

6-23-08 EFC Minutes

EFC Members Present: Reps. Ferland, Cloutier, Converse, Donovan, Gottling

Other Delegation Members Present: Reps. Franklin, Rodeschin

County Officials and Employees Present: SCHC Administrator Purdy, Acting County Administrator Chainis

The chair, Rep. Ferland, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mr. Chainis updated the EFC on the just completed contract with the county's unionized employees in the areas of salaries and health insurance benefits. He presented the costs of the new plan as well as the process for administering benefits of retired employees. In addition, as part of the new contract, the weekend and shift differentials have changed.

The EFC then reviewed the administrative section of the SCHC budget. Mr. Purdy answered several questions about Contract Services and Medicaid Write-offs. The following sections of the SCHC budget were reviewed: Dietary, Nursing, Nursing-On-Call, Physician, Pharmacy, Medicare Parts A and B, Physical Therapy, Medicaid, and Speech Therapy. Questions were asked and answers given about the Physical Therapy department where services are leased from Genesis. Additional sections of the SCHC budget review included Recreational Therapy, Social Services, and Dental Services.

A change was made in the Transfer Out Capital section from \$491,000 to \$245,700. The Contra Revenue line was explained as the mechanism by which the FY2007 deficit will be reduced in the FY2008 budget. Mr. Purdy left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Mr. Chainis then took up the various trusts and special funds under Fund 41. These are supposed to be in and out items with no financial burden to the County. Fund 24, County Grants, was discussed. Rep. Cloutier moved, seconded by Gottling, to accept the total expense line for Fund 24 Grants at \$511,098. The motion was approved on a 5 – 0 roll call vote. Mr. Chainis said the county will receive some money from the grants for administering them.

Fund 10 revenues were next. Included are Incentive Funds and Telephone Commissary Funds. The Register of Deeds total revenues were reviewed. Rep. Cloutier left the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Rep. Gottling became acting clerk. The Registrar said the budget will probably be about \$15,000 to \$20,000 below the budgeted amount but will be o.k. Rep. Franklin asked how the sheriff is doing on budget to actual? The sheriff reported he is on track for revenues and expenditures. The County Attorney said he will be slightly over appropriations. Grants will go down some next year.

A question was asked about inmate laundry. It was reported the Superintendent is not happy with present system of jail doing own laundry in the basement. This needs to be discussed with the Superintendent.

Rep. Franklin asked if the Medicaid revenue assessment shows gross or net revenue. It should show the gross number if the expense side shows Medicaid assessment. He asked if we are unrealistic in the census figure of 137 with 105 for Medicaid and 14 for Medicare. Mr. Chainis replied that the budget is more realistic than previous budgets but is not sure it is as realistic as it could be.

There was discussion of the need to have a balanced budget this year. It is not yet possible to know what the total deficit will be at the end of FY2008.

A new meeting date was set for Wed., June 25 at 9:00 a.m. There was agreement that the EFC could not have a finished budget for the County Convention scheduled for June 30, 2008. Rep. Gottling moved, seconded by Donovan, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Cloutier, Acting Clerk
Suzanne Gottling, Acting Clerk