

FINANCE COMMITTEE
September 22, 2021

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe on Wednesday, September 22, 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: Dave Abendroth (Zoom)
 Brian Floeter
 Don Lenz
 Dennis Mulder
 Harley Reabe

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder) to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- Justin Fischer – Baird Financial

Justin Fisher of Baird Financial explained the proposal to refinance the 2013 issue bonds to take advantage of current low interest rates. Fischer estimated an interest rate of 1.80% with a projected savings of approximately \$370,000 over the bond period.

- Anna Cisar – Boat Washing Station Update

Anna Cisar, Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development, gave a presentation to the committee including background information, invasive species throughout the state, the costs involved and the funding requested to install a boat washing station at Dodge Memorial Park. Questions and discussion followed.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Motion/second (Mulder/Abendroth) to approve the fiscal portion of the resolution and forward to County Board for final approval. Discussion held. Motion carried with no negative vote.

- **Resolution Relating to Cooperation Agreement for CDBG Program**

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

- **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,050,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Motion/second (Abendroth/Floeter) to approve the resolution and forward to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

- **Tax Collection Update** – Treasurer Amanda Toney stated that tax collections are ahead of previous years.
- **August Financial Reports** – Treasurer Amanda Toney explained the bonding expenditures and revenues in August and also informed the committee of funds moved for a better interest rate.
- **Sales Tax Update** – Treasurer Amanda Toney stated she has no update for the end of September as of this date.

OPEN AND TAKE ACTION ON IN-REM BIDS

One bid received for Parcel #016-01803-0000 in the Town of Princeton:

Bid Amount: \$1,200

Bidder: Aimee Wachdorf-Henning

Down payment: \$240

Treasurer Amanda Toney stated that the county’s cost is slightly over \$1,100. **Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)** to accept the bid. Motion carried with no negative vote.

IN REM UPDATE

Treasurer Amanda Toney stated that 13 parcels remain unpaid. Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow stated the court date is October 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSED USES OF ARPA FUNDS

Chair Reabe stated that the area fire departments have requested \$10,000 each for personal protective equipment (PPE). Supervisor Mulder urged action on the funding in the near future.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- EMS – transfer \$20,000 from the contingency fund to EMS-Contracted Services to cover the cost of hiring a consultant/legal counsel for RFP solicitation and contract negotiation and drafting.

Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder) to approve the budget adjustment as presented and forward to County Board. Discussion held. Motion failed due to no affirmative votes.

- County Clerk – transfer \$3,000 out of payroll account to insurance revenue to pay for underwriting fee to ETF for 2022 health insurance.

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

BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

August expenses and revenues reviewed and discussed.

SUPERVISOR’S/LAY PEOPLE MONTHLY CLAIMS

Supervisor’s claims: \$4,132.96

Lay Person’s claims: \$542.06

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

CLOSED SESSION

- Consider motion to convene into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the government 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. The matter concerns the Notice of Claim/Injury of Harry Wait.

Motion/second (Floeter/Lenz) to convene into closed session. Roll call vote – Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion/second (Lenz/Abendroth) to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote – Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting – October 27, 2021 at 3:00 PM**
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 4:24 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk