

The Dukes County Advisory Board on County Expenditures

Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2019

2:30pm

Dukes County Administration Building

9 Airport Rd., Edgartown, MA 02539

County Advisory Board (CAB): Arthur (Art) Smadbeck (Edgartown – 38.60%), Skipper Manter (West Tisbury – 12.45%) and Brian Packish (Oak Bluffs 14.10%)

County Staff Present: Martina Thornton – County Manager and Paulo DeOliveira- Register of Deeds

Others: Joanie Ames – MVTv,

Art called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

FY2020 and FY2021 Registry of Deeds Budget Amendments- Vote-

Paulo reviewed the proposed Budget Amendments with the CAB (see file). Paulo's original request for furniture in the FY 2020 Budget was for \$8,000.00 but there is a need to increase that amount to \$18,000.00 after getting quotes. The extra \$10,000.00 comes from the ROD funds.

Skipper/ Brian made a motion to approve the Registry of Deeds Budget Amendments as presented. So voted. Edgartown- Yes, West Tisbury-Yes and Oak Bluffs yes. Motion passes.

Paulo then addressed the FY21 Budget. Paulo would like to replace the printer in FY21. The current printer was purchased in the early 2000s and it does not print in color. The new printer will be a combined scanner/printer and will print in color. There is an additional 5-year service contract. The copying equipment is \$12,000.00. The repair/service contract is \$4,150.00 and the dues/membership for Registers and Assistant Registers Association is \$300.00. The CAB members agreed and Martina stated that the Amendment will be added to the FY2021 Budget and there is no vote on the total Budget at this time.

Dukes County Substance Use Disorder Prevention Initiatives-

Martina reported on the FY2019 Budget. The original request was for \$50,000.00 but the County only used \$24,537.00 which leaves about \$25,000.00 that will go back to the towns. Looking ahead for FY 2020, the request to the towns was lowered to \$30,000.00. For the 2021 request the \$30,000.00 will be split with \$5,000.00 for substance use, public announcements, recovery coaching and help with the supplies like Narcan. The \$25,000.00 is for people who deal with substance use and homelessness.

General County Budget Discussion:

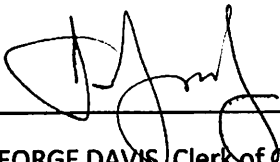
Martina thanked the Health Imperatives - The Family Planning Center in Vineyard Haven, as they graciously offered the space for the AIDS Alliance at no cost. The County was planning to help open the Harm Reduction Drop-in Center by providing rent money for the space. The County was able to work it out with Health Imperatives and they offered the space at no cost which is a large savings of thousands of dollars.

Martina stated that in the Center for Living Budget there was an item added that was originally not included. The County will be receiving rent from Island Health Care for a portion of the upstairs. IHC will pay 25% of the utilities and insurance, projected to be \$15,482.00. Martina amended the budget and it will be savings to the towns, lowering the final request. Martina is working on the VHCAP budget and will present it in January 2020. Martina said that the County is conducting a compensation study. Part of the results is a recommendation to have some people change grades and use a slightly different scale. Based on those results, there would be some people in the Health Care Access department who would be receiving a higher pay. The proposed FY21 Budget does not take this into consideration at this time. Martina sent this information to two towns and will reach out to the remaining towns. A discussion was had about the 5% assessment. The CAB recognizes this is a long-term concern. Funding the current shortfall is one issue but it needs to be explained and addressed moving forward. Martina will work on the wording and report back to the CAB.

Brian/Skipper made a motion to adjourn. So voted. Edgartown- Yes, Oak Bluffs- Yes and West Tisbury- Yes. Motion passes.

CAB meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:



T. GEORGE DAVIS, Clerk of Courts

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

- Agenda
- FY2020 Amendment Explanation- Registry of Deeds
- FY2021 Amendment Explanation- Registry of Deeds
- FY2019 County Budget Spreadsheet- Substance Use Disorder Prevention Initiatives
- FY2020/FY2021 Center for Living Proposed Budget
- Email from Town of Aquinnah- Funding Agreement