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Lincoln, ss. September Term, 2019

2020 Budget Advisory Committee
Workshop #1
October 10, 2019

Present:

Commissioners:
William B. Blodgett, Commission Chair
Mary R. Trescot
Hamilton W. Meserve

County Employees:
Carrie Kipfer, County Administrator
Michelle Cearbaugh, Finance Director
Richard Newell, Treasurer
Rebecca Wotton, Deeds Register
Matthew Huntley, County Buildings Supervisor
Mary Ellen Barnes , LCRPC Exec. Director
Elswyth Strassberger, LCRPC Planner
Tom Nelson, Communications Director
Tim Richardson, Recycling Supervisor
Deborah Tibbetts, Administrative Assistant

Budget Committee Members:
George Richardson, Westport Island
Jack Sarmanian, Edgecomb
Louis Abbotoni, Damariscotta
Robert Butler, Waldoboro
Chris Johnson, Somerville

Others:
Dick McLean, Damariscotta/LCRPC
Mike Tomko, Boothbay Harbor
Charlotte Boynton, Lincoln County News
Kerry Cushing, Historical Soc. Director
Christine Hopf-Lovette, Historical Society

Commission Chair, William B. Blodgett, opened the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Blodgett asked for nominations for the 2020 Budget Chairman: George Richardson nominated Chris Johnson; second by Robert Butler; 5 – 0 approved.

County Buildings

County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, briefly reviewed the Lincoln County budget process for the new Budget Committee members and called County Buildings Supervisor, Matt Huntley, to the front. Supervisor Huntley reviewed highlights of his budget and answered questions.Total requested Expenditures are **$404,984.00.** Motion to approve by George Richardson; second by Bob Butler; **5 – 0 vote Approved.**

Recycling

Recycling Supervisor, Tim Richardson, and Administrator Kipfer answered questions from the Committee. Total expenditures requested **$486,264.00** – motion to approve by George Richardson; second by Bob Butler; **Approved 5 - 0.** Total Revenue is **$149,000.00 -** motion to approve by George Richardson; second by Bob Butler; **Approved 5 - 0.** Total budget requested **$337,264.00** – motion to approve by George Richardson; second by Bob Butler; **Approved 5 - 0.**

The budget committee decided to consider all expenditures, revenue and total budget with one vote, for future departments.

LCRPC (Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission)

LCRPC Executive Director, Mary Ellen Barnes, was joined by LCRPC member, Treasurer, Dick McLean. Director Barnes introduced newly hired Planner, Elswyth Strassberger. Director Barnes and Mr. McLean answered questions posed by the Budget Committee members.

Total Expenditures	$315,566.00
Total Revenue	$ 33,200.00
Net Impact	$282,366.00

Motion to approve by George Richardson; second by Bob Butler; **Approved 5 - 0.**

County Treasurer

Treasurer, Richard Newell, requested **Debt Service** funding for 2020.

Total Expenditures	$806,250.00
Total Revenue	$ 18,000.00
Net Impact	$788,250.00

Motion to approve by Bob Butler; second by Chris Johnston; **Approved 5 – 0.**

District Attorney

On behalf of District Attorney, Natasha Irving, who was unable to attend, County Administrator, Carrie Kipfer, noted certain increases and decreases and answered questions from the Committee.

Total Expenditures	$318,024.00
Total Revenue	$ 15,400.00
Net Impact	$302,624.00

Motion to approve by Bob Butler; second by George Richardson; **Approved 5 - 0.**

Registry of Deeds

Register of Deeds, Rebecca Wotton, briefly reviewed the Deeds budget and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Total Expenditures	$204,448.00
Revenue	($423.000.00)
Net Impact	($218,552.00).

Motion to approve by Bob Butler; second by George Richardson; **Approved 5 - 0.**

Communications

Communications Director, Tom Nelson, reviewed various lines of increase or decrease and answered questions by the Committee.

Total Expenditures	$1,372,632.00
Revenue	$ 57,550.00
Net Impact	$1,315,082.00.

Motion to approve by Louis Abbotoni; second by George Richardson; **Approved 5 – 0.**

Motion to adjourn by Bob Butler; second by George Richardson; 5 – 0 approved.

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ATTEST: _____

Administrative Assistant