Jefferson County Finance Committee Minutes October 13, 2016

Committee members: Jones, Richard (Chair) Smith, Timothy (Secretary)

Rinard, Amy (Absent) Jaeckel, George

Hanneman, Jennifer (Vice Chair)

1. Call to order – Richard Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

- 2. Roll call (establish a quorum) All committee members were present except for Amy Rinard who was excused. Staff in attendance were Ben Wehmeier, Blair Ward, John Jensen, Staci Hoffman, Tammy Worzalla and Brian Lamers. Others present were Virginia Kreger and Robert Phillips (Internship-Admin with UW Whitewater).
- **3.** Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law Wehmeier certified that the notice of the meeting complied with the Open Meetings Law.
- 4. Approval of the agenda-No changes
- **5.** Approval of Finance Committee minutes for September 8th, 19th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2016. A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to approve the September 8th, 19th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2016 minutes. The motion passed 4-0.
- **6.** Communications None.
- 7. Public Comments None.
- **8. Discussion and possible action on resolution for disallowance of claims.** Ward discussed with the committee one of the claims against the Sheriff's Office regarding a vehicle being seized. A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to forward the resolution to the County Board for disallowance of claims. The motion passed 4-0.
- 9. Discussion and possible action on approval of out of state travel for 2 staff from the Register of Deeds Office for training for the new land records system. Hoffman explained to the committee that she has excess funds in her budget that could be reallocated. A motion was made by Jones/Jaeckel to approve the out of state travel for 2 employees in the Register of Deeds office including the cost to be reimbursed for the hotel. The motion passed 4-0.
- 10. Discussion and possible action on determining disposition of foreclosed properties, setting minimum bids for the sale of foreclosed properties and considering offer to purchase on foreclosed properties. Ward discussed the 3 remaining properties. Parcel #012-0816-0522-003 had a minimum bid of \$5,200 and the County received a bid of \$5,200. Parcel #141-0715-0733-050 had a minimum bid of \$13,200 and the County received a bid at \$8,226. Parcel #291-0815-0424-040 had a minimum bid of \$12,500 and the County received an offer of \$5,000. Virginia Kreger (010-0515-0333-000) stated her delinquent taxes with interest were \$27,349 with the fair market value on the property of \$79,100. She talked about other liens that were attached to the property. She had asked the committee to consider accepting payments of \$500 minimum per month for the 4 months in winter and approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month in the summer months depending on

the construction season and a minimum annually of \$6,000 with the first payment on or before Monday Oct. 17, 2016.

- 11. Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of discussion and possible action on the disposition of foreclosed properties, setting minimum bids for the sale of foreclosed properties and considering offer to purchase on foreclosed properties. Roll call was taken with all voting to convene in closed session. Discussion was held in closed session.
- **12. Reconvene in open session.** A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to reconvene in open session. The motion passed 4-0.
- **13. Discussion and possible action on foreclosing on tax delinquent properties.** A motion was made by Jones/Jaeckel to accept the bid of \$5,200 for parcel number 012-0816-0522-003. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Hanneman/Jaeckel to accept the bid of \$8,226 for parcel #141-0715-0733-050. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Jones/Jaeckel to reject the offer of \$5,000 for parcel #291-0815-0424-040 and to continue to list on the auction website until November 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and keep the for sale signage on the property indicating that it is a foreclosure. The motion passed 4-0.

The committee directed Ward to explain to Virginia Kreger that she should come back and work out the details for a delinquent tax repayment plan with him. Pending a final repayment plan, Ms. Kreger must make a payment to the Treasurer before the end of the day on Monday to show a good faith effort. Ward stated that she should contact him to work out to the details for a repayment plan which will be presented to the Finance Committee at the November 10, 2016 meeting. He stated again that the Finance Committee at this point has not accepted Ms. Kreger's offer to repay delinquent taxes and remove her from the tax foreclosure list.

- 14. Discussion and possible action on contingency fund transfer for technology upgrade in Courtroom Branch 2. Wehmeier stated there were 2 courtrooms where the technology was the original and 8-9 years old. This is causing issues with it being analog instead of digital. Teleconference ability is used for emergency detention hearings allowing the subject to appear from the hospital and allowing inmates to appear from the jail. Video conferencing is also more efficient for witnesses. This reduces costs associated with transporting people to the courtroom. The bid is looking at upgrading key components of the teleconference system. A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman for a contingency fund transfer of \$50,000 for technology upgrade in Courtroom Branch 2. The motion passed 4-0.
- 15. Discussion and possible action on potential property acquisitions of 302 S. Center Avenue and 210 E. Dodge Street. A motion was made by Smith/Jaeckel to approve Administration to negotiate a price for both properties up to a maximum amount. The motion passed 4-0.
- **16.** Discussion and possible action to set the dental rates for the 2017 budget. Lamers explained that the county is estimating having a surplus in 2016. The current recommended budget has the rates the same as 2016 at \$42 for single and \$90 for family. These are also the rates for retirees.

Retirees also pay a 2% administrative cost. A motion was made by Hanneman/Jaeckel to keep the dental rates the same as 2016 rates.

- 17. Review of the financial statements and department update for August 2016-Finance Department. Lamers stated there is nothing unusual and should be in line with the budget.
- 18. Review of the financial statements and department update for August 2016-Treasurer's Office. Lamers stated that interest on taxes is lower than anticipated. Currently, it will be about \$162,000 below the estimated budget at the end of the year; however since the August report the County has collected \$229,000 of which \$161,000 was on one delinquent property. Regular interest on investments is about \$97,000 above budgeted revenue at the end of the year. Fair market adjustment currently is at (\$117,762) which is adjusted monthly. With the Tax deeds there is a \$48,130 gain on sale on foreclosed properties, but the County will have a demolition invoice for the Sullivan property and possible losses on the three remaining properties.
- 19. Review of the financial statements and department update for August 2016-Child Support Department. Nothing unusual noted. Revenue comes in quarterly which will result in revenue usually being different than budget estimates.
- **20.** Discussion of funding for projects related to the new Highway Facilities or sale of old Highway Facilities. Wehmeier stated there is no real update from what was discussed at the last County Board Meeting.
- 21. Discussion on 2016 projections of budget vs. actual. Lamers stated as noted with the Treasurer, the reduction in interest on property taxes is a concern. Clerk of Courts for court reimbursement expenditures are above budget at approximately \$65,000 but feels some of it will get covered with the other business units within the department. MIS may be a concern with the additional consultant fees, staff will continue to monitor, current estimates are \$45,000 over. Sheriff is currently projected to be over budget with the majority being from the Jail. The other expense that is causing the Sheriff to go over is Worker's Comp claims. There needs to be a conversation on what has to be shifted from the Jail Assessment fund to the Jail business unit. Wehmeier stated that the estimation for the Fair Park is around \$100,000 to \$115,000 over budget.
- **22. Update on contingency fund balance.** Lamers directed the Finance Committee to the schedule showing the current balance of 2016 general contingency of \$383,464 which will be reduced by \$50,000 with the approval of item #14, however there is the possible approval of \$12,000 for the Sheriff's Department for a server for the body cameras. The vested benefits balance is \$280,000.
- 23. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items. The next meeting is November 10, 2016 which will be the budget amendment meeting and the regular meeting. Agenda items will include foreclosed properties, update on the Highway Shop projects and budget to actual projections.
- **24. Payment of Invoices-**After review of the invoices, a motion was made by Hanneman/Jaeckel to approve the payment of invoices totaling \$857,252.37 for the main review and \$2,688,663.27 for the other payments, p-cards and payroll deductions. The motion passed 4-0.
- **25. Adjourn** A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. The motion passed 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Smith Finance Committee Jefferson County /bll