

Committee members: Braughler, James, Vice Chair
Hanneman, Jennifer, Secretary
Jones, Dick, Chair
Poulson, Blane
Schroeder, Jim

1. **Call to Order** – Dick Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call (establish a quorum)** - All committee members were present. Staff members present were Ben Wehmeier, Brian Lamers, Tammy Worzalla, Yelena Zarwell and Blair Ward. Others present were Alexa Zoellner from the Jefferson Daily Union and Steve Sharpe from the Watertown Daily Times.
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – Ben Wehmeier certified that the meeting was in compliance of the Open Meetings Law for the State of Wisconsin.
4. **Approval of the agenda** – There was an error in the revised agenda that had Land and Water Conservation on twice, so the second one will be deleted.
5. **Communications** – None
6. **Public Comment** - None
7. **Review budget hearing schedule and possible budget updates.** No updates to the budget.
8. **Budget hearings for 2016** – The Finance Committee considered the recommended budgets for each department listed below and motions were made to tentatively accept the recommended budget figures for each department, unless otherwise noted. *[The format for each department lists (i) budget presenters in addition to Ben Wehmeier, (ii) any other information specific to the department budget, (iii) who moved/seconded to tentatively accept the recommended budget figure, unless otherwise noted, along with the amount, and (iv) the voting record.]*
 - a. **Organization and possible updates to any department budget.** None
 - b. **Human Services**
 - i. Kathi Cauley and Joan Daniel
 - ii. Kathi Cauley passed out a couple spreadsheets and will be available at Finance Department. A motion was made by Schroeder/Braughler to approve an additional staff for the CCS position with the offset coming from grant funding and additional \$34,275 for bonuses and fringes for Social Worker positions (15) for \$2,000 each, with \$32,275 coming from levy and \$2,000 from grant funding. The motion passed 5-0.
 - iii. Motion by Poulson/Hanneman to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$8,331,713.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. **Health Department**
 - i. Gail Scott and Sandee Schunk
 - ii. No additional motions/information

- iii. Motion by Poulson/Schroeder to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$838,207.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d. Child Support**
 - i. Stacey Jensen
 - ii. No additional motions/information
 - iii. Motion by Braughler/Hanneman to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$166,519.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e. Highway**
 - i. Bill Kern and Greg Winter
 - ii. Bill passed out a packet of information and will be available in the Finance Department.
 - iii. Motion by Poulson/Hanneman to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$5,808,537.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f. County Administrator**
 - i. Ben Wehmeier
 - ii. No additional motions/information
 - iii. Motion by Braughler/Hanneman to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$265,029.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g. Sheriff**
 - i. Paul Milbrath and Jeff Parker
 - ii. No additional motions/information
 - iii. Motion by Schroeder/Poulson to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$12,231,125.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - h. Treasurer**
 - i. John Jensen
 - ii. No additional motions/information
 - iii. Motion by Poulson/Hanneman to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy saving of \$821,664.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0
 - i. UW Extension**
 - i. LaVern Georgson and Kim Buchholz
 - ii. No additional motions/information
 - iii. Motion by Hanneman/Poulson to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$317,552.
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0
 - j. Land & Water Conservation**
 - i. Mark Watkins
 - ii. No additional motions/information
 - iii. Motion by Schroeder/Hanneman to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$236,468
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0
 - k. Economic Development**
 - i. Genevieve Borich
 - ii. No additional motions/information
 - iii. Motion by Braughler/Poulson to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$0

iv. Motion passed 5-0

1. Clerk of Courts

- i. Carla Robinson
- ii. No additional motions/information
- iii. Motion by Poulson/Hanneman to approve the recommended budget with a tax levy of \$1,561,913
- iv. Motion passed 5-0

9. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items –

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at 8:30 a.m.

10. Adjourn – A motion was made at 10:40 a.m. to recess until Thursday, September 17th by Hanneman/Braugher. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hanneman
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County

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