

Minutes

Franklin County Budget Advisory Meeting April 23, 2025

PRESENT: Tiffany Maiuri, Rupert Pratt, Dennis O'Neil, Morgan Dunham, Dean Collins, Janet White, Jay Reynolds, Richard Morton, Michael Wells, Earl Martin, and LeeAnn Dalessandro.

AUDIENCE: Mt. Blue T.V., Steve Lowell, Bob Carlton, Tim Hardy, David St. Laurent, Scott Nichols, Brad Timberlake, Amanda Simoneau, Jake Nichols, Tom Saviello, Nathan Hiltz, Bobby White, Janis Walker, Meg Hatch, Dustin Richards, Rebecca Gage, Noelle Coyne, Craig Zurhorst, Tom Saviello, Fen Fowler, Susan Black, Margot Joly, Sarah Caton, Neil McLean, Jr., Hart Daly, Heidi Jordan, Ryan Close, Jeff Gilbert, Tara Marble, Nick Rowley, Jancie Walker, Pam Prodan, Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, Jamie Sullivan and Brenda Bitle.

Zoom: Kerry Chasteen, Corie Willard and Marc Roy

The meeting was called to order by Tiffany Maiuri at 4:30 p.m.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Opening Comments from Chairperson** – The Chair discussed the meeting protocols. Committee Members' introductions were made. The Chair indicated that since the committee had been provided with the budget in advance, rather than each department presenting their budget, the committee would ask questions of the department head if need be.
- 3. FY2025 Overall Budget Summary (Amy Bernard, County Administrator)** – The County Administrator discussed the overall expenses and revenues the county is facing for FY2026. She highlighted increases/decreases within each department. She indicated that expenses are up 9.8%, mostly due to contractual cost increases for services and staff increases. Revenues are down approximately 33% due to zero use of undesignated fund balance to offset the taxes.
- 4. Review FY2026 Budget Proposals** – The Budget Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed each department's FY2026 Budget. Questions were asked regarding employee compensation, incentive pay, document preservation (Commissioners office), Sheriff vehicles, Health Insurance,

Retirement, Dues and Subscriptions (Probate), Administrative Assistants employee wages (wages, health insurance and retirement are allocation: 1/3, Commissioners Office, 1/3 Treasurer's Department and 1/3 Unorganized Territories). Inquiries were made regarding the Part-time employee's job description for the Commissioner's office.

5. **Other Business** – Committee members requested materials to review prior to the next meeting.
6. **Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2025 – Motion to accept the Franklin County Budget Advisory Meeting Minutes: Dean Collins/Michael Wells (11/0).**
7. **Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 7:41p.m.: Jay Reynolds/Earl Martin (11/0).**

A recording is available for this meeting.