

Jefferson County  
Finance Committee Minutes  
January 19, 2009

Committee members: Kuhlman, Rick  
Mode, Jim  
Molinaro, John  
Rogers, Pamela (Chair)  
Schmeling, Sharon L.

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. All committee members were present. Also present were Mike Burow, Dave Ehlinger, Gary Petre, Phil Ristow, and Earlene Ronk.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting complied with the open meeting law.

Jeanette Nelson-Milleson (W5180 Bark River Rd, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, 920-563-3759) appeared via voicemail with a plea to look at maintaining Countryside Home.

Phil Ristow handed out literature regarding recent referenda, statutory requirements, and other related documents regarding the process for having a referenda question on the ballot. General discussion took place regarding this issue as well as other possible solutions to the County's structural deficit.

By consensus, the committee agreed to recommend having an advisory referenda question on the April ballot using the Sheboygan County model allowing the County to exceed the levy limit for three years which equates to a 14.73% or \$79.23 increase each year.

By consensus, the following information was come up with for the creation of a fact sheet regarding the referenda question:

Benefits

- Free up staff
- Lower debt
- Eliminate debt
- Net dollars available after the sale and payment of debt
- \$2 million reduction in the calculation of two months of budgeted expenditures to retain as per the fund balance policy.

Costs of sale

- Chapter 55 coverage
- Debt may not be paid in full
- Unemployment compensation increase
- MIS allocations spread among fewer departments
- Jail laundry has to be done by another vendor

- Sick and vacation wages payout required

General fund usage and availability

- Actual for 2009 = \$2.7 million
- Estimated for 2010 = \$2.8 million

By consensus, the next meeting was set for Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman  
Finance Committee Secretary  
Jefferson County

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