

January 17, 2023  
Workshop

**(Item 6 – continued)**

Commissioner O'Brien commented he was not suggesting any radical changes, but even if they were locked in for three years, if there was a significant difference and no termination cost then should they not know that.

Chair Hansen favored a committee and to look at how co-pays and monthly costs per employee rank with others around us.

County Administrator Petito continued the presentation on the options to reduce legacy expenditures, stating this was a delicate subject that would require a great deal of time to unwind, but the County needed to start the conversations and come up with a phase-out approach for implementation. Stated it would require a very strong communication plan with a lot of collaboration and coordination on how to implement these changes.

Continued the presentation with a review of options to diversify revenues. Recommended the BCC consider the following options: taxing districts, dedicated millage, 1% emergency fire rescue and facilities surtax, and a ½ cent small county surtax. Stated any of these options would provide some relief to the general fund ad valorem millage and opportunities for improved services and potential growth as the community grows. Stated she was looking for BCC comments or consensus on moving forward.

Chair Hansen favored having a list of things the County did that it was not required to and did not match up with the strategic plan. Requested staff put a list together.

Commissioner Pennington noted the BCC already made a consensus on the Fire Rescue MTSU and asked would a decision on that be needed versus the surtax.

County Administrator Petito stated yes and had noted to do an RFP looking at Fire Rescue moving forward to bring back to the BCC and had a consensus for an insurance review committee meeting to discuss options and would work with Commissioner O'Brien on that.

Assistant County Attorney Moylan advised if Commissioner O'Brien served on the committee, that would subject him to the Sunshine Law; therefore, he would not be able to speak with the other committee members and wanted to make sure that was the commissioner's intent.

Chair Hansen requested the ½ cent small county surtax be placed on an agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Sullivan agreed.

Commissioner Pennington favored looking at the lazy assets and to eliminate what was not statutorily required before levying a tax.