**Dukes County Advisory Board on Expenditures**

Minutes

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.**

Dukes County Administration Building

9 Airport Road, Edgartown, MA

**County Advisory Board (CAB):** Arthur Smadbeck (Edgartown – 38.60%), Melinda Loberg (Tisbury – 13.52%), Skipper Manter (West Tisbury – 12.45%) \*\*Bill Rossi (Chilmark – 16.56%) and Brian Packish (Oak Bluffs – 14.10%)

**County Staff Present:** Martina Thornton – County Manager,Noreen Mavro Flanders – County Treasurer, Connie Andrade - Administrative Assistant to County Manager , Paulo DeOliveira – Register of Deeds, Ann Metcalf – Asst. Treasurer, Chuck Cotnoir – Dukes County Emergency Manager

**Others:** Joanie Ames – MVTV, Ann Richart – MVY Airport Manager, Bob Rosenbaum – Vice Chair Airport Commission, Rosemarie Hagazian, Attorney, Eric Peters – Attorney, Martin (Skip) Tomassain – Dukes County Bar and Attorney, Ben Hall – Attorney, Katherine Triantafillou – W. Tisbury FinCom, Michael Markus – Chairman of All Island School Committee, Gail Barmakian – Attorney, Doug Cedarholm – Attorney and Jennifer Markus - Attorney

**Art opened the public hearing at 5:30pm**

**FY2018 Proposed Budget:**

Martina reviewed the FY18 proposed budget (see file). The surplus is $7,150.00. Martina said the DCC increased the Proposed FY18 budget for $50,000.00 to install air conditioning at the courthouse. A discussion was held. The CAB said that any amounts in excess of10% of the fund balance should be returned to the towns in the form of a reduced annual assessment. Several people from the public had concerns about the courtroom not having air conditioning. Martina said the handicap ramp estimate is $85k and the cost to repair the existing lift will be $40k.

**Skipper/Bill made a motion to approve an appropriation for $50,000.00 for the installation of air conditioning at the courthouse from Capital Improvement. So Voted. Chilmark yes, Edgartown yes, Oak Bluffs yes, Tisbury yes, West Tisbury yes. Motion carries**.

**Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Budget:**

Martina said reviewed the SUD budget with the CAB (see file). A discussion was held. Skipper said these social service types of programs should go thru Martha’s Vineyard Community Services. Martina said she included $2,000.00 to help uninsured people to purchase Narcan and MVCS will provide the training on how to use it. There’s also$3,500.00 for two police officers to train the public. Michael Markus the Chair of the Up Island School Committee said the schools would like to use $9k to hire a consultant to assess the current programs the school is offering for health, wellness and substance abuse education. In specific, substance abuse prevention. The consultant would also be used to find funding sources. Skipper said this request for funds should go before the school committee before coming to the County. The CAB would like the County to create a policy for elected officials annual pay raises.

**Trustees of the Reservation:**

Skipper said he would like Martina to ask the Trustees of the Reservation (TTOR) how many discounted season passes they are issuing per year and it because it could result in a loss of revenue. He said TTOR should pay the county the full percentage of sold tickets regardless of discounted or complimentary season tickets issued.

**Parking Clerk:**

Martina said she would like the Parking Clerk to be added as a separate fund so we can see the monies in and the monies out. The county should not be supplemental any revenue shortfalls in the Parking Clerk’s office. Skipper said he would like to know the percentage of parking tickets that are paid each year online.

**FY2018 Proposed Airport Budget**: Noreen said the Airport is working on a capital plan that may impact their finances. The CAB said they would like the Airport to keep the Treasurer included in the discussions as far as their planned capital improvements.

**Art closed the public hearing at 6:41pm**.

**Melinda/Bill made a motion to approve the FY2018 Proposed Budget as amended. So voted. Edgartown yes, Chilmark yes, Tisbury yes, West Tisbury yes. Motion carries.**

The next CAB meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5th at 2:00pm.

**Skipper/Bill made a motion to adjourn. So voted. Tisbury yes, West Tisbury yes, Chilmark yes, Oak Bluffs yes and Edgartown yes. Motion carries.**

**CAB meeting was adjourned at (7:24pm).**

Respectfully Submitted by:

JOSEPH E. SOLLITTO, JR., Clerk of Courts

**Documents presented at the meeting and part of the Official Records:**

* Agenda
* FY2018 Proposed Budgets
* Dukes County Social Services Information
* Dukes County General Fund Information