes from state, county, fund raising, fees. The additional revenue will give them approx. \$100K/year.

Barb: when were fees last raised? Jonelle – they are up to \$.30/day late fee. Requested materials and ready for pickup is \$.50. \$1.50 convenience fee – online pay.

Jim: gave statistics from previous increase in 2004. County funding has been about 50% of their revenue. He cannot not see raising the tax when it's the State that has cut their funding and the State has requirements on Libraries. The County is currently trying to cut costs, not raise them. Legislators should be contacted to support the library funding from the state.

Discussion followed on different funding they receive and how the funds are allocated throughout the system. Their funding loss over the years.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Jennifer Crum, Administrative Assistant