

FINANCE COMMITTEE
January 29, 2009

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, January 29, 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, County Board Chair
Kathy Morris, Treasurer
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Sheriff Mark Podoll
Linda Van Ness, Director HHS

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (McConnell/Hedberg) to approve the minutes of December 23, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 Minute limit

Todd Hudzinski appeared to discuss the need of a full time employee to strategize and coordinate grants in the County.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bostelmann presented a letter from Art Hartwig discussing the Courthouse building project and the financing/bonding to pay for it. Priske stated that Hartwig does not own property in this County or vote in this County.

APPEARANCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morris sent the report to the committee. Morris reported on recent reinvestments most at a little over 3% interest. The November sales tax is expected tomorrow and will be is \$82,259.51. Morris believes that the property tax payment is about the same as last year. Morris passed out a list of foreclosures actions in Wisconsin. She also went over her annual report.

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

BOND ISSUE

Bostelmann talked with Dave Anderson today and he will be attending the Finance Committee meeting next month to discuss the time table for the bond issue. He expects the issue to be in March or April.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the 2008 budget by department. Discussion was held. Schubert questioned the management staff at the Highway. She was told that there are too many managers. Discussion was held on the cost of termination of parental rights procedures. This year there were two TPRs that went to court. This involves quite a bit of preparation time.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Snowmobiles: Because of extra grant money that the County received, Bostelmann requested an increase in the revenue and expense accounts for the snowmobile program.

08-100-06-51600-246-000 – increase by \$13,321.43

08-100-06-43571-000-000 – increase by \$13,321.43

Maintenance: New account numbers are being requested so the maintenance department can better keep track of funds spent for FRI maintenance.

09-100-06-51600-811-847 – New Account for FRI capital improvements

09-100-06-51600-344-847 – New Account for FRI janitorial supplies

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to approve the snowmobile budget adjustment and creating the new accounts for FRI. Motion carried.

Highway: Highway is requesting the creation of a revenue account for the FEMA funds

09-701-29-43532-000-000 – Flood Damage

Motion/second(McConnell/Hedberg) to approve creating the new account. Motion carried.

Health & Human Services;

\$260 increase in revenue and expenses in the Aging Unit.

\$16,400 increase for MA Transportation

\$1649 decrease C&F Independence Living program

Motion/second(Hedberg/Schubert) to approve the adjustments. Motion carried.

Van Ness stated that it is possible that a child may be placed in Lincoln Hills this year.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Schroeder stated that members of the Personnel Committee attended the Department Head meeting and discussed the need to review personnel and to see if positions can be consolidated. The department heads are being required to attend a LEAN training next week. He brought up the idea of volunteers and possibly looking at combining programs and or positions. Bostelmann stated that she and Mr. Helmer will be meeting with the administrative coordinators and board chairs of Marquette and Waushara Counties to discuss possible coordination and cooperation between Counties. McConnell stated that she would like to see a part-time position that would look for and write grant proposals. She is suggesting that the cities and county contribute money that can be used for this position. Priske stated that UWEX staff is very educated and capable of helping with grants.

SUGGESTIONS TO INCREASE REVENUE/CUT EXPENSES

Schroeder asked each supervisor to discuss this with each department. Selsing stated that in 1990 the County passed a resolution to charge the state \$9000 for corporation counsel cost for child support cases. This has not increased since 1990. Selsing will look at increasing this revenue.

Motion/second(McConnell/Schroeder) to allow Jason Kauffeld to speak. Motion carried.

Jason stated that the county has paid over \$600,000 in energy costs last year. He stated that the County could look at conserving and reduce the energy cost by about half. He also stated that wind turbines are in focus throughout the state for sustainable energy. He stated that if the county wants energy money an expert in energy is necessary.

WISCONSIN WAY

Priske will be attending a presentation on Monday in Madison on the Wisconsin Way. The Wisconsin Way is a movement to look at how the State raises taxes and offers other theories to fund government in Wisconsin. It is supported by the WCA, the State Board of Realtors, and WEAC. Over 6000 people have attended sessions on the Wisconsin Way throughout the state.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Outstanding Check Resolution – Will be presented in March.

SUPERVISORS CLAIMS

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$2,227.94 and lay persons' claims in the amount of \$226.90.

VOUCHERS

Vouchers were presented for Finance in the amount of \$2,729.71 for 2008 and 183,034.01 for 2009 and for IT in the about of \$24,282.57 for 2008 and \$31,080.03 for 2009.

Motion/second(Schubert/Hedberg) to approve the supervisor's claims, the lay people's claims and the vouchers for Finance and IT. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Bostelmann presented an accounting of the first drawdown funds and expenses to date.

LONG RANGE PLAN DISCUSSION No additional discussion

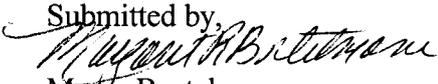
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting dates: Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 4:30 PM.

Future Agenda items: Dave Anderson regarding the County Bond issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (McConnell/Hedberg) to adjourn at 5:45 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk