

FINANCE COMMITTEE
September 25, 2008

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair, Dan Priske at 4:30 PM on Thursday, September 25, 2008, 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
Eugene Schroeder

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
Orrin Helmer, County Board Chair
Kathy Morris, Treasurer
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Gus Mueller, Supervisor

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hedberg/McConnell) to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008 and September 18, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 Minute limit None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPEARANCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morris sent the report to the committee. She stated that when she invests funds she requests additional collateral. One bank did not send the collateral in a timely manner and she was going to pull the money out, but the collateral was provided by the bank so she kept the money invested. She explained why she requests collateral when she invests over \$500,000 at any bank. She would also like permission to purchase a subscription from a bank rating service that would provide quarterly ratings of banks. The subscription would cost \$400 annually and she would receive quarterly reports.

There are four tax deed properties left. Two are going through foreclosure and two are in bankruptcy. Therefore none will be taken this year.

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

DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant from Highway presented an overview of the highway budget. She stated that she has been looking over the expenditure reports and the revenue reports for both Sage, the County accounting software and CHEMS, the Highway accounting software. The Highway Department is 6.33% over the expenditure budget which includes the winter maintenance and the flood damage. Revenues are 19.6% over budget, so it will be close at the end of the year. Some salt is in reserve for the upcoming winter. A salt delivery is scheduled for October. Green Lake County has a salt contract for about \$43.00 per ton. Counties without a contract may pay as much as \$200 per ton.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the 2008 budget by department.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

HHS is requesting new revenue and expenditure accounts for Children and Family:

08-207-33-43500-000-000 \$20,000

08-207-33-54544-287-000 \$20,000

Long Term Care:

08-207-32-43500-000-000 \$6839

08-207-32-54539-277-000 \$6839

and Family Care new revenue account:

08-207-35-46548-000-000 - \$0.00

Motion/second(Hedberg/McConnell) to approve the creation of the new revenue and expenditure accounts.

Motion carried.

2009 BUDGET

Bostelmann presented the levy at 2.359% increase excluding the county libraries, Winnefox Library System and highway bridge aid. The total levy is 12,268,318 which is a 2.74% increase overall.

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to move \$400 from contingency to the Treasurer's 2009 budget for the subscription to bank ratings. Motion carried.

Motion/second(Hedberg/McConnell) to set the levy at \$12,268,318 for the 2009 budget. Roll call, Hedberg – aye; McConnell – aye; Schroeder – aye; Schubert – nay; Priske – aye. Motion carried; 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Bostelmann will publish the levy in the paper with the Budget Hearing scheduled for November 12, 2009.

3 YEAR AUDIT CONTRACT:

Bostelmann presented a 3 year contract for audit services from Schenck. Discussion was held.

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to accept the 3 year audit contract. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES none

SUPERVISORS CLAIMS

The Committee reviewed the supervisor's claims in the amount of \$5,546.91 and lay persons' claims in the amount of \$177.12.

VOUCHERS

Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$10,156.87 for Finance and \$21,239.17 for IT.

Motion/second(Schubert/McConnell) to approve the supervisor's claims, the lay people's claims and the vouchers for Finance and IT. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT – Liz Otto has started in the Clerk's office this week. The budget is coming along well and will be published soon.

LONG RANGE PLAN DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on the sale of County facilities. Bostelmann explained that a draft RFP will be presented at the Property and Insurance Committee for the downtown site, 515 Gold Street and the HHS site.

Schroeder will be asking the Personnel Committee to approve Keller looking at employee departmental needs.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting dates: October 30, 2008 at 4:30 PM.

Future Agenda items:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Schubert/McConnell) to adjourn at 5:40 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk