

Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District Urban Road Maintenance District Budget Hearing Procedure



The Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District and Urban Road Maintenance District are special districts and component units of Washington County. The Districts' budget must be approved separately from the Washington County budget.

The Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District and Urban Road Maintenance District Budget Committee members include the Board of Commissioners and lay members Stephen Baron, Raymond Eck, Daniel Hauser, Melissa Laird, and Anthony Mills.

The May 17th, 2021 committee meeting includes a budget overview by Washington County staff.

The budget committee is a local government's fiscal planning advisory committee. Any member may be elected by the committee as its chair. The role of the budget committee includes:

- At the Budget Committee Meeting (ORS 294.426) on May 17th:
 - Receive the budget message and proposed budget document.
- At the Budget Hearing (ORS 294.428) on May 26th:
 - Provide member of the public with an opportunity to ask questions about and comment on the budget document.
 - Approve the budget as submitted by the budget officer or as revised by the budget committee.
 - The budget document as approved by the budget committee shall specify the ad valorem property tax amount or rate for all funds.

The budget is available for review by the Budget Committee, residents and stakeholders at:

https://www.co.washington.or.us/Support_Services/Finance/CountyBudget/2021-22-county-budget-reports.cfm

It is included as part of Washington County's Proposed Budget Summary on page 304-307. Questions can be emailed to Jack Liang, Chief Financial Officer at finance_budget@co.washington.or.us or by phone at 503-846-8756.

The first opportunity for public testimony is the May 26th, 2021 budget hearing; a second opportunity is scheduled for the June 15th Board of Commissioner meeting which is the date for formal Board adoption.

The May 26th public hearing will be formatted as follows:

- A. Staff presentation and budget overview
- B. Upon completion of the budget overview, the Budget Committee Chair will first offer an opportunity for budget committee questions.
- C. Upon completion of the budget committee questions, the Budget Committee Chair will solicit public testimony. Public testimony will be limited to three minutes per person except for representatives from regional and community-based organizations where testimony is limited to ten minutes per organization.
- D. Upon completion of the budget review process, a motion and vote are required by the Budget Committee to approve the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District's budget, including any changes by the Budget Committee, and levy taxes. A separate motion and vote are required by the Budget Committee to approve the Urban Road Maintenance District's budget, including any changes by the Budget Committee, and levy taxes.

Applicable State Law

- A. A quorum is represented by half of the Budget Committee membership plus one.
- B. Any action requires an affirmative vote of the majority of the membership, not just the members present; six for the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District and Urban Road Maintenance District budget committee.