

Committee members: Jones, Richard (Chair)
Jaeckel, George, (Vice Chair)
Kutz, Russell (Secretary)
Braugher, James
Nelan, 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 with the exception of Amy Rinard who was excused with James Braugher substituting. Other County Board members present were Walt Christensen, John Kannard, and Kirk Lund. Staff members present were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; and Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla. Others present were Steven Sharp from the Watertown Daily Times.
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – Ben Wehmeier certified that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Approval of the agenda** - No changes.
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Public comment** – None
7. **Presentation of budget overview** – County Administrator Wehmeier presented an overview of his recommended budget for 2020. The recommended budget meets the State imposed levy limit.
8. **Priority Based Budgeting Overview** – Finance Director DeVries explained the priority based budgeting project, including history, methodology, preliminary findings and preliminary action plans.
9. **Department 2020 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. **District Attorney**
 - i. Susan Happ and Leigh Scherer
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Kutz/Jaekel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$712,743)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **Child Support**
 - i. Stacey Jensen
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Nelan/Kutz to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$108,206)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c. **Veterans Services**
 - i. Yvonne Dueterhoeft
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Braugher/Jaekel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$189,207)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
10. **Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items** – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th at 8:30 a.m.
11. **Adjourn** – A motion was made at 11:30 to recess until Wednesday, September 18th by Jaekel/Nelan. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County
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