

**Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
January 14, 2021**

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, Russell Kutz, Conor Nelan and Amy Rinard. George Jaeckel was excused. There were no additional board members present. Staff in attendance were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla; Corporation Counsel, Blair Ward; Assistant Treasurer, Kelly Stade; and Paralegal, Sarana Stolar. Members of the public present were Donna Fish and MaryAnn Bardenwerper.
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 as published.
5. **Communications** – None.
6. **Public Comment** – None.
7. **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 presented the Committee with the bids for the foreclosed properties that had been advertised for sale.
8. **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** – Motion by Jones/Rinard to convene into closed session. The Committee voted by roll call to convene into closed session. The motion passed 4-0.
9. **Reconvene in open session for action on closed session items if necessary** – Motion by Jones/Rinard to convene into open session. The motion passed 4-0. Motion by Jones/Rinard to offer to sell the parcel #028.0513.1144.003 (no address) to the highest bidder at a price of \$14,426 and also the adjacent parcel at W7756 Lamp Road to the same bidder for \$3,000. Although two bids were received for the same amount of \$3,000 on the W7756 Lamp Road parcel, since one of the bidders also bid the highest on the adjacent parcel, and since it is Jefferson County's preference

to sell both the properties together, the decision is to sell to the bidder that also submitted the high bid for the adjacent parcel. The sale is subject to the bidder agreeing to the restrictions imposed by FEMA on flood mitigated properties. The motion passed 4-0. Motion by Nelan/Rinard to sell the property at 236 Union St. in Johnson Creek to the highest bidder in the amount of \$13,500. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items – The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

11. Adjourn – A motion was made by Rinard/Kutz to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz, Secretary
Finance Committee
Jefferson County
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