

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
May 12, 2011

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

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All committee members were present. Additional County Board Supervisors present were Ron Buchanan, Don Reese, and Carlton Zentner. Staff in attendance was Dave Ehlinger, Dennis Heling, Bill Kern, Joe Nehmer, Gary Petre, Phil Ristow, and Tammy Worzalla.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting complied with the Open Meeting Law.

There were no citizen comments.

A motion was made by Jones/Molinaro to approve the minutes of April 14, 2011 as drafted. The motion passed 5-0.

Gary Petre recapped the need for repair and/or replacement of the concrete parking lot above the Sheriff underground garage at 411 S Center Ave. A motion was made by Jones/Molinaro to approve the transfer of up to \$5,000 from the contingency fund to Central Services A/C 1901.521215 (Architecture and engineering) for engineering/design work on the project. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Wagner and Dawn Gunderson from Ehlers & Associates recapped possible bond issuance scenarios for the Highway facilities and/or Sheriff facility. Norman Barrientos from Barrientos Design & Consulting updated the committee on how the cost estimates were developed. The committee took no action at this time.

Dave Ehlinger recapped the usage of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECBs) for energy efficient materials in construction projects along with the request from the Edgerton School District for the County to donate their allocation of QECBs to the School District. Dennis Heling indicated that the County currently has a zero allocation due to our population being less than 100,000 but that a request could be made to the Department of Commerce for a possible allocation of the State of Wisconsin's portion to our County. A motion was made by Molinaro/Jones to decline the request from the Edgerton School District to donate our QECB allocation to the School District. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Ehlinger briefly discussed the unaudited preliminary financial statements. The only question brought up in relation to the statements was the amount of fund balance available to apply against the 2012 tax levy, which is about \$489,000. In relation to the audited financial statements, the committee requested that Clifton Gunderson make a presentation to the Finance Committee at their June 9 meeting and the County Board at their July 12 meeting.

Dave Ehlinger indicated that with the transfer of funds proposed today, the Contingency Fund is currently at \$374,600.

Phil Ristow and Dave Ehlinger indicated that both the Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for Countryside Home have been filed and that the Alden Group did not have any cash flow issues because of the late filing of the reports.

Dave Ehlinger explained the statutory requirements for maintenance of effort for emergency services and how the calculation is performed. Because the County's expenditures for 2010 were again less than the prior year, Chief Deputy Jeff Parker will be sending an appeal to the Department of Revenue explaining the reason for cost reductions and requesting a waiver of reduction in state Shared Revenue.

Gary Petre and Dave Ehlinger recapped the spreadsheet on the anticipated effect on Jefferson County by the upcoming state budget.

After review of the invoices, a motion was made by Mode/Molinaro to approve invoices in the amount of \$791,449.36. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made at 10:24 a.m. by Mode/Jones to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Braugher
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County

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