

FINANCE COMMITTEE
November 30, 2006

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 30, 2006, in the Green Lake County Board Room. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Dan Priske
 John Brennan
 Vern Ammentorp
 Deb Schubert
 Orville Biesenthal

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
 Orrin Helmer
 Dan Sondalle, Assistant Corporation Counsel
 Kathy Morris, Treasurer
 Linda Van Ness, Director HHS
 Bob Podgorski, Highway Commissioner

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second(Biesenthal/Schubert) to approve the minutes of October 18, 2006 and October 26, 2006 stating that Brennan Chaired the meeting because Priske was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 Minute limit None

CORRESPONDENCE None

APPEARANCE None

TREASURER’S REPORT

Morris sent the report to the committee.

Collecting Taxes for Municipalities: Morris explained that 3 municipalities have entered into a contract with the County Treasurer’s office to collect the first half taxes.

Tax deed Property: Morris reported that the Moreland’s paid their taxes today so the County will not be taking tax deed. The Reyna property was looked at by John Brennan, Kathy Morris, Jodi Olsen, City of Berlin Clerk, Mary Lou Neubauer, Berlin Zoning Administrator, the City Assessor and two police officers. Based on looking at the property the assessor will be reducing the value of the house. Discussion was held on taking tax deed on the Reyna property now or waiting until the value is dropped.

Motion/second(Brennan/Schubert) to take tax deed now on the Reyna property and advertising the

property for bid. Motion carried.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Health & Human Services – Linda Van Ness appeared and discussed the 2006 HHS budget. Van Ness stated that to date expenses are 77.48% of budget and revenues are 90.40% of budget for 10 months. Van Ness highlighted the expenditures of several units. Overall the budget is in good shape. Van Ness explained the Aging Disability Resource Center.

Highway – Bob Podgorski appeared and presented his expenditures. He stated that he does not have his carryover fund in the budget so it appears that he is over budget.

FUEL VEHICLE COSTS

Helmer discussed the purchase of gas in volume and questioned how the gas would be charged to departments if the purchase price is different each time gas is purchased. He stated that other counties have a fund for gas and all departments get gas and are charged only for a handling fee. The Co-op where the Highway Department buys fuel attended a Highway meeting and stated that the County purchased 50,000 gallons of fuel at an agreed upon price. Now that the price is less at the pump the other county departments are getting gas at the local gas station. The Co-op representative stated that the County has made a commitment for the gas and he has purchased the gas at the agreed upon price and the County needs to keep their end of the agreement. The highway department will continue to use the contracted gas.

Schubert was excused at 5:00.

BUDGET REVIEW

The budget printouts were reviewed and discussed.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS None

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Priske presented a resolution from Columbia County against Act 420 which will require counties to reimburse libraries in adjacent counties for services provided to county residents without libraries. This could put a substantial cost on counties. The resolution will be sent to the Ag Extension and Fair Committee for review and action.

SUPERVISORS CLAIMS

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$7,307.13 and lay people in the amount of \$159.74.

Motion/second(Biesenthal/Ammentorp) to approve the supervisors' and lay persons' claims. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

A list of claims was presented in the amount of \$10,950.23 for Finance.

Motion/second(Biesenthal/Ammentorp) to approve the Finance vouchers. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The budgets have been printed and are being distributed to county offices.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting dates: Thursday, December 28, 2006 at 4:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Brennan/Biesenthal) to adjourn at 5:35 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk