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Budget Direction for FY 09-10

The following list chronicles the key events, preparations, deliberations, and decision points that preceded the adoption of Lane County's budget for FY 09-10.

October, 2008

Secure Rural Schools Funding Renewed for FY 08-09 through FY 10-11: Lane County received news that HR 1424, Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which includes Secure Rural Schools funding, has been approved by Congress and signed into law by President Bush. The Board of Commissioners discussed the renewal as well as the recession caused loss of fee revenue, current bond market, and anticipated reductions to the state budget. In light of the uncertainties of other revenues, the Board postponed appropriation of the FY 08-09 SRS revenue until more information was available regarding anticipated state budget reductions for FY 08-09.

December 2nd and 9th, 2008, January 27th, 2009, and April 14th, 2009

Supplemental Pre-Budget Meetings of Lane County Budget Committee: The Board of Commissioners scheduled a series of special meetings of the Lane County Budget Committee regarding Lane County's economic and financial environment. At these meetings, the Budget Committee heard from a number of regional and local experts who provided information on the topics which could potentially impact the County's ability to provide services to the community, including;

- Governor's Budget with ongoing updates on development of State Budget
- Property Tax: Real Market Value vs. Assessed Value in this Economy
- Lane County's Long Term Debt
- Lane County Economic & Employment Trends
- Eugene Association of Realtors
- City of Springfield Chamber of Commerce
- Oregon Progress Board Benchmark Trends for Lane County
- Lane County's Health Benefit Costs
- Lane County's General Fund Forecast
- Oregon PERS
- Retiree Medical Actuarial Valuation

January 14th, 2009

Board of Commissioners Budget Work Session:

County Administrator recommendations on allocation of FY 08-09 Secure Rural Schools revenue and debt reduction recommendations from County Finance.

January 28th, 2009

Board of Commissioners Budget Work Session:

Board direction on appropriation of FY 08-09 Secure Rural Schools revenue

March 4th, 2009

Budget Allocates Reserves to Offset State Funding Reductions: Board of Commissioners approved an order to allocate General Fund reserve dollars to public health and safety programs to offset fourth quarter reductions in state funding. \$825,000 was moved from reserve (established in part with Secure Rural Schools Revenue) to stabilize current services at existing levels through the end of FY 08-09.

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April, 2009

County Administrator's Proposed Budget:

As laid out by the County Administrator in the Budget Message, the central issue in developing the FY 09-10 Proposed Budget was balancing service levels and service stability. Complicating matters are the uncertain economic times and the impact of the depressed economy on state and local revenues.

Service Option Sheets (SOS) were used by the County Administrator and Budget Committee to review services funded in whole or in part by the General Fund. In the Service Option Sheets, the Department Directors described the services provided, statutory or other mandates, outcome measures, and their evaluation of the impacts and risks involved with the various proposed funding levels. A list of these services follows in this section. See the FY 09-10 Proposed Budget Service Option Sheets at www.lanecounty.org/CAO_Budget/GeneralFundSOS.htm.

After consulting with each of the departments, considering the proposed departmental budgets and SOS, and upon receiving the March budget direction, the County Administrator evaluated the program benefits and costs, the program effectiveness, the impacts to communities and citizens, and the risks of the choices presented in order to achieve a balanced budget.

April 30th, 2009

Budget Message and Public Hearing: The County Administrator presented the Proposed Budget and delivered his Budget Message, the Budget Manager provided an overview of the General Fund budget and General Fund financial forecast, the Assessor gave an overview of property tax revenue, and performance management analyst provided a brief overview of the County's Performance Management system. The Budget Committee held a public hearing at which a number of residents testified about the effectiveness, risks and impacts of various programs proposed for funding, reductions or elimination.

