

FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 24, 2005

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, February 24, 2005, in the Green Lake County Board Room. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Dan Priske
John Brennan
Orville Biesenthal
Deb Schubert
Bernie Kasierski

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
Orrin Helmer, Board Chair
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Kathy Morris, Treasurer
Linda Van Ness, Director, HHS
Judge McMonigal

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second(Kasierski/Biesenthal) to approve the minutes of January 27, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

APPEARANCE

Kevin McKnight, DNR appeared to discuss liability as it relates to government and brown field clean up. Information was presented to the Committee members. McKnight gave examples of how the program has worked in Oshkosh.

McKnight received a grant from EPA to do some investigation for clean up of property. He is interested in 3 sights in Green Lake County; the Hallway Property in Manchester, out lot on the d'Evans property in Markesan the third one is Harrington Motors in Berlin. McKnight is asking for the County to help him get on the properties to do the investigation. The County has a Statute authority to go on the property to do investigations.

Priske requested a letter outlining what he is requesting and the County will act on this next month.

Mark Hoffman explained that he has bought four properties on tax deed and he is not able to get Title Insurance. He stated that Selsing was able to get him Title Insurance through Waushara Title. He has bought properties through the "in rem" procedure in other Counties and suggested that Green Lake do the same, which would bring about a clean sale and title insurance. Discussion was held on the differences between the two processes. Priske asked Selsing to look into this and report back next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kathy Morris sent her financial report to the Committee. Morris explained to the Committee that \$500,000 is being invested at Farmers & Merchants bank at 3% for 7 months; two \$500,000 CDs at Bank Mutual, for 3.04%, one for 6 months and one for 8 months; and three CDs at Green Lake State Bank, \$300,000 for 3.46% for 15 months; \$500,000 for 3.3% for 8 months and \$1 million at 3.65% for one year. Farmer's State Bank has offered 2.68%.

The total tax roll collected is \$35,245,392.44. Morris presented the changes in the municipal tax rates and rate of delinquent. Delinquent taxes are \$1,399,776.70. Percent of delinquent taxes are 3.97% and the average collection is 63.59%.

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

CARRYOVER FUNDS

Judge McMonigal appeared to answer any questions on the funds he has requested to be carried over to 2005.

Lori Evans and Sheriff Handel appeared to explain and answer any questions on the funds that have been requested to be carried over to 2005. Handel stated that the jail doors are in poor shape and may need to be replaced. He would like to see the County use the Jail assessment account for that repair.

Van Ness requested that an additional \$10,000 from Fox River Industries be carried over to the FRI vehicle carryover.

Motion/second(Biesenthal/Brennan) to approve the carryovers as presented.

BUDGET REVIEW

The printout was given to the members in advance of the meeting. The printout was reviewed.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Linda Van Ness requested a budget adjustment to increase W2 salaries by \$4527; create a Volunteer Guardianship account for \$1800; Independent living for \$1652 and W2 additional funds for \$47,318.

Motion/second(Biesenthal/Schubert) to approve the budget adjustment. Motion carried.

Bostelmann presented a letter from Sheriff Handel requesting a revenue and expenditure account for the electronic monitoring program.

Motion/second(Schubert/Brennan) to approve the request for the new account in Law Enforcement. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES None

SUPERVISORS CLAIMS

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$6,265.54 and the layperson's claims in the amount of \$146.31

VOUCHERS

A list of Finance vouchers was presented for \$120,142.59 for Finance and \$13697.61 for IT.

Motion/second(Biesenthal/Schubert) to approve the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$6,265.54 and lay persons claims of \$146.31; and the Finance vouchers for \$120,142.59 and IT vouchers for \$13,697.61. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Policy for writing off past due charges

Bostelmann will bring a policy on unpaid claims next month.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting dates: Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 4:30.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Brennan/Schubert) to adjourn at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Margaret Bostelmann
Secretary