

Skagit County Jail Finance Committee

August 24, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 9:30 a.m. via GoTo virtual meeting. Chief Marlow started the meeting at 9:24 a.m. The committee members acting on behalf of the respective entities for the meeting in attendance were:

Jamie Bredstrand	Doug Merriman	Michele Long
Amie Tidrington	Doug Volesky	Elizabeth Christiansen
Don McDermott	Melinda Miller	Peter Browning
Annette Lindquist	Laurie Gere	Steve Sexton
Deanna Randall-Secrest	Gregg Davidson	Susan Musselman
Don Marlow	Steve Hoglund	Trisha Logue

Meeting Minutes; The minutes from the September 17, 2020 meeting were approved. A motion was made by Mayor Steve Sexton to approve the minutes and seconded by Doug Merriman. Motion carries.

Operations update; Chief Marlow led the discussion. The 2020-2021 year posed significant challenges due to COVID 19. The jail population was reduced in order to minimize the risk of the spread of COVID. As of this date, the jail has managed to keep COVID out of the inmate populations. The jail has provided 180 COVID vaccinations to inmates, and has started an adult vaccination program for other communicable diseases.

The jail will conduct Jail Sergeant testing next month. There are also several employees on maternity leave and one currently away serving in the military. The courts are also very backlogged due to COVID, which has affected day to day inmate populations.

Jail Budget; Chief Marlow advised that the projected. Jail annual budget is 18 million. Included in this figure are;

- 1) Hiring of 4 corrections deputies (at the cost of \$109K each to include salary and benefits for each)
- 2) Replacement of the jail transport van at a cost of approximately \$183,000
- 3) Naphcare has also increased its budget by 3%.

There should be no other anticipated budget changes. Sales tax revenue is 1.2%, with about a 3 month lagtime from revenues generated.

Trisha Logue advised that the 2021-2022 budge should be about 95% of the 2021 projection.

Chief Marlow made a motion to approve the budget, and Doug Volesky and Peter Browning both seconded. Motion passes.

Chief Marlow advised that the next meeting will be in May of 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 1035 Hours.