Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
September 17, 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, George Jaeckel, Russell Kutz, Conor Nelan and Amy Rinard. Other board members present were Anita Martin, Walt Christensen and Dave Drayna. Staff in attendance were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; and Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla; and Financial Systems Specialist, Cindy Diestelmann. Members of the public present were Matt Slowinski from DANA Investment Advisors.
- **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** A letter from David Hall was distributed to the Committee.
- **6. Public comment** none.
- 7. 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. Outstanding Department Budgets 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]
 - b. Finance
 - i. Marc DeVries
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$542,696)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
 - **c. Health Department** Wehmeier proposed to add all ARPA revenue for the Health Department to the budget and reserve for what the department does not think it will

- spend. Motion by Jones/Jaeckel to amend the budget as requested. The motion passed 5-0.
- **d. 2022 Capital and 5 Year Capital Plan** County Administrator Wehmeier discussed the 2022 Capital Plan and possible financing sources. The Committee requested that Administration and Finance develop reports to update the Committee on the progress of the Courthouse/Sheriff/Jail renovation. No action taken.
- e. General Revenues; General Expenditures (Contingency)
 - i. Ben Wehmeier and Marc DeVries
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. Motion by Rinard/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy savings \$9,520,440)
 - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
- **f. Fee Schedule** Motion by Nelan/Kutz to approve the fee schedule for 2022. The motion passed 5-0.
- **g.** Fund Balance Policy Motion by Jones/Rinard to allow the Health Department to exceed the fund balance policy in the amount of \$177,027. The motion passed 5-0.
- h. Debt Service
 - i. Marc DeVries
 - ii. No additional motion/information
 - iii. DeVries recommended not to approve the debt service budget as presented due to the changes that would be made by the upcoming bond issue.
 - iv. No action was taken.
- i. Set tax levy
 - i. Motion made by Jones/Rinard to approve the following:
 - 1. Health Department \$892,942 tax levy at a \$0.1226 mill rate
 - 2. Library System- \$1,156,411 tax levy at a \$0.2801 mill rate
 - 3. Motion passed 5-0
 - ii. Motion made by Jones/Rinard to approve the following:
 - 1. Set the County-Wide (1992 statute definition) levy at \$27,755,653 for a mill rate of \$3.3342 for general operations (the Committee did not vote on the debt service levy)
 - 2. Motion passed 5-0.
- **8. Discussion on investment advisor fees** Matt Slowinski of DANA Investments explained how the investment fee functioned. No action was taken.
- 9. Discussion and possible action on out-of-state travel for Human Services Department Wehmeier explained that the requested travel was fully funded by a grant from the state. Motion by Jaeckel/Jones to approve the request for out-of-state travel. The motion passed 5-0.
- **10.** Discussion on In Rem Foreclosure Public Notice Requirements no action was taken.
- 11. 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 No action was taken.
- 12. 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 Jaeckel/Kutz to convene into closed session. Roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

- **13. Reconvene** in open session for action on closed session items if necessary Motion by Jones/Rinard to convene into open session. The motion passed 5-0. Motion by Jaeckel/Rinard to not respond to the bankruptcy court in relation to the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy restructuring plan. The motion passed 5-0.
- **14.** Discussion and possible action on **2021** projections of budget vs. actual revenues and **expenditures** DeVries explained that there are no immediate concerns at this time.
- 15. Review of the financial statements and department update for July 2021 Finance Department No action taken.
- **16.** Review of the financial statements and department update for July **2021** Treasurers **Department** No action taken.
- 17. Review of the financial statements and department update for July 2021 Child Support Department No action taken.
- **18. Update on contingency fund balance** Before any action taken at this meeting, the balance of the 2021 contingency funds is \$265,448. The other contingency line, after adjustments for carryforwards is \$3,481,960, and the vested benefits balance is \$300,000.
- 19. Discussion of funding for projects related to the new Highway Facilities and sale of old Highway Facilities. Wehmