

FINANCE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 29, 1976

Noon

A G E N D A

1. Speakers: <sup>a</sup> Don Potter, Manager Washington County  
Fred Ludewiler, Budget Director,  
Washington County  
Elden Mills, City Manager of Hillsborough
2. Committee Discussion & Questions
3. Next Week's Speakers: See Schedule
4. Other

Potter - 190,400 pop  
8.4 mil general fund  
2.2 mil road  
2.1 million from prop tax  
659,000 - law enforcement levy  
collect  
total 14.3 + special funds  
80% for schools  
tax rate diminished from \$2.05 to \$1.34  
past few yrs - down 17% last year  
get about 4 1/2 of the collected amount  
(4.59 mult)  
(1.05 clack)

future - work / mult - clack on possible income tax

Parks  
bus tax - not  
use CETA

Revenue Sharing

- 38.4% live in cities, the balance live in country  
but 80% urbanized

USA - Street lighting  
Service Districts

Health -  $\frac{2}{3}$  of \$1 mil in grants

Income tax  
must be regional  
how disburse?

every vehicle \$21 per yr to co. (gas tax)

1100 miles count, roads  
half unpaved

Lutweiler -  
need to be reimbursed by other entities for tax collection  
would like to see co school fund elim.

Eldon - Hillsboro

1960

\$200

-  $3\frac{1}{2}$  sq. miles

now

19,200

-  $9\frac{1}{4}$  sq miles

rate \$5.30 - 5.50

2 mil gen fund

collective bargaining  
public sector above private  
strikes  
binding arbitration

Fees & charges over more flex. than counties

60% limitation

Development

750 water conn / 250 system  
1200 sewer conn / 500 system

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Scheduled Speakers

NOON

CRAG Room C - Thurs., 5 Feb.- Open

CRAG Room C - Thurs., 12 Feb.- Jerry Justice, AA Clackamas County; Don Epley, City Manager, Lake Oswego

CRAG Room D - Thurs., 19 Feb.- Ken Jones, Budget Director, City of Portland; Gil Gutjahr, Executive Officer, Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission

CRAG Room D - Thurs., 26 Feb.- Howard Terpenning - Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation Dist.

CRAG Room D - Thurs., 4 March - Open

## MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held: January 29, 1976

PRESENT: Robert Simpson, Chairperson, Marleen Stahl, Vice-Chairperson, Bogue, Kirkpatrick, Landauer, McGilvra, Roberts, Telfer, Gilbert, Gutjahr, Executive Officer, Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Staff: Rich, Bukowsky, Cross, Etlinger, Garbutt

Guests: Dan Potter, Manager Washington County  
Fred Leutwiler, Budget Director Washington County  
Elden Mills, City Manager of Hillsboro

Dan Potter offered the following statistics:

Population as of July 1, 190,000 - Bureau of Research & Census 38.4% live in cities, 80% in urban but not incorporated areas.

\$8 million general fund last year

\$8.4 million current year

\$14.3 million combined fund

\$1 million total health department budget (anyone living in the County is eligible.)

Cost of purchasing specialized items such as road equipment has escalated considerably. Because Washington County is not borrowing against the future, the problems are not the same as those of New York City.

Tax rate has diminished from \$2.25 per thousand to the present \$1.34. The County is the tax collector - bills go out in the name of Washington County.

More adequate financing is needed for the park fund. Charging a fee for park facilities would cost more to collect than the revenue.

Revenue sharing - \$910,000.00, \$135,000.00 less than last year, most of which goes for highways and treatment plants.

Washington County has not been involved deeply enough in the human services area.

An income tax study would have to be done on a Metropolitan basis.

Elden Mills: General funds supply most of the money for services.

Hillsboro Population: 19,200; 9.24 square mile

Tax base \$79,000 to \$150,000

Tax rate \$5.30 - \$5.50 per thousand

Federal Government is attempting to regulate the staffing of treatment plants.

A large part of the budget goes for salaries; one of the main problems is with union bargaining. Strikes will have to be prepared for.

The 6% limitation is one of the biggest problems.

The tax payer is not burdened with the cost of developments - builders are advancing the money for lighting, sewage, streets, etc. (front loading).

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New people for essential protective services will be trained for dual purpose; police as well as fire.

The Oregon people have reached the saturation point on taxation.

Imagination must be used to solve some of the present problems.

We need a uniform mechanism for evaluating the worth of employees rather than simply paying them more for length of service.

Meeting adjourned.