

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**April 28, 2005**

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2005, in the Green Lake County Board Room. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Dan Priske Absent: Orville Biesenthal  
John Brennan  
Deb Schubert  
Bernie Kasierski

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk  
Orrin Helmer, Board Chair  
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel  
Kathy Morris, Treasurer  
Mike Handel, Sheriff  
Lori Evans, Admin Assist, Sheriff's office

**AGENDA**

*Motion/second(Brennan/Kasierski)* to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second(Schubert/Brennan)* to approve the minutes of March 31, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**APPEARANCE** None

**IN REM PROCEDURE FOR TAX DEEDS**

Discussion was held on the differences of the in rem and tax deed process.

*Motion/second(Schubert/Kasierski)* to begin the process for the County to use the in rem procedure for taking delinquent tax parcels as soon as it can be started. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Morris sent the report to the committee. Discussion was held on interest rates. Morris presented a print out of the payouts to all taxing districts.

*Motion/second(Brennan/Schubert)* to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**INVESTIGATION OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTY BY DNR**

Morris stated that she sent a letter to Kevin McKnight stating that the County would give permission for him to look at the Holloway property in Manchester, and the D Evans property in Markesan.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD – Mike Handel, Sheriff**

Sheriff Handel and Lori Evans appeared to discuss the Law Enforcement budget. Evans stated that the fuel and vehicle maintenance line item will probably go over budget for the year based on the overall increase of fuel costs. She also stated that prisoner medical will be high because of the increase number of prisoners. Discussion was held on the cost of the medical contract with Berlin hospital for medical treatment. Discussion was held on prescription drug costs. Evans stated that the County gets the medical assistance rate for all drugs. Kasierski encouraged Evans to check that the rates are the medical assistance rate.

The average daily population is 60 to 63. Three prisoners are out on electric monitors.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENTS GASOLINE USE**

A letter from December to Dan Priske from Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner was presented stating that the Highway Committee voted not to expand the fuel storage capacity at the Highway Facility.

Discussion was held on the cost of the increase of fuel. Schubert recommended that the Law Enforcement Committee, Finance Committee and the Highway Committee meet together to discuss how the Committees can work together to reduce the fuel costs of the county. Brennan stated that the cost of the tanks should not be the sole responsibility of the Highway Department.

Helmer stated that the County is now paying \$1.70/gallon. The Highway Commissioner explained to the Highway Committee that a semi load of fuel currently is \$2.20/gallon. It is not sold on an annual contracted price. If gas is purchased by the semi load it is purchased on the open market and is not a contract. Helmer explained that the gas truck could bring gas more often and fill the tank that is at Highway. Helmer has asked that this be put on the next Highway Committee agenda. Discussion was held on the cost of a pump with a card system that could be used on the fuel tank. Highway will let the Clerk's Office know the Committee's findings.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

The Committee reviewed the printout. Discussion was held on several specific accounts.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Bostelmann presented a request from Auditor Jeff Cohen to create an account for the railroad consortium payment under the Highway Department budget. The new account number would be 05-701-29-53591-000-000. Bostelmann also requested transfer \$13,299.93 from the equipment account to the new account for the railroad consortium payment.

Bostelmann request that the Emergency Management Budget be adjusted by \$89,063.00 in revenue and expense for the Homeland Security grant received.

*Motion/second(Brennan/Schubert)* to approve the budget adjustments. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES** None

**SUPERVISORS CLAIMS**

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$5,092.86 and Laypersons for \$296.84.

*Motion/second(Brennan/Schubert)* to approve the supervisor's claims. Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS**

A list of Finance vouchers was presented for \$19,127.24 for Finance and \$5,808.50 for IT.

*Motion/second(Schubert/Brennan)* to approve the Finance vouchers for \$19,127.24 and IT vouchers for \$5,808.50. Motion carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT** None

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future meeting dates:** Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 4:30.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second(Kasierski/Schubert)* to adjourn at 5:40 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Margaret Bostelmann  
Secretary