

Monroe County Health and Human Services Board
MONROE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
ANNUAL PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING
September 6th, 2016
Community Services Center, Sparta, Wisconsin

Board Members Present: Chairperson David Pierce, Vice-Chairperson Mary Cook, Sharon Folcey, Dean Peterson, Mary Von Ruden, and Cyndi Wise

Board Members Excused: Dr. Emma Ledbetter, James Shilling, and Marlene Sund

Staff Present: Ron Hamilton, Diane Erickson, and Cathy Abbott, Human Services

Guests: No others were present for this meeting

Call to Order: Chairperson David Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. No one was present from the general public to hear the budget presentation or comment on the same.

Presentation/Public Comment of 2017 Proposed Human Services Budget – Discussion: Ron Hamilton and Diane Erickson informed Board members about the process that was utilized in preparing the 2017 budget. It was noted that they reviewed the past year's history, and made some projections that expenditures would not continue as are being experienced this year. Mr. Hamilton explained the change in the Federal law with regard to salary limits for paying out overtime and noted how that would impact the agency's budget next year.

Board members were presented a budget comparison of revenues and expenditures from 2013 through 2017 that included the 2016 revised budget amounts, along with staff's best projections for the 2017 budget. Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Erickson reviewed specific line items in the proposed budget providing more detail on items included under each revenue and expenditure category. Mr. Hamilton indicated that the staff salary and fringes will be adjusted by the Finance Department and indicated that these figures are expected to change accordingly in the final budget presented to the full County Board in November. Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Erickson noted the salary and fringe costs associated with the two newly approved social work staff anticipated to begin employment in April of 2017 have been included in this budget along with the proposed coinciding revenues.

Ms. Erickson explained the revenues and expenses associated with the various consortia, the carryover amount of \$107,000 that was designated for a software upgrade, the \$300,000 reserve fund that will also carry into next year if it is not utilized this year, and the County appropriation transfer-in lines, i.e., the IT replacement pool, computer operations, and the Finance Department staff. She also noted some areas under office operations and client services where the budget reflects a modification from the current year.

The overall 2017 budget reflects an increase of \$238,222 from 2016, with contracted services increasing by \$223,321, and the county appropriation is expected to increase by only \$38,570, with \$30,000 of that amount designated for the overtime area alone.

No formal action was necessary, but it was noted that this proposed 2017 Human Services budget would be forwarded to Cathy Schmit, the County Administrator, for her consideration and recommendations to the Finance Committee during their budget deliberation process prior to presentation to the full county's budget at their November County Board meeting. There was no one present at this meeting from the public to provide comment on the budget proposal.

Adjournment (approximately 10:30 a.m.): Upon completion of the 2017 budget presentation and addressing questions, this meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. following A MOTION MADE BY DEAN PETERSON, SECONDED BY SHARON FOLCEY, AND CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOR to adjourn the Human Services annual public budget meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Cathy L. Abbott
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