

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
August 31, 2010

Committee members: Braugher, James B.
Jones, Richard C.
Mode, Jim
Molinaro, John
Rogers, Pamela (Chair)

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all committee members present. Staff members present were Dave Ehlinger, Kathy Eisenmann, Bill Kern, Joe Nehmer, Gary Petre, Phil Ristow, Mark Watkins, and Tammy Worzalla. Additional County Board members present was Jan Rouu.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting was in compliance of the Open Meetings Law for the State of Wisconsin.

The draft minutes for 6/10/10 were reviewed and corrections were made to the addresses for the two citizens who spoke at public comment and that they were in opposition to the Rose Lake purchase, rather than Mud Lake. A motion was made by Mode/Molinaro to approve the amended minutes for 6/10/10 and the minutes as drafted for 8/24/10. The motion passed 5-0.

Todd Lindert, Paul Milbrath, and Jeff Parker presented their request for funding for LanguageLine subscription (\$500), radio system narrow banding (\$60,000), and radio system upgrade (\$474,000) that have not been included in the 2011 budget request. The discussion included the fact that the radio system upgrade can be phased in over time, but was recommended by the Sheriff Department to not schedule the project over several years. Gary Petre indicated that these items would be included in the "wish list" documentation provided to the Finance Committee at the beginning of the budget hearings next month.

Dave Wagner and Dawn Gunderson from Ehlers & Associates joined the committee's general discussion regarding future financial strategies and policies, possible fund balance policy modification, capital needs, debt issuance, and taxation levels. A motion was made by Molinaro/Jones to have Ehlers & Associates develop a plan for refinancing of existing debt for the October County Board meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

By consensus, Dave Ehlinger was directed to draft the proposed modification to the Fund Balance Policy in relation to the discussions of today, GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) recommended best practices, and GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) Statement No. 54.

A motion was made by Mode/Jones at 10:31 a.m. to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Braugher
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County

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