

Budget Advisory Commission  
December 1, 2010

Present: Jim Bailey, Andy Clary, Heather Ireland, Adam Trombly, Bill Webb, Liz Vasquez, Cheryl Frasca (OMB), Bill Starr (Call-in)

Excused: Tony Cange,

Absent: Steve Hartung, , Jim Ricks

Adam Trombly called the meeting to order at 11:35. The minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup> were approved.

Cheryl Frasca explained an S-version is being drafted and discussed. Work session Friday. Tobacco tax – spend half, save half – property tax. Estimate. If under – cut spending in the second half of the year. If over- fund balance.

Fee proposal changes...up for vote with budget on Tuesday. Not advance SWS rate. Some changes. Building fees sunset in one year.

OMB will post the report...

Bill Starr – BAC Report was well received. Amendments will reflect the work done. Fees and fines summary...

Group discussed fees: fees should reflect cost. Vs. community value and true cost are impossible to address. Community costs/impacts.

Fees, taxes, and services are all different.

Building fees should reflect cost. Self sustaining goal. Activity is down, so is this the time to increase fees? The Department has decreased in size in recent years. Sunset provision is good.

Adam will distribute a draft to the Assembly about the issues discussed.

School District Budget: A separate commission exists to review this budget. It is not in the description of the BAC.

### **Future projects**

- Labor costs? Temporary management team challenges continuity. Guidelines for negotiation? Human Resources Board does not address this issue.

- 2012 will bring additional cuts (~12-15M)
- Community involvement in budget process
- Revenue discussion...Sales tax issue
- Fleet Management (potential savings)
- Bonding discussion
- Submit other ideas to Adam

Potentially break in to subcommittees to address. Work Plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30.