

FINANCE COMMITTEE
August 25, 2021

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in the County Board Room and via Zoom format at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present (in person): Dave Abendroth
 Brian Floeter
 Don Lenz
 Dennis Mulder (Zoom)
 Harley Reabe

Other County Employees Present: Amanda Toney, Treasurer; Kayla Yonke, HHS Business Manager (Zoom); Liz Otto, County Clerk; Ed Tetzlaff, Financial Manager (Zoom); Jason Jerome, HHS Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel (Zoom); Gene Thom, Supervisor #19; Sheriff Mark Podoll, Chief Deputy Matt Vandekolk

MINUTES

Motion/second (Lenz/Abendroth) to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution Approving a Boat Washing Station at Dodge Memorial Park Boat Launch**

Motion/second (Lenz/Floeter) to approve the resolution and send to County Board for final approval. Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow stated that the county portion of funding will be provided by boat launch fees. *Motion/second (Abendroth/Lenz)* to allow Richard Martens, Green Lake Association secretary, to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Martens gave an outline of the boaters that will be asked to use the station and also talked about the problems in Madison area lakes with infestation of spiny water fleas. He urged approval of the resolution. Klockow reminded the committee that their portion of approval is based on the fiscal portion of the resolution. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)* to send the resolution back to the Parks Committee to review the well process to insure fiscal responsibility. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNTY PAID PROPERTY TAXES FOR BROWNFIELD PARCELS

Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow and Treasurer Amanda Toney explained that currently there are 2 brownfield parcels that the county has been paying the property taxes on since 2006 per approval from the Finance Committee in that year. Klockow stated this should be stopped and the current owners should be responsible for the taxes. *Motion/second (Floeter/Abendroth)* to locate the current owners and send tax bills to them effective immediately. Motion carried with no negative vote.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

- **Tax Collection Update**
Treasurer Amanda Toney stated that there is approximately \$1.3 million left to collect of the 2020 taxes.
- **June Financial Reports**
Treasurer Amanda Toney updated her report to state that the Highway Department loan in June was paid off in July.
- **Sales Tax Update**
Treasurer Amanda Toney reported the county will receive just under \$200,000 in August for sales tax.

OPEN AND TAKE ACTION ON IN-REM BIDS - none

IN REM UPDATE

Treasurer Amanda Toney stated that 3 owners have paid off parcels currently in the in rem process in the last week.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSED USES OF ARPA FUNDS

County Administrator Cathy Schmit stated she has no received no additional requests for ARPA funds in the last month. The first reporting deadline is August 31, 2021. *Motion/second (Floeter/Abendroth)* to allow Toney Daley, Berlin Journal reporter, to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Daley asked about additional funding for infrastructure. Schmit stated there is no additional funding that she is aware of at this time.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- Parks – additional snowmobile maintenance grant funding received for 7.5 additional miles in the Green Lake County trail system.

Motion/second (Abendroth/Lenz) to approve the budget adjustment as presented and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

July revenues and expenditures discussed and reviewed.

SUPERVISOR'S/LAY PEOPLE MONTHLY CLAIMS

Supervisor's claims: \$3,300.32

Lay Person's claims: \$1,553.76

Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz) to approve supervisor and lay people claims. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting – September 22, 2021 at 3:00 PM**
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk