

FINANCE COMMITTEE
July 28, 2005

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, July 28, 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
Bernie Kasierski
Deb Schubert

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
Orrin Helmer, Board Chair
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Kathy Morris, Treasurer
Mike Handel, Sheriff
Mark Trochinski, Undersheriff
Laura Polcyn, Communications Administrator
Lori Evans, Administrative Assistant, LE
Jeff Hoffman, UWEX

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second(Kasierski/Biesenthal) to approve the minutes of June 30, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

APPEARANCE None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morris sent the report to the committee. Morris reported on the collection of the property tax. She is currently \$3 million short. Morris would like to have our auditor to review the information she received on CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service). Morris reported that the State notified her regarding an error in the sales tax reporting. A detailed report will be sent the end of December.

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

Morris stated that several people have come in to pay taxes and have requested handicap accessible to the building. Most of the people who requested the accommodations had breathing problems and could not walk very far. This issue will be sent to the Property and Insurance Committee

INVESTIGATION OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTY BY DNR

Kevin McKnight sent a report on the contaminations. Little contamination was found at the Holloway property. The Committee will wait for the final report before acting on the parcel.

DEPARTMENT HEAD – Mike Handel, Sheriff

Priske stated that he talked with the Sheriff this morning and was told that the EMP position has saved \$33,000 so far this year. The video conferencing is being installed and should be working soon. These are all cost savings measures and Priske thanked the Sheriff for the good news. Handel explained the process of the electric monitoring program.

Evans explained that the fuel costs is a problem this year. She explained that the overall budget is on track.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the printout. Discussion was held on several specific accounts. Brennan asked for information on how and when certain revenues come into the county.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

A budget adjustment was sent to the Committee by Linda Van Ness requesting an adjustment of \$25,000 for one-time COP funds.

Motion/second(Biesenthal/Kasierski) to approve the adjustments. Motion carried.

2006 BUDGET

Discussion was held on the tax freeze that was imposed by the State Budget. The County will be allowed to increase the levy by 2%. This is a total dollar amount of about \$220,000. All budgets will be given to the committee next month and Bostelmann will figure operations and payroll changes. The Committee will then look at the total budget and determine how to meet the tax freeze requirement.

USE OF COUNTY SQUAD CARS

Handel stated that the County has 23 vehicles. Handel explained that the County would have to change the contract with the union if the number of squad cars were reduced. Selsing stated that this is a “condition of work” and would have to be negotiated. Priske would rather see the number of squad cars reduced than lay off employees. Handel will bring this up at a union/management meeting. This will be put on the agenda for the Judicial, Law Enforcement Committee. Schubert stated that the Law Enforcement Department requested 5 new cars for 2006, but the committee reduced the number to 4.

DISCUSSION RELATING TO COMBINING DISPATCH WITH MARQUETTE AND WAUSHARA COUNTIES

Priske asked Handel to explain how the County dispatch system works. Handel explained that the City of Berlin Officers are on a different channel than the County Sheriff’s department. Handel stated that he talked with the Waushara County Sheriff who has not heard anything about combining dispatch. Helmer stated that several years ago the question of a combined dispatch was posed to the three Counties, but had none wanted to combine the dispatches. Bostelmann stated that she saw Deb

Behringer, Administrative Coordinator for Waushara County at a recent seminar and told her that this would be on the Finance Committee agenda for discussion. Behringer stated that she would bring it up to her Sheriff and County Board Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Financing of building Projects: A resolution was presented to limit the financing of any building projects to the revenue generated by the sales tax.

Motion/second(Brennan/Biesenthal) to approve the resolution and send it on to the County Board. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS CLAIMS

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$2,452.18 and lay peoples claims in the amount of \$180.50.

Motion/second(Kasierski/Schubert) to approve the supervisor's claims. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

A list of Finance vouchers was presented for \$ 128,620.70.

Motion/second(Brennan/Biesenthal) to approve the Finance vouchers for \$128,620.70. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Paying of bills: Bostelmann reported that she has been working with departments on how vouchers are entered and paid. Her staff has also been implementing measures to reduce errors in remitting to vendors to insure proper credit and eliminate the possibility of duplicate payments.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Compensation for Supervisors and Chairman – This will be put on the Administrative Committee agenda for discussion.

Future meeting dates: Thursday, August 25, 2005 at 4:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Schubert/Biesenthal) to adjourn at 5:55 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Margaret Bostelmann
Secretary