

Committee members: Jones, Richard (Chair)  
Jaeckel, George, (Vice Chair)  
Kutz, Russell (Secretary)  
Rinard, Amy  
Nelán, Conor

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. There were no other County Board members present. Staff members present were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; and Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla. Others present were Steven Sharpe from the Watertown Daily Times, Gerald Saylor from L.D. Fargo Library, Eric Robinson from Dwight Foster Public Library, Joan Behm from Cambridge Library, Erik Braun from Palmyra Library, Stacey Lunsford from Irvin Young Memorial Library, Leann Schwandt Lehner from Jefferson Public Library, Linda Ager and Art Biermeier from Jefferson County Library Board, and Connie Meyer from Bridges Library System.
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law** - Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Approval of the agenda** – Item #7, Budget Updates, will remain as Item #7 on the agenda, but the committee may return to agenda item #7 at the end of the meeting to revisit certain items once the departments have finished their presentations.
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Public comment** – None
7. **Review budget hearing schedule and possible budget updates** – no updates or changes.
8. **Department 2019 Budget Hearings** – 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. **Human Services**
    - i. Kathi Cauley and Brian Belford
    - ii. No additional motion/information
    - iii. Motion by Jones/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$9,013,863)
    - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. **Highway Department**
    - i. Bill Kern and Greg Winter
    - ii. No additional motion/information
    - iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$5,569,075)
    - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c. **Veteran's Service**
    - i. Yvonne Duesterhoeft
    - ii. No additional motion/information
    - iii. Motion by Nelán/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy savings \$177,887)
    - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d. **Land Information**
    - i. Andy Erdmann
    - ii. No additional motion/information
    - iii. Motion by Rinard/Nelán to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$383,668)
    - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e. **Library Services**
    - i. Connie Meyer
    - ii. No additional motion/information
    - iii. Motion by Kutz/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$1,153,101)

- iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. UW Extension**
  - i. Christy Wen and Lavern Georgson
  - ii. No additional motion/information
  - iii. Motion by Jones/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$242,187)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- g. Land and Water Conservation**
  - i. Mark Watkins
  - ii. No additional motion/information
  - iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$250,855)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- h. Clerk of Courts**
  - i. Carla Robinson and Cindy Hamre
  - ii. No additional motion/information
  - iii. Motion by Nelan/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$1,517,304)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- i. Administration**
  - i. Ben Wehmeier
  - ii. No additional motion/information
  - iii. Motion by Rinard/Kutz to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$374,606)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- j. County Board**
  - i. Ben Wehmeier
  - ii. No additional motion/information
  - iii. Motion by Kutz/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$431,723)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- k. Treasurer**
  - i. John Jensen
  - ii. No additional motion/information
  - iii. Motion by Jones/Jaekel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy savings \$1,100,096)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- l. Corporation Counsel**
  - i. Blair Ward
  - ii. Add \$870 for postage and box rent
  - iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Kutz to approve the recommended budget with the addition of \$870 for postage and box rent (estimated levy amount \$384,854)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- m. Parks**
  - i. Joe Nehmer and Mary Nimm
  - ii. No additional motion/information
  - iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$770,869)
  - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- 9. Budget Updates** – Another meeting will be scheduled, tentatively on Tuesday, October 2, to review any potential changes.
- 10. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items** – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
- 11. Adjourn** – A motion was made at 11:17 to recess until Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> by Jones/Jaekel. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz  
Finance Committee Secretary  
Jefferson County  
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