



Citizen Budget Oversight Committee (“CBOC”) Meeting

Friday, July 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Hospital Training Facility, 2420 E. Pikes Peak Avenue

Voting Members Present: Patrick Carter, Terry Harris, Richard Williams, Teri Goodall, Katherine Oakey, Ken Kile, Stephen Meyer, Leslie Cook, Bob Shirilla, Vicki Taylor, Jan Doran, Steven Schneider, Victor Andrews, Scott Turner, Nancy Lewis.

Absent: John Taylor and Michael League

Non-Voting (Ex-Officio, Liaisons) Members Present: Steve Immel, Dr. John Burrington, Jeremy Milliman, Thomas Rosazza, Jeff Eckhart, Curtis Lorash, Jane Fredman. Jeff Greene, Nicola Sapp, Ed Browne, Steve Sery.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

II. MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST MEETING’S MINUTES

Two changes to the last meeting minutes from June 27th were noted and corrected: The meeting location should have been listed as being the Memorial Hospital Training Facility and Dr. John Burrington was shown as being absent when he was in fact present.

A motion was duly made and seconded and approved by a majority of the members present to approve the minutes from last week’s meeting as amended.

III. 2009 PROGRAM BUDGETS/NEEDS

The mission was discussed as the review of the overall financial condition of El Paso County, review of all of the programs, and to prioritize each of the programs to provide a final recommendation to the BoCC.

Changes from 2008 to 2009 discretionary funds brought the discretionary funds down to \$109,057,001 with the changes as being: one-time revenue sources to balance the 2008 budget (sale of Parks structures), re-instatement of the vendor discount, reduction in sales tax, reduction in interest earnings, and a reduction in Clerk’s fees. The total needs for 2009 amounted to \$168,513,759 resulting in a shortfall of \$59,456,758.

IV. DISCUSSION AND RANKING OF PROGRAMS

There was discussion regarding the 2009 Budget Balancing Options and the steps involved in reaching the total 2009 Needs Not Addressed of \$29,808,639.



There is the concern that some areas such as DHS did not itemize their programs the same way as other departments such as the Sheriff's Office which may negatively impact the comparison of programs and the prioritization.

Q: Has it been looked at to outsource some of the mandated services? A: In many cases it's cheaper to do the same functions in-house.

Q: What is left of the Parks Department? A: Restricted Conservation Trust Fund dollars and Urban and Regional Parks Fees.

Q: What does the County provide to PPRTA? A: Some equipment and engineering. The City contracts out for engineering and oversight services whereas the County absorbs the costs and does this internally.

Q: Could we eliminate the property tax shareback to cities/towns? A: Voter approval is needed to change the mill levy although the way it is allocated can be changed. Some money collected by the County (Road & Bridge levy) must be shared with the municipalities.

Some strategic long-term recommendations that the CBOC has are:

- Use of a credit for property tax
- Revise or override TABOR
- Reinstate Business Personal Property Tax
- Evaluate an increase in mill levy
- Evaluate combining City and County Parks

Votes as to which revenue strategies to consider were taken on the 2009 Budget Balancing Options as follows:

<u>Step 2:</u>	Retain 0% Vendor Discount -	15-for	0-against	
	Eliminate property tax shareback -	2-for	13-against	
	PPRTA Direct costs -	15-for	0-against	
<u>Step 4:</u>	Public Health & Safety ballot initiative	13-for	2-against	
	Reinstate Business Personal Property Tax	13-for	1-against	1-abstained
	TABOR override	15-for	0-against	
	Evaluate mill levy increase	15-for	0-against	
	Retain mill levy base/mill levy credits	15-for	0-against	
	Create regional parks district	15-for	0-against	
	Part of mill levy to support regional Health Dept.	15-for	0-against	

A motion was duly made, seconded and approved by a count of 9/5 to add the following strategy for consideration:

Adjust insurance premium to reflect true cost sharing 9-for 5-against

Upon conclusion of the meeting it was mentioned that an executive summary will be provided with the recommendations to be reviewed and the members will be given the opportunity to provide any comments through e-mail. Non-voting members are also welcome to comment.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.