May 5th – May 17th, 2009

Budget Committee Meetings: Each meeting included presentations by staff, budget committee member questions and discussion, and public comment regarding the following areas of service, risks and community impacts:

- May 5th – FY 08-09 Supplemental Budgets, General Expense, and Budget Committee discussion
- May 7th – Youth Services, Assessment & Taxation, and Health & Human Services
- May 12th – American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, Dept. of Children & Families, Lane Events Center/Fair, and Public Works
- May 14th – District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office

May 14th, 2009

Lane County Community Survey 2009: As part of the Boards' commitment to enhance customer and constituent services and one of many community outreach and engagement activities planned for the coming year, Lane County surveyed residents for feedback on County services and their opinions about community life. A random sample of 3,000 Lane County households received the National Citizen Survey in February. The results of the survey were finalized in May and presented to the Budget Committee for consideration in their deliberations. Survey results can be found on the County's website.

May 19th, 2009

Budget Committee Deliberations and Public Hearings: The Budget Committee was presented with additional discussions and extended session of public comment, after which they considered and weighed all of options to fund and provide services, the costs and benefits, the statutory or other mandates, the effectiveness, the risks involved to the community and the organization in eliminating or reducing the services at a variety of funding levels.

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The Budget Committee approved the FY 09-10 budget with \$2.8 million in General Fund service reductions and changes from the Proposed Budget. A complete list of all *Budget Reductions and Changes from Current to Adopted* budgets can be found at the end of this section. The Budget Committee deliberations included discussions and consideration of all the following topics:

- Comments by public
- Update on status of American Recovery Act funding for County provided services and projects.
- Technical adjustments to proposed budget (self-funded service restorations and net-zero changes)
- Status of General Fund reserves, the 10% prudent person reserve and service stabilization reserve established to provide service stability in future years
- Information received throughout the budget process and at all of their previous meetings, including all information delivered with the Proposed Budget and the Service Option Sheets
- That status of the public safety system, particularly the number of funded jail beds available for Lane County circuit court defendants and offenders
- Funding for and urgent needs of local residents for shelter, food, and other basic services and crisis supports exacerbated by impact of economy on employment and housing

June 16th and 17th, 2009

Board Work Sessions on FY 09-10 Budget: The Board reviewed the Budget Committee's Approved Budget, technical adjustments, and all materials required by local budget law. The Board discussed the status of the State budget development with the Intergovernmental Relations Manager, and posed additional questions to the Budget Manager and County Administrator.

June 24th, 2009

FY 09-10 Budget Hearing and Adoption: The hearing was held on the last regular Board meeting prior to the statutory deadline to adopt a balanced budget. In addition to technical adjustments, the Board of Commissioners made a few additional services reductions and restorations, most significantly the restoration of \$3.2 million to the Sheriff's Office for re-opening of an 84 bed unit in the Jail. A complete list of all *Budget Reductions and Changes from Current to Adopted* budgets can be found at the end of this section.

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GENERAL FUND SERVICE OPTION SHEETS - FY 09-10 PROPOSED BUDGET		
BCC Priority*	Dept	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
1	HHS	Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
2	HHS	Veterans Service Office
3	HHS	Animal Field & Kennel Services
4	GE	Extension Services
5	AT	Property Tax Assessment, Collection, & Distribution
6	MS	Elections and Voter Registration
7	DA	Prosecution of Adult Defendants
8	DA	Family Law - Child Support Prosecution
9	MS	Marriage Licenses and Domestic Partnerships
10	HHS	Basic Health/Safety for Adults w Dev Disabilities
11	MS	Recording and Public Records Research
12	SO	Sheriff
13	SO	Traffic Safety Team
14	SO	Concealed Handgun Licensing
15	HHS	Communicable Disease Control
16	YS	Youth Services Administration
17	YS	Youth Offender Intake and Supervision
18	SO	Jail Operations
19	SO	Field Law Enforcement
20	SO	Criminal Investigations
21	SO	Emergency Management
22	HHS	Psych Serv for Severely Mentally Ill Adults
23	HHS	Psychiatric Hospitalization - Transition Team
24	HHS	Health Services for High Risk Pregnant Women & Infants
25	HHS	Psychiatric Services for Emotionally Disturbed Children
26	SO	Search & Rescue
27	DA	Prosecution Juvenile Defendants/Dependency Ct
28	SO	Community Corrections Center
29	SO	Community Service
30	SO	Civil Enforcement & Court Transportation
31	HHS	<i>Abuse Investigation Adults DD - no longer receives GF</i>
32	MS	Board of Property Tax Appeals
33	YS	Secure Custody & Treatment for Youth
34	YS	Pathways
35	HHS	At-Risk Children with Developmental Disabilities
36	HHS	Crisis Food, Shelter, Health, Self-Reliance
37	CF	Resource Development for Prevention Programs
38	HHS	Alcohol & Drug Addiction Treatment for Offenders
39	HHS	<i>Sex Offender Treatment (adult) - no longer receives GF</i>
40	SO	Marine Patrol
41	HHS	<i>Evaluate, Refer, Monitor Offenders - no longer receives GF</i>
42	HHS	<i>Methadone Treatment - no longer receives General Fund</i>
43	SO	Parole & Probation

