

FINANCE COMMITTEE
May 28, 2009

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, May 28, 2009, in the Green Lake County Board Room. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Dan Priske
Deb Schubert
Alma Hedberg
Susan McConnell
Eugene Schroeder

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
Orrin Helmer, Board Chair
Kathy Morris, Treasurer
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Bob Podgorski, Highway Commissioner and Becky Pence, Admin Assist. Highway
Sheriff Mark Podoll
Gary Podoll, Emergency Mgmt. Director
Linda Van Ness, Director HHS and LeRoy Dissing, Deputy Director HHS
Jason Kauffeld, UWEX Educator
Brooke Kwaterski

AGENDA

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (McConnell/Hedberg) to approve the minutes of April 30, 2009 and May 7, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morris explained the April report to the Committee. She reported on how the bond fund money has been invested and the interest rate.

Morris presented a resolution opposing 2009 Assembly Bill 149 Proposing Interest Rate reduction on Tax Delinquent Properties.

Motion/second(Schubert/Schroeder) to approve and sign the resolution and send on to the June County Board. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 Minute limit

CORRESPONDENCE None

Helmer distributed a letter from Chuck Mirr requesting the County gives the City the well on the County

property.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Mark Podoll and Gary Podoll presented information relating to the County Communication system. Changes in the FCC regulations and old equipment will require the County to upgrade the current communication infrastructure. Included in the presentation was the cost information from the bids received. Total cost will not exceed \$2,273,000. The cost does not include any possible grant or cost share funding from partners. \$200,000 could come from the State Patrol as a partnership. The cost does include the pagers for all municipalities. Municipalities would pay back the county for the pagers over time.

Tom Wilde – Chair of the GLC Fire Association and Markesan Fire Chief explained that this is necessary for safety and communication.

Joel Strahota Southern GLC ambulance Service Director spoke in favor of the proposal and explained safety issue they encounter because of the lack of coverage in the southern part of the county.

Mike Ross – Markesan Emergency Government Director also spoke in favor of the proposal.

Gary Podoll explained that all county emergency departments are in favor of this. This must be completed by 2013 when the FCC regulations change.

Priske asked if this new system will be obsolete the day it is purchased. Sheriff Podoll stated that it will not. Priske asked how this is impacted by the new building. The towers will not go up until May or June 2010 after the justice center is complete.

Priske asked if grant funds and partnership fund are deducted from the cost. No this is the total cost. When will the Kohl grant be available? The County should hear back on the grant application by February 2010.

Mark Podoll explained that there is a warranty and maintenance is low.

APPEARANCE:

Brian Della, PFM, appeared to discuss financing for the Green Lake County Communication System. Della recommends borrowing the funds from the State Trust Fund Loan Program because of the flexibility and the low interest rate.

Motion/second(Schroeder/Schubert) to approve the resolution submitted by the Judicial Law Enforcement Committee for funding the communications system and send to the County Board and request funds from the State Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD – Bob Podgorski, Highway

Bob Podgorski appeared and explained that his budget is at 22% at this time which is under budget. Helmer pointed out that the big spending months for the highway department is during the summer months. Podgorski also stated that he applied for a bridge and a road project through the ARRA package. He received approvals for the bridge and County A south of Highway 44. This is worth over \$1,000,000 to the county.

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET DIRECTIVE FOR 2010

Discussion was held regarding the state deficit and how that will impact the County.

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to direct all department of a 0% increase for 2010 levy at this time

and if necessary this will be relooked at after the State budget is passed. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the 2009 revenue and expenditure report. Discussion was held.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS None

Law Enforcement requested an expenditure account for phone cards.

Motion/second(Schubert/Hedberg) to approve the expenditure line for phone cards in the jail. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION – REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SYSTEM

Van Ness explained that currently they have a check book for each consumer who needs assistance with their finances and with their bills being paid. The auditor recommended that this process be consolidated to one check book and an accounting managed system. Van Ness is recommending that the accounting management be done by FRI staff. The account will be set up at 1st National Bank. Signatures are required by the Clerk and Chair of Finance.

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to approve setting up the representative payee system through Fox River Industries and that the Clerk and Priske sign the appropriate papers. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

SUPERVISORS CLAIMS

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$4,916.01 and lay person's claims for \$416.60.

VOUCHERS

Vouchers were presented for Finance in the amount of \$150,140.92 and for IT in the amount of \$2,571.79.

Motion/second(Hedberg/McConnell) to approve the supervisor's claims and Lay person's claims and the vouchers for Finance and IT as presented. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Department of Commerce Grant - Cornerstone

Bostelmann explained that a grant for the business plan for the Cornerstone project is available through the Department of Commerce. The Cornerstone project will impact four counties.

Motion/second(McConnell/Schroeder) to approve the resolution and send it on to the County. Motion carried.

GRANT WRITING DISCUSSION – BROOKE KWATERSKI

Brooke Kwaterski appeared and explained findings from her research that she has found through investigation. Discussion was held on what grants would fit with the County. She will email Jason and Bostelmann with grant possibilities. It was suggested that a phone conference be set up with Marjorie and Brooke to discuss coordination of grant research and writing. The main focus will be on the justice center.

Motion/second(Hedberg/McConnell) to authorize Dan Priske and Deb Schubert to approve funds for grant writing between Finance Committee meetings if necessary. Motion carried.

Selsing reviewed a draft contract which will be used for both grant writers.

LONG RANGE PLAN DISCUSSION

Bostelmann presented the total expenditures, \$681450.36 for the justice center for the month of May and the total to date.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting dates: Thursday June 25, 2009 at 4:30 PM.

Future Agenda items: Strategic Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Schubert/McConnell) to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Marge Bostelmann

County Clerk