

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 30, 2011

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Deb Schubert at 4:30 PM on Thursday, June 30, 2011, in the Green Lake County Board Room. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Deb Schubert
Margaret Whirry
Alma Hedberg
Joanne Guden
Jack Meyers

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk Dan Priske, Board Chair
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel Sheriff Mark Podoll
Kathy Morris, Treasurer Linda Van Ness, HHS
Sue McConnell, Supervisor Becky Pence, Highway
Al Shute, LUPZ Maureen Schweder, Supervisor
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Bob Jahn, Highway Dept.

AGENDA

Motion/second (Meyers/Guden) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Guden/Hedberg) to approve the minutes of May 26, 2011 correcting that Guden was absent and a typographical error under the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPEARANCES – None

OPEN BIDS FOR 515 GOLD STREET PROPERTY – None

Motion/Second(Guden/Hedberg) to send the sale of gold Street property back to P&I to determine if it should be given to a realtor to sell or send to the paper again. Motion carried
Selsing suggested that any listing with a realtor have an exception for the Center of Art & Innovation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morris sent her report to the committee. She explained that the sales tax deposit on May 1st is the highest that has ever been received for the month of April. She explained that the office is on track with collections compared to last year. She also invested funds at 1.30% at Farmers & Merchants Bank in Berlin and 1.25% at Timberwood Bank in Tomah.

Morris discussed tax deed procedures and stated the County should do personal service for the people that we cannot get signatures on a certified letter. Morris received a letter from a tax payer stating that taxes are too high and expenditures should be cut. Morris will write back thanking him for the letter and explaining that the Committee is working on reducing expenditures and asked if he has any suggestions.

Motion/second (Whirry/Meyers) to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD – LINDA VAN NESS, HHS

Van Ness explained the percent of expenses and revenues. She pointed out that the Child Care expenditures for the year is at 17% of budget which is very low for this time year. Mental health is 22% of budget which is also very low. Selsing explained that he went to Court with Van Ness regarding juvenile cases. The Judge complimented Van Ness on her staff.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the budget summary. Schubert requested Becky Pence to appear and explain the expenditures report for the Committee. Pence presented a written explanation for the Committee explaining the cost pool accounts which are then journalized to income statement. She then ties the amount to the County budget.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Bostelmann requested a budget adjustment to increase Parks Donations (Revenue) and Zobel Park ADA Project (expense) by \$30,361. This represents the donations and cost of the ADA playground equipment at Zobel Park.

Motion/Second(Guden/Meyers) to approve the budget adjustment. Motion carried

2012 BUDGET

Bostelmann gave out a brief summary of anticipated revenues and expenditures through the end of the year. The estimates indicate the County will end the year in the black. She also anticipates about a \$40,000 saving with non-represented employees paying their share of the retirement cost which is not figured in the year end estimate.

Bostelmann also presented an analysis for 2012. She anticipated at least an additional \$220,745 in levy if no modifications are made. The allowable levy increase will be about \$68,000. The Committee discussed requesting department heads to reduce their levy by a percentage. Discussion was held on requesting departments to reduce 5% from their levy and if county reserves can be used to help balance the 2012 budget.

Motion/Second(Whirry/Guden) to ask for a 3% cut in the levy from all departments including personnel costs. Motion carried.

Van Ness gave some explanation on the impact on the HHS budget. She explained the IM consortium. Green Lake County will consolidate with 6 other Counties to form a consortium.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES – None

SUPERVISORS MONTHLY CLAIMS

Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$7,145.25 and lay people in the amount of \$1,094.15.

MONTHLY VOUCHERS

Vouchers were presented for Finance in the amount of \$14,354.45 and for IT in the amount of \$19,019.51.

Motion/second (Whirry/Meyers) to approve the supervisor's claims and the vouchers for Finance and IT as presented. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Bostelmann notified the Committee that mileage reimbursement is going up from \$.51/mile to be \$.555/mile starting July 1.

CLOSED SESSION – None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular Meeting:** Thursday July 28, 2011 at 4:30 PM.
- **Future Agenda:**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Meyers/Guden) to adjourn at 5:50 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk