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53 Commissioners discussed the ARPA fund BARS line arrangements and budget. If there is a
54 project in infrastructure to use the negative economic impact then a budget adjustment would be
55 approved. Things will be expensed with the Miscellaneous expense BARS then the Auditor will
56 create the specific BARS later because we do not know what will be proposed right now.

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58 **Budget Work Session – Prosecutor/Support/Victims etc...**
59 Prosecutor Melanie Bailey, Christa Levine
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61 The group reviewed the Prosecutor’s revenue and expense budget then discussed specific line
62 items.

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64 Prosecutor Bailey and Ms. Chandler are using their personal cell phones for county business for
65 after hour calls, they both feel it is not appropriate and request cell phones. Office desks are
66 needed as current desks are metal and very old and have run their course. Current monitors are
67 very small and upgrades would allow better efficiencies. Central Services prefers to split the costs
68 of the computer upgrades. The office chairs are broken which is unsafe.

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70 Professional service costs for outside council is over \$200,000 right now and with the Planning
71 cases stilling going there are high cost invoices generated often. The budget was increased for
72 2022 but additional funds are likely going to be needed later.

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74 Ms. Levine explained changes due Just Ware sunseting that have come about due to COVID
75 and Eden Discovery is preferred as a replacement which allows case info to be uploaded and
76 available without thumb drives or physical devices to be able to transfer discovery files between
77 attorneys.

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79 Prosecutor Bailey requested another civil attorney and another assistant. The current civil
80 attorney has a lot of extra work with public records requests and would like to spread the work
81 out keeping the civil issues moving. Commissioner Branch would like to have a conversation with
82 Mr. Gecas.

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84 Ms. Bailey said she would like to see the civil attorney pay scale set like the felony level pay scale
85 is instead of the child support pay scale.

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87 There may be more court being held at the forest service building and the Prosecutor doesn’t
88 have a car to use to drive to the new court location. A request for a departmental car was given.
89 The legal assistants go back and forth from the office to the court. Commissioner Hover said the
90 vehicle will need to go into ER&R to participate in the replacement program.

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92 The Crime Victims budget was reviewed with no reductions.

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94 **Budget Work Session Superior Court/Juvenile**
95 Judge Culp, Dennis Rabidou
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97 The group reviewed the Superior Court revenue and expenditure budget. Superior Court
98 requested the current four judicial assistants that are non-bargaining employees receive a wage
99 increase. They want to differentiate between the four positions. The positions have evolved. What
100 they do has really changed. Adopt a system like Assessor with I, II, and III levels depending on
101 experience. There is a difference and accreditation and qualitative difference and responsibilities.
102 Commissioner Hover said if there are jobs where they need more steps, we have to be able to

103 demonstrate equitability. There is a qualitative change. New job descriptions were discussed.
104 Work with within the current step schedule to establish the differences between entry level and
105 someone who has a higher degree of responsibility and independence in doing their job.
106 Commissioner Hover said work with HR Director to come up with a system. Commissioner Branch
107 is amiable to looking at the request in more detail. Judge Culp proposed an 18 and 19 grade.
108 How do you think about the employee who has been here over 25 years and no longer receives
109 longevity step increases? By the time they get to fifth year would it be easier to do a wage analysis
110 and just move them up from 18 to another grade. There isn't enough differentiation between the
111 positions for I, II, and III. Commissioner Hover said HR provided Non-bargaining wage increase
112 data to the commissioners but commissioners have requests from different offices that must be
113 considered.

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115 The court interpreter plans to retire next year, and the courts wanted to prepare for that. A potential
116 replacement needs to be hired before he retires in order to cross train. Commissioner Hover
117 asked how many months to fund, 6-months? It was clarified that the interpreter has not actually
118 stated when he would retire, but the courts wish to prepare.

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120 Guardian Ad Litem rules have changed and now the court must assign attorney to minors and
121 other parties and state mandate to do this, but not using the funds provided. The funds are a pass
122 through.

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124 Commissioners asked that the funds used to purchase the Forest Service building be justified in
125 a resolution based on ARPA eligibility and ensure the courts function was relative to the ARPA
126 use categories. Element of ARPA that looks at social justice and inequities and that is the area to
127 focus in on, said Commissioner Branch. Mr. Rabidou said it would be helpful to see some
128 examples. The resolution is the Justification for using the ARPA money.

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130 Fund 160 revenue and expenditure budgets were reviewed. The Forest Service Building
131 Feasibility study budget was placed in Fund 160. Judge Culp said there should be no salaries
132 being paid from the fund.

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134 Painting has never been professionally done, the paint doesn't last due to so many layers. The
135 cameras and intercom need to be replaced. Commissioner Hover stated the cameras were listed
136 in the Capital Improvement fund. Treasurer McCormack said because fund 160 is planned to pay
137 for the bond so fund 134 should be used to purchase the cameras.

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139 The Juvenile/Detention revenue and expenditure budget was reviewed. Not filling the Treatment
140 Service Manager merged with another position, Mr. Rabidou will confirm.

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142 BECCA fund 113 was reviewed.

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144 The Coroner was not able to attend his budget session this morning, but was invited to discuss
145 his budget changes with the group. Coroner Rodriguez said over the last seven years he has
146 worked alone, but he is now requesting funds to help pay for someone to fill in as needed. In 2023
147 he will request an actual position to be funded. The next person elected may not be able to
148 accomplish the work load 24/7 day or night, so his hope is to set up the dept. so they don't have
149 to deal with that. He is also requesting an additional cooler in 2022.

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151 Therapeutic Courts budget allocated \$147,870 to public defender, which was incorrect. The
152 proposed was to increase by 10%. It was addressed by Judge Grim and David McClay and
153 everyone was in favor of it. Judge Culp suggested the line be reduced to \$60,000.

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155 Mr. Rabidou noted that the courts are applying for a grant that would be shared between District
156 and Superior Court for screening. Must be submitted by December 17.
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158 The board adjourned at 5:10 p.m.