Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
February 12, 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 Jordan Wedig of Lake Mills.
- **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** DeVries distributed the letter from the DNR with their offer to purchase the Milford Motors property.
- **6. Public Comment** Jordan Wedig addressed the committee and expressed his intent to restore the property for its historic use and dissatisfaction with the bidding process for foreclosed properties.
- 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 Milford Motors property 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 Rinard/Nelan to convene into open session. The motion passed 4-0. Motion by Jones/Nelan to sell the Milford Motors property to the highest bidder at a price of \$23,962 with the following stipulations which shall be written into the closing agreement: 1) the DNR shall receive first right of

refusal should the highest bidder decide to sell the property; and 2) the closing agreement shall include the intent to use the property for storage of vintage cars and a timeline for restorations which shall be one year and which shall include painting the building and repairing the roof. The motion passed 4-0. The committee addressed the high bidder to determine that he understood that the value of such improvements made shall not exceed \$14,100 in accordance with the zoning restrictions for properties within the floodplain of 50% of the improved value as determined by the municipal assessor.

- **10. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items –** The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- 11. Adjourn A motion was made by Kutz/Nelan to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz, Secretary Finance Committee Jefferson County /mad