Jefferson County Finance Committee Minutes August 8, 2019

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

- 1. Call to order Richard Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Roll call (establish a quorum) Finance Committee members present were Richard Jones, George Jaeckel, Russel Kutz, Conor Nelan and Amy Rinard. Other County Board members present were Joan Fitzgerald. Staff in attendance were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla; and Corporation Counsel, Blair Ward. Members of the public present were Matt Slowinski and Joe Vernanth of Dana Investment Advisors, and Teresa Broders from PADA.
- **3.** Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law County Administrator Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
- **4. Approval of the agenda** The agenda was approved.
- 5. Approval of Finance Committee minutes for July 11, 2019. A motion was made by Rinard/Jaeckel to approve the minutes for July 11, 2019. The motion passed 5-0.
- 6. Communications Dana Investment Advisors handed out a package for the Committee.
- **7. Public Comment** Teresa Broders from PADA addressed the Committee with a budget request for \$60,000.
- 8. Presentation by Dana Investment Managers Matt Slowinski and Joe Vernanth of Dana Investment Advisors addressed the Committee regarding the current portfolio and future outlook of investment returns.
- 9. Discussion and possible action on Appointment of Members and Establishment of Budget for the Jefferson County Condemnation Commission County Administrator Wehmeier explained that the County is statutorily required to appoint a Condemnation Commission to consider eminent domain actions within the County. Members are appointed to 3 year terms and the Commission convenes when necessary. Currently there is not Commission appointed. The County can seek reimbursement for costs related to the operations of the Commission from the requesting municipality. At this point the cost of operations of this commission is not known, so a budget adjustment will be requested near the end of the year to account for the proceedings of the Commission. A motion was made by Jaeckel/Rinard to approve the creation of a Condemnation Commission and recommend the resolution authorizing this creation to the County Board of Supervisors. The motion passed 5-0.
- **10.** Discussion and possible action on exchange of land parcels with the City of Jefferson Housing Authority Wehmeier explained that the City of Jefferson Housing Authority has been encroaching

on the County's old Highway shop property for several years. A portion of the Authority's parking lot was paved on the County's property. The City is willing to exchange property of similar size to the north of the Highway site that abuts to the current site. Wehmeier sees this as a favorable trade and is recommending to the Finance Committee to approve the transfers of land between the City and the County with no further consideration owed on behalf of either party. Motion by Rinard/Jaeckel to approve the transfer of land between Jefferson County and the City of Jefferson Housing Authority. The motion passed 5-0.

- 11. Discussion and possible action on contingency transfers for strategic plan initiatives and emergency infrastructure upgrades Motion by Nelan/Jaeckel to approve transfer of Other Contingency to Administration Professional Services in the amount of \$26,750. The motion passed 5-0. Motion by Rinard/Nelan to approve a transfer of \$21,835 from Contingency to Central Services to purchase and install a Powerhouse UPS system. The motion passed 5-0.
- **12.** Discussion and possible action on reallocation of funds between capital projects Wehmeier explained that since the budget was passed, capital priorities had shifted and is seeking approval from the Finance Committee to reallocate funds from Courthouse/Judges Parking Lot project (original budget \$130,000) for the repairs of the elevator in the Courthouse building. Motion by Kutz/Jaeckel to approve the contract with Kone and move \$100,000 from the Parking Lot project to the Elevator project, and also that County Administrator Wehmeier will determine that Kone examined the alternative of a track elevator. Motion by Nelan/Rinard to reallocate \$12,000 from Seal Coating project, \$30,000 from LED sign, and \$35,856.79 from restricted donations to cover construction cost overages on the Fair Park Swine Barn.
- 13. Discussion and possible action on determining disposition of foreclosed properties, setting minimum bids for the sale of foreclosed properties and considering offers to purchase on foreclosed properties Corporation Counsel Ward updated the Committee on the status of foreclosed properties.
- 14. Convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats. for 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 setting minimum bids, selling and considering offers to purchase on tax foreclosed properties and other county owned properties and pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(g) Wis. Stats. to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by Jefferson County with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved for the purpose of discussion and possible action on claims against Jefferson County Roll call vote to move to closed session. Motion passed 5-0.
- **15.** Reconvene in open session for action on closed session items if necessary Motion by Rinard/Nelan to return to open session. The motion passed 5-0.
- **16.** Discussion on 2020 budget and priority based budgeting update No action taken.
- **17.** Review of the financial statements and department update for June 2019-Finance Department No action taken.

- **18. Review of the financial statements and department update for June 2019-Treasurers Department** No action taken.
- **19. Review of the financial statements and department update for June 2019-Child Support Department -** No action taken.
- 20. Discussion 2019 projections of budget vs. actual. No action taken.
- **21. Update on contingency fund balance** The current balance of 2019 general contingency funds before any action taken at the current meeting is \$412,000. The other contingency fund balance is \$305,925 and the vested benefits balance is \$290,000.
- 22. Discussion of funding for projects related to the new Highway Facilities and sale of old Highway Facilities. Wehmeier updated the Committee on the progress of the old highway site.
- **23.** Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019. Future agenda items will include budget hearings.
- **24. Review of Invoices -** After review of the invoices, a motion was made by Jaeckel/Nelan to approve the payment of invoices totaling \$4,010,631.35. The motion passed 5-0.
- **25.** Adjourn A motion was made by Kutz/Rinard to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz, Secretary Finance Committee Jefferson County /mad