
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2026⁵ in the Executive Conference Room of the Administrative Complex. Budget Committee members present were: Chairman Chas Morton, Guy Carden, Betsy Hester, Paul Webb and Mayor Rogers Anderson.

Others present included Budget Director, Phoebe Reilly; Human Resources Director, Clair Cochran; Register of Deeds, Sherry Anderson; Trustee, Karen Paris; Property Assessor, Brad Coleman; County Clerk, Jeff Whidby; Election Registrar, Chad Gray; Solid Waste Director, Mac Nolen; County Attorney, Jeff Moseley; County Planner, Chief of Staff, Diane Giddens; Parks & Recreation Director, Gordon Hampton; County Archivist, Bradley Boshers; Veterans Services Officer, Ben Welch and Commissioners Sturgeon and Tunnicliffe; Sean Cotheran, IT Director; Kevin Benson, Property Management Director; Mac Nolen, Solid Waste Director; Bobby Cook, County Attorney; Mike Matteson, Community Development Director;

Chairman Morton called the meeting to order, reporting that there was no one signed up for Citizens Communication.

Mrs. Reilly reviewed the following proposed 2026-27 budgets and the committee took the following action:

51240 Solid Waste Board (\$3,300)

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval of the proposed budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

51100 County Commission (\$1,991,565)

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden; seconded by Commissioner Hester to recommend approval. The vote on them motion to recommend approval passed by voice vote, 4-0.

51210 Board of Equalization (\$22,500)

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden and seconded by Commissioner Hester to recommend approval. Motion passed by voice vote, 4-0.

51220 Beer Board (\$2,700)

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden; seconded by Commissioner Hester to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

51300 County Mayor (\$1,110,089)

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden; seconded by Commissioner Hester to recommend approval. The vote on the motion to recommend approval passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

51310 Human Resources (\$525,202)

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden; seconded by Commissioner Hester, to recommend approval. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

51400 County Attorney (\$2,321,000)

Mayor Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carden, to recommend approval of the attorney's hourly rate as follows:

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| ● \$2000 retainer per month | ● \$900 per hour – principal partner |
| ● \$275 per hour – partners | ● \$825 per hour – partner |
| ● \$225 per hour – associates | ● \$650 per hour – associates |
| ● \$75 per hour – law clerk | |
- Legal Services – Community Development Counsel
- \$275 per hour
 - \$50 per hour – clerks

The motion to recommend approval of the attorney's hourly rate passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mayor Anderson made a motion to recommend approval of the total 51400 County Attorney proposed budget of \$3,231,000. Commissioner Carden seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

51500 Election Commission (\$1,433,190):

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden; seconded by Commissioner Hester to recommend approval. The vote to recommend approval passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

51600 Register of Deeds (\$956,022):

Motion was made by Commissioner Carden; seconded by Commissioner Hester to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

51710 Community Development (\$4,262,946):

Commissioner Carden moved to recommend approval of the budget, as proposed. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

51720 Planning (\$55,440):

Commissioner Carden moved to recommend approval of the budget, as submitted. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

51730 Building Codes (\$38,725)

Commissioner Carden moved, seconded by Commissioner Hester, to recommend approval of the budget. Motion passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

51740 Engineering (\$45,597)

Commissioner Carden moved, seconded by Commissioner Hester, to recommend approval of the budget. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0.

55900 Sewage Disposal (\$81,224)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Webb arrived at approximately 4:45 PM.

51750 Codes Compliance (\$62,111)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 5-0.

51760 Information Technology (\$6,003,708)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 5-0.

51800 County Buildings (\$5,511,445)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 5-0.

51810 WCTV (\$365,320)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 5-0.

51910 County Archives (\$611,544)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 5-0.

52100 Finance (\$1,870,501):

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote of 5-0.

52300 Property Assessor (\$2,755,970)

Commissioner Carden moved to recommend approval of the budget, as proposed. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

52500 County Clerk (\$1,707,598)

Commissioner Carden moved to recommend approval of the budget, as proposed. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

52900 Other Finance (\$686,000)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the budget. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote of 5-0.

56700 Parks & Recreation (\$22,975,961)

Commissioner Carden moved, seconded by Commissioner Hester, to recommend approval of the budget. The vote on the motion to recommend approval passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

52400 Trustee's Office (\$1,121,709)

Commissioner Carden moved to recommend approval of the budget, as proposed. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

56900 Ag Expo Park (\$1,576,617)

Commissioner Carden made a motion to recommend approval of the Ag Expo Park proposed budget, as submitted. Commissioner Hester seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

58300 Veterans Services (\$58,001)

Commissioner Carden moved, seconded by Commissioner Hester, to recommend approval of the proposed Veterans Services budget. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

51100 County Commission (\$1,991,565)

The County Commission proposed budget was brought back to the floor. It was noted that the Broad Based Tax Relief Program has had an increase in the number of additional applicants by 450. Commissioner Carden made a motion to amend the 51100 County Commission proposed budget to \$2,261,565. Commissioner Hester seconded the amendment. The motion to amend the total from \$1,991,565 to \$2,261,565 passed with a vote of 5-0.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.