

COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President, Pamela Burton.

A. Roll Call

The following members were present: Ron Deer, John Myers, Jonathan T. Myers, John Mallers, John Ditmars, and Melinda Griesemer.

B. Approval of ClearGov's Budget Software

Mrs. Burton stated this special meeting today was to reassess budget software and a contract with ClearGov. Considering additional research being done, a different outcome is expected, and she wants to ensure everyone is informed. She then opened the floor for discussion or comments.

Mr. Deer stated it was his understanding that only a few departments will be doing this to begin with.

Mrs. Burton replied yes, departments will have the option to utilize the software this year during the startup process; however, it will not be mandated for all departments until the 2026 budget cycle.

Elizabeth Alvey, Auditor, and Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, were both present to answer questions for the Council regarding the new software and how they will assist in the transition.

Mrs. Thompson stated she would keep everyone informed of the process. She plans to have a meeting with the departments and work with them one on one as time allows.

Mr. Ditmars inquired about the current awareness and support of the change in software.

Mrs. Thompson stated that other departments have not been involved in communication regarding this new software yet.

Mr. Ditmars asked how this increases the efficiency in the Auditor's office.

Mrs. Thompson stated that work is frequently reallocated following legislative changes and staffing changes within the office.

Mrs. Burton asked about the increase in accuracy with the new software.

Mrs. Thompson stated that this system will eliminate human error in transposition across the current software and spreadsheets.

Mr. Gadberry noted the contract meets legal requirements as it stands.

A brief discussion was held regarding other users of the software.

Mrs. Alvey noted that Andy Low, LOW Associates, was very excited about the software and will be showing it to other counties. LOW Associates is the current financial software used by the County.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers noted his excitement for the visual graph representations the software will offer.

Mr. Ditmars inquired about the training process.

Mrs. Thompson stated she would work with the Implementation Manager from ClearGov, then begin working with the departments for one-on-one training.

A brief discussion was held regarding the options for termination of contract in the future should the Council no longer choose to utilize ClearGov's services.

Ms. Griesemer moved to approve the use of ClearGov's Budget software. Mr. Deer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Deer reminded everyone about the budget discussion at the Council's regular meeting on Monday, May 13th.

C. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Jonathan T. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Pamela Burton, Council Member


John Mellers, Council Member


Ron Deer, Council Member


Jonathan T. Myers, Council Member


Melinda Griesemer, Council Member


John Myers, Council Member


John Dimars, Council Member

Attest:


Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor