

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 30, 2011

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

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

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk Dan Priske, Board Chair
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel Sheriff Mark Podoll
Chief Deputy Mark Putzke Lori Evans, Sheriff's Office
Linda Van Ness, HHS Winn Collins, DA
Maureen Schweder, Supervisor Dan Borowski, Phillips Borowski
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPEARANCES – None

2012 BUDGET

HHS Department: Van Ness appeared and explained how she has reduced her expense. She has kept positions vacant, reduced qualifications resulting in the reduction of salary; she explained changes in her budget. She stated that currently there are 4 children in foster care. She is concerned that issues may come up at any time. She stated that if necessary she would reduce Child and Family and the Clinical Services unit and depend on the carryover funds if necessary.

Meyers asked what would happen if there was a crisis and had to use those funds. That would have to be discussed to replace those funds in the future. Van Ness stated that HHS works collaborative with other counties. Van Ness will continue to work to reduce the budget by 3%.

Sheriff's Department: Evans explained that the Sheriff's department has cut 3% out of almost all line items. She explained that in 2010 they returned \$230,000 to the levy and in 2011 they returned \$224,512 to the budget. This year they would like to offset the levy by \$123,309.87 of undesignated fund. Evans also pointed out the Sheriff's office saved \$207,494.94 in 2010 because of the Master Control Program. Which is a lesser paid employee to handle the jail control center. Discussion was held on inmate medical. Bostelmann will redo the summary sheet to explain how they will use the carryover to offset the county budget, not just the Sheriff's office.

Corporation Counsel: Selsing stated that he is the attorney for child Support and Child Support receives a revenue. Selsing stated that he has asked Terry Stellmacher to transfer part of the revenue of Corporation Counsel and transfer that to the Corporation Counsel budget. He applied \$2500 of the \$6000 which allowed him to add back in his small items of equipment \$1,000 and capital equipment of \$500. Schubert stated that she does not believe the \$1,500 should be put back in and the revenue should not be shuffled from Child Support. This will not change the levy amount.

Discussion was held and it was agreed to approve the revenue from Child Support for \$2500 and take out the \$1500.

Motion/Second(Meyers/Hedberg) remove the \$1000 for small items of equipment and the \$500 for capital equipment and approve the \$2500 revenue from the Child Support budget. Motion carried.

Child Support: Because of the action on the Corporation Counsel budget the Child Support revenue will be reduced by \$2500.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion/Second(Meyers/Guden) to go Consider motion to convene in closed session per ss. 19.85(1) (b) considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person; 19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governing body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; and 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. The closed session relates to issues regarding the office of the Corporation Counsel, Assistant Corporation Counsel. No evidentiary hearing will be conducted. Roll call vote, 4 ayes and 0 nays and 1 absent, motion carried.

RESUME OPEN SESSION

Motion/Second(Guden/Meyers) to resume open session. Roll call vote, 4 ayes and 0 nays and 1 absent, motion carried.

ANNOUNCE FINDINGS FROM CLOSED IF ANY

Schubert announced that following motion:

Motion/Second(Guden/Hedberg) to 1.) Terminate the line item for contracted services in the corporation counsel budget of \$50, 802.65. 2.) Enter into a flat fee agreement with the assistant corporation counsel which pays the assistant directly for all services and expenses including secretarial help for a total of

\$46,000. 3.) Direct Phillips Borowski to negotiate additional terms of a flat fee agreement with Haase Law Office on behalf of the County. Roll call vote in open session, Guden – aye, Hedberg – aye, Meyers – aye, Schubert – aye; motion carried all ayes.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Special Meeting:** September 8th at 3:00 PM and **Regular Meeting:** Thursday September 29, 2011 at 4:30 PM.
- **Future Agenda:** September 8th for Tax deed property tour; September 29th regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Guden/Meyers) to adjourn at 6:25 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk