Jefferson County Finance Committee Minutes November 10, 2016

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

Rinard, Amy 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 Tim Smith who was excused. Other County Board Members present were Jim Schroeder. Staff in attendance were Ben Wehmeier, Blair Ward, Connie Freeberg, John Jensen and Brian Lamers. Others present 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 October 13, 2016**. A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to approve the October 13, 2016 minutes. The motion passed 3-0. Rinard abstained.
- **6.** Communications None.
- 7. Public Comments None.
- **8. Discussion and possible action on resolution for disallowance of claims.** No claims this month. No action needed.
- 9. 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 informed the committee that no bids were received on property 291-0815-0424-040, 510 South Second St, Watertown. Ward explained he did receive and email from an individual that was interested in the property. Ward explained that he informed the individual that he should submit an offer or come to the Finance Committee. There was no response. After discussion, a motion was made to put the property back on the Wisconsin Surplus website and also publish in the paper to accept bids. A motion was made by Jaeckel/Jones to place the property back on the auction website and publish in the paper with a deadline of January 10, 2017. The motion passed 4-0.

After closed session, the committee reconsidered agenda item 9.

A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to amend the previous motion to allow administration and corporation counsel to negotiate an offer to purchase the property located at 510 South Second Street located in Watertown, WI with the individual who expressed interest in purchasing the property; if these negotiations are unsuccessful, administration and corporation counsel are authorized to advertise the property in the best interest of the County. The committee established a minimum amount that the county would accept for this property.

- 10. 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.
- **11. Reconvene in open session.** A motion was made by Jones/Jaeckel to reconvene in open session. The motion passed 4-0.
- **12. Discussion and possible action on foreclosing on tax delinquent properties.** A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to enter into an agreement with the Virginia and Alan Kreger for the payment of delinquent taxes and interest as discussed in closed session. The motion passed 4-0.
  - A motion was made by Jaeckel/Rinard for administration to proceed with foreclosing on tax delinquent properties that were presented to the committee with the exception of numbers 5, 25, 28, 35, 42 and 45. The motion passed 4-0.
- **13. Discussion and possible action on resolution for third-party administration for Worker's Compensation.** A motion was made by Hanneman/Jaeckel to approve and send the resolution to the County Board for approval for the third-party administration contract for Worker's Compensation. The motion passed 4-0.
- 14. Review of the financial statements and department update for September 2016-Finance Department. Lamers stated there is nothing unusual and should be in line with the budget.
- 15. Review of the financial statements and department update for September 2016-Treasurer's Office. Lamers stated that interest on taxes is lower than anticipated. Currently, it will be about \$14,000 below the estimated budget at the end of the year. Regular interest on investments is about \$112,000 above budgeted revenue at the end of the year. Fair market adjustment currently is at (\$191,000) 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.
- 16. Review of the financial statements and department update for September 2016-Child Support Department. Nothing unusual noted. Revenue comes in quarterly which will result in revenue usually being different than budget estimates.
- 17. Discussion of funding for projects related to the new Highway Facilities for sale of old Highway Facilities. Wehmeier stated there is no real update from what was discussed at the last meeting. He updated the committee on the demolition on some of the remaining buildings.
- **18. Discussion on 2016 projections of budget vs. actual.** Lamers stated as noted with the Treasurer, the reduction in fair market value on investments. 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 \$20,000 over. Sheriff is currently projected to be over budget approximately \$50,000 with the majority being from the Jail. 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 \$25,000 over budget as a whole with the Fair Week being about \$96,000 over budget. Human Services is doing well with \$500,000 surplus but they are facing a lot of unique placements that may cost more money.

- **19. Discussion and possible action on the 2017 budget and Supervisors amendments.** No amendments were received.
- **20. Update on contingency fund balance.** Lamers directed the Finance Committee to the schedule showing the current balance of 2016 general contingency of \$333,464, 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.
- 21. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items. The next regular meeting is December 8, 2016. Agenda items will include foreclosed properties, update on the Highway Shop projects and budget to actual projections. Wehmeier will be contacting WMMIC to attend a future Finance Committee to discuss claims and the County's liability for those claims.
- **22. Payment of Invoices-**After review of the invoices, a motion was made by Hanneman/Jaeckel to approve the payment of invoices totaling \$637,402.65 for the main review and \$2,135,691.25 for the other payments, p-cards and payroll deductions. The motion passed 4-0.
- **23. Adjourn** A motion was made by Jaeckel/Hanneman to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hanneman Finance Committee Jefferson County /bll