

**Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
September 23, 2020**

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

1. **Call to order** – Finance Committee Chair 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, Russell Kutz, Conor Nelan and Amy Rinard. Other board members present were Walt Christensen, Anita Martin, Roger Lindl, David Drayna, James Braughler, and Laura Payne. Staff in attendance were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; and Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla. Members of the public present were Stacey Lunsford, Stanley Smoniewski, Susan Trier, Melissa Anderson, Abby Armour, Gerald Saylor, Kirsten Jurcek, Kelli Mountford, Peg Checkai, Suzanne Marx, and Frankie Fuller
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. **Communications** – Jones noted several letters in support of the Water Resource Management Specialist position.
6. **Public comment** – Stan Smoniewski and Susan Trier of Lake Mills as well as Supervisors Christensen and Martin spoke in support of the Water Resource Manager position in the Land and Water Conservation Department.
7. **Department 2021 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. **Library Service**
 - i. Connie Meyer and Eric Robinson
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Rinard/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$1,157,430)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **Central Services**
 - i. Larry Meyer
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Jones/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$1,012,887)

- iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. County Board**
 - i. Ben Wehmeier
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Nelan/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$430,284)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. Land and Water Conservation**
 - i. Patricia Cicero
 - ii. Additional motion – see iii. below/no additional information
 - iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Jones to approve the recommended budget, amended by Rinard/Jones to direct County Administrator and Finance Director to study funding sources for the Water Resource Manager position and report back to Finance Committee, and recommend to fund as soon as possible. Amendment to motion passed 5-0, motion passed 5-0 (estimated levy amount \$191,251)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- e. Clerk of Courts**
 - i. Cindy Hamre-Incha
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Kutz/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$1,440,527)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. Corporation Counsel**
 - i. Ben Wehmeier
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Rinard/Kutz to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$406,640)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- g. Treasurer**
 - i. John Jensen
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Jones/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy savings \$650,637)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- h. Parks**
 - i. Kevin Weismann and Mary Truman
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Kutz/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$826,215)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- i. Fair Park**
 - i. Amy Listle
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Rinard/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$108,418)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- j. Sheriff**
 - i. Paul Milbrath and Jeff Parker

- ii. No additional motion/information
- iii. Motion by Nelan/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$12,866,901)
- iv. Motion passed 5-0.

k. Register of Deeds

- i. Staci Hoffman
- ii. No additional motion/information
- iii. Motion by Jones/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy savings \$145,430)
- iv. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th at 8:30 a.m.

9. Adjourn – A motion was made at 11:30 to recess until Thursday, September 24th by Jones/Jaeckel. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz, Secretary
Finance Committee
Jefferson County
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