

FINANCE COMMITTEE
October 29, 2009

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, October 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

Absent: Eugene Schroeder

Also Present: Orrin Helmer, Board Chair
Margaret Bostelmann, County Clerk
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Sheriff Mark Podoll
Bob Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Highway Admin Assistant
Maureen Schweder, County Supervisor

Also Present: Pam Schumacher, LeRoy Dissing, Bob Jahn, Missy Sorenson, Sue Wendt, Al Shute

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schubert/Hedberg) to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute limit) - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPEARANCE – None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kathy Morris sent her report to the committee. She is investing funds in a money market account at the First Business Bank for a rate of 2.5%. She reported on the tax deed property that will be sold on bids at next month's Finance Committee meeting. The sales tax payment this month is \$98,204.96.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD – Bob Podgorski, Highway Department

Highway Commissioner Bob Podgorski and Administrative Assistant Becky Pence discussed the 2009 Highway budget. Revenues are at 84% with expenditures at 71%. A comparison between the Sage accounting system and the CHEMS system was explained.

BUDGET REVIEW

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Dissing explained that a FEMA grant was received. This adjustment in the amount of \$1600 is for the aging budget.

Al Shute requested a budget adjustment to increase the Wisconsin Fund Revenue and Expense to \$19,705 to accurately reflect the activity in the fund for 2009.

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

2010 BUDGETS

Bostelmann sent the budget book and summary sheet to the Committee in the packet.

Bostelmann explained the need to conduct an "Other Post Employee Benefits" (OPEB) study. The study will cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000. Bostelmann requested permission to solicit bids for the study. She also questioned if this should be put in the special accounting line item or use the contingency fund to pay for the cost.

Bostelmann also explained that she received the Worker's Compensation and Liability premium notices within the last few weeks and she is \$12,700 short in the insurance budget. She asked if the Committee wanted to address this in the 2010 budget or wait to see if the budget block of account will be okay at the end of the year. The committee directed that the 2010 budget remain the same as presented in their packets.

Bostelmann also discussed the charge for the FRI and Disabilities Services audit cost. A resolution from 1986 requires the County to pay for the DSI audit up to \$3500. FRI will be paying for their audit. The special accounting budget for 2010 should not be over budget.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Resolution relating to the 2010 Budget and 2009 Tax Levy: The Committee approved the levy at \$12,823,872.

Motion/second(Hedberg/McConnell) to approve the budget resolution and send on to the County Board. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

Chris Schafer appeared to discuss the Network Health proposal made to the Personnel Committee regarding Health Insurance. Jim Clemmons and Erin Kelly also appeared. Schafer discussed that premiums proposed and pointed out the cost savings compared to the current plan premium. He also suggested that the POS plan be accepted because it meets the same benefit level. Priske asked questions regarding to the company background and references. McConnell asked if they will lock in rates.

Kim Hurtz appeared to present the proposals made to the Personnel Committee regarding the Group Health insurance plan. Hurtz stated that the Network Health proposal does not match the benefit level of the current plan and the GHT requests the opportunity to match the benefits level presented by Network.

UPDATE ON GRANTING WRITING

Reports from both Brooke Kwaterski and Todd Hudzinski were given to the Committee. Podoll requested assistance with a communication infrastructure grant.

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to approve the grant writing for the sheriff as requested. Motion carried.

The Committee approved the writing of a grant to remodel downtown Courthouse.

SUPERVISORS MONTHLY CLAIMS

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$3720.47 and lay persons claims in the amount of \$287.75.

MONTHLY VOUCHERS

Vouchers were presented for Finance in the amount of \$26,555.78.

Motion/second (Schubert/Hedberg) to approve the supervisor's claims and lay person's claims and the vouchers for Finance and IT as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Bostelmann discussed agenda items.

Bostelmann also explained to the Committee the requirement from the State for the Maintenance of Effort and presented information on the wording as it was passed and the interpretation of the Department of Revenue.

LONG RANGE PLAN DISCUSSION - None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 4:30 PM.**
- **Future Agenda items for action & discussion: Open Bids for Tax Deed Sale**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Schubert/Hedberg) to adjourn at 6:10 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Margaret Bostelmann
County Clerk