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**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEM SUMMARY REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** APRIL 3, 2019  
**TO:** FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** TABATHA MILLER, CITY MANAGER  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Receive Demonstration of OpenGov Budgeting and Financial Transparency Platform

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**ISSUE:**

Several months back, Councilmember Peters inquired about the opportunity to purchase the OpenGov Platform for the City of Fort Bragg to promote transparency. Former Councilmember Cimolino also voiced interest in a product that would make the City's financial information available to the public. OpenGov is a platform many municipal governments, including both Mendocino County and the City of Ukiah use, in order to make financial information easily available to the public on their websites:

<https://comendocinoca.opengov.com/transparency#/>

<https://ukiahca.opengov.com/transparency#/>

Additionally, OpenGov offers a robust Budgeting and Performance Product that coordinates and streamlines the budgeting process. The tool provides reporting options that can be used internally by staff and elected officials to provide timely and relevant financial information and to easily perform more complex expense and revenue analysis.

This product demonstration allows the Finance and Administration Committee to view the platform and evaluate its potential value to Fort Bragg.

**SUMMARY:**

The OpenGov data platform is used by more than 2,000 local governments across the Country, including the City of Ukiah and Mendocino County. The web-based platform works with and in addition to a municipality's current financial system. Functionality is provided to internal and external stakeholders.

The company was founded in 2012 to help local governments better access financial information and to provide governments an option to make that information available to citizens and elected officials.

I have had the opportunity to demo the platform several times over the last five years and it has been on my wish list. Of particular interest to me was the financial reporting and analysis that goes well beyond the City's current financial software – Springbrook.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No recommendation. This item is for information only. Staff only seeks direction on whether to research or pursue the product further. The cost of the product may outweigh its benefits.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A