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GENERAL FUND SERVICE OPTION SHEETS - FY 09-10 PROPOSED BUDGET		
BCC Priority*	Dept	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
44	GE	Misc. General Expense
45	GE	Federal Lobbying
46	GE	Public Access Television
47	GE	Intergovernmental Dues & Agreements

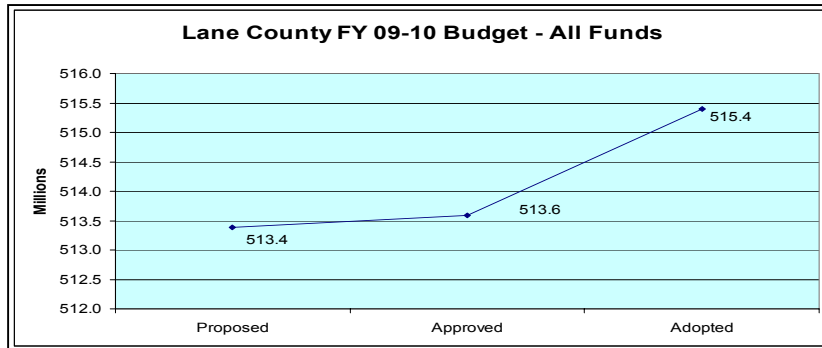
*The **BCC Priority** ranking is based on the last time the Board of Commissioners reviewed their service priorities and ranked General Fund public services and public safety services. This process was last undertaken in January and February of 2008. Some of the services ranked at that time no longer receive discretionary general fund. Those services have been left on this table for informational purposes.

AT	Assessment & Taxation
CF	Department of Children & Families
DA	District Attorney's Office
GE	General Expense
HHS	Health & Human Services
MS	Management Services
SO	Sheriff's Office
YS	Youth Services

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LANE COUNTY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - PROPOSED TO ADOPTED FY 09-10

LANE COUNTY - All Funds					
	PROPOSED BUDGET	Budget Committee Changes	APPROVED BUDGET	Technical & Other Adjustments	ADOPTED BUDGET
Resources	\$513,389,537	\$199,996	\$513,589,533	\$1,859,885	\$515,449,418
Expenditures	\$513,389,537	\$199,996	\$513,589,533	\$1,859,885	\$515,449,418
FTE	1437.11	(21.50)	1415.61	25.55	1441.16



Major Change between Approved and Adopted was American Relief and Recovery Act Funds received after the budget was proposed.

GENERAL FUND - Fund 124					
	PROPOSED BUDGET	Budget Committee Changes	APPROVED BUDGET	Technical & Other Adjustments	ADOPTED BUDGET
Resources	\$103,039,447	\$107,000	\$103,146,447	\$86,205	\$103,232,652
Expenditures	\$103,039,447	\$107,000	\$103,146,447	\$86,205	\$103,232,652
FTE	548.74	(26.50)	522.24	28.44	550.68

10% Prudent Person	\$7,882,232	\$0	\$7,882,232	\$0	\$7,882,232
Service Stabilization	\$9,820,413	\$2,841,364	\$12,661,777	(\$2,165,461)	\$10,496,316
RESERVE AMOUNT:	\$17,702,645	\$2,841,364	\$20,544,009	(\$2,165,461)	\$18,378,548

