

FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 24, 2014

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Marge Bostelmann at 4:30 PM on Thursday, April 24, 2014, in the Green Lake County Board Room. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Deb Schubert
Joanne Guden
Jack Meyers
Ben Moderow
Harley Reabe

Also Present:

Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk	Dan Sondalle, Corporation Counsel
Betsy Amend, Treasurer	LeRoy Dissing, HHS Director
Phil Robinson, HHS Deputy Director	Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Lori Evans, Law Enforcement	Becky Pence, Highway
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal	

AGENDA

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Bostelmann asked for nomination for Chair. Guden and Schubert nominated Harley Reabe.

Motion/second(Guden/Moderow) to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Harley Reabe for Chair. Motion carried.

Reabe was seated as Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Reabe asked for nomination for Vice-Chair. Meyers nominate Ben Moderow.

Motion/second(Meyers/Guden) to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Ben Moderow for Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schubert/Meyers) to approve the minutes of March 27, 2014 correcting that Joanne Guden was absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Roethel Berlin, President of the Berlin Library Board: The funding received by the Libraries is for two years ago. She is pleased that the County has been funding the Libraries at 100%. Libraries provide quality of life and technology is being taught by library staff.

Judy Bender, Kingston/Dalton area: She is speaking in favor of the County funding for the library system at 100%. The Kingston Mill Pond Library would have to close with a 30% cut to the budget if the County

reduced the funding. Libraries are a contracted service which the County has agreed to support at 100%. If libraries close residents will go to other county libraries that the county would be billed for. She urged the County to continue your support of the libraries at 100%

Margaret Schultz, Green Lake is President of the Caestecker Library: Schultz is in support for full funding by the county for the libraries. Libraries have free Wi-Fi, reading programs for children, and BPS Program. She appreciates health benefits that are provided by library services, it provides for physical and mental health.

Kathy Coleman, rural Princeton is President of Friends of the Princeton Library. Friends support the libraries by purchasing items that the budget does not include. They are currently saving money for a future building project for the Princeton Library. Cuts would change services drastically. Services would suffer, there are no frills to cut. It is important to the communities for continue full funding.

Terry Coleman, rural Princeton, stated that the county needs to look at this from a prospective of businesses who consider expanding in the County. When looking at business location, three things are look at, schools, parks and libraries. These show vision in the area. Result of cutting would result in businesses not looking to expand in this area. Stating how can residents support a building project if the County is not willing to support the libraries.

Mary Elliot from the Town of Shields in Marquette County. She moved back to Wisconsin from Seattle and used the library for her daughter. She works the desk at the library as a volunteer and many people use the library in the evening; students and adults. The Princeton library has 50 children in the summer reading program. There is also three programs per week at the library in the evenings. The library is used for meeting place and the library needs to keep the hours they have.

Joy Waterbury, Supervisor in Kingston area. Kingston supports the Mill Pond Library. County support is 2/3 of the Mill Pond library budget. The library would close if funding were cut. Please consider carefully cuts to the library budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bostelmann presented a letter from Beth Erdman, Hydrogeologist from the Remediation and Redevelopment Program of the DNR regarding the contaminated property the county owns in Manchester. Erdman would like to discuss the opportunity to complete the cleanup. Bostelmann will provide more information at the next meeting.

OPEN TAX DEED BIDS – None

APPEARANCES – None

UWEX COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LIBRARY FUNDING

Maureen Schweder appeared from the UWEX Committee. She asked that the members from the libraries that are present and Mark Arend be allowed to answer questions.

Motion/second(Guden/Meyers) to suspend the rules and allow the members of the libraries and/or Mark Arend to answer questions. Motion carried.

Sondalle asked for clarification on who the governing committee is and why this is being brought to this committee when the budget has not been submitted. The Ag, Extension and Fair Committee is the governing committee and the Finance Committee asked for the library funding to be reviewed before the 2015 budget is submitted.

Guden stated that she has received many letters from the individuals regarding funding. She stated that she did a lot of research and found the younger kids use the library, but the middle school and high schools kids use iPads or tablets. She said older people use it daily to read the paper and get books. She asked who pays for the special programs like the juggler that is coming to the library in Berlin. Chris Carroll stated that those are paid for by the Friends of the Library. Schubert stated that there is a job service in Berlin for job applications. Jack Meyers stated that he was invited to the Kingston Library and was asked why is the county out to get us? Meyers reassured those in attendance that they are not out to get the libraries.

Bostelmann explained that a 5 year plan has been adopted by the county at 100%. It would take county board action to change the level of support.

Chris Carroll stated that when the budget was proposed to the County it included personnel costs. Opposed to the proposal from the county departments that does not include personnel costs. The reimbursement request from the libraries includes personnel costs.

Reabe suggested that the Library representatives come to the next UWEX meeting to educate the new board members.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES – None

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Amend explained that the lottery credit has been settled. The tax roll is ahead of prior years' collection. The bond process went smoothly. Discussion was held on sales tax investment.

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT – AMY BROOKS, HIGHWAY

Amy Brooks and Becky Pence appeared to discuss the highway budget. Current expenditures are under budget and revenues are over budget to date. Brooks passed out a printout explain the highway department's net position. She explained that the highway department budget is doing better this year compared to 2013.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Bostelmann presented a budget adjustment for UWEX:

Creating a Master Gardener's revenue and expense account:

Revenue 14-100-13-46770-000-001 \$1173.81

Expense 14-100-13-55620-369-000 \$1173.81

Motion/second(Guden/Moderow) to approve the master gardener expense and revenue in the UWEX budget. Motion carried.

Bostelmann will ask for a breakdown of revenues and expenditure for the master gardeners.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dissing explained that he, Bostelmann, Petruske and Renn spoke with the auditor regarding the WIMCR account. This is funding from the state that is then taken back from the County through decreasing state aids. In the past the decrease has been shown as a negative revenue. After discussing this with the auditors, it was decided that an accounts payable account will be created rather than deducting from a revenue account. Bostelmann asked Petruske to provide detail for the revenue deposited into an expense account. Bostelmann has discussed this with department heads to insure this is only done in special circumstances per the auditor.

The committee asked questions relating to law enforcement, highway, and HHS which were answered by department heads.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY CLAIMS

Supervisors' claims were presented in the amount of \$5,344.04 and lay person's claims in the amount of \$215.52.

MONTHLY VOUCHERS

Vouchers were presented for Finance in the amount of \$50,965.98 and IT in the amount of \$20,173.01.

Motion/second (Guden/Meyers) to approve the supervisor's claims, lay person's claims and the Finance and IT vouchers. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report was discussed under specific agenda items.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Meyers thanked Schubert for her past leadership as Chair of the committee and her overseeing of the county funds and all she has taught him.

- **Future meeting dates:** May 29, 2014 at 4:30 pm.
- **Future Agenda:**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Meyers/Schubert) to adjourn at 5:47 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk