

**Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
September 13, 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 8:35 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 Anita Martin and David Drayna. Staff in attendance were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Fair Park Director, Amy Listle; County Clerk, Audrey McGraw; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla Financial Systems Specialist, Cindy Diestelmann, Paralegal, Sarana Stolar; and Assistant Corporation Counsel, Yelena Zarwell. Members of the public present were Steve Sharp from the Watertown Daily Times.
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** – none.
6. **Public comment** – none.
7. **Presentation of budget overview** – County Administrator Wehmeier presented an overview of his recommended budget for 2022. The recommended budget meets the State imposed levy limit.
8. **Department 2022 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. **UW Extension**
 - i. Christine Wen and Kim Buchholz
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Kutz/Jaekel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$256,116)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. **Child Support**
 - i. Stacey Jensen
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Rinard/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$151,107)

- iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. **Veterans Services**
 - i. Yvonne Duesterhoeft
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$211,197)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. **Economic Development**
 - i. Vicki Pratt
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Nelan/Rinard to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$0)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th at 8:30 a.m.

10. Adjourn – A motion was made at 11:21 a.m. to recess until Wednesday, September 15th by Jones/Rinard. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz, Secretary
Finance Committee
Jefferson County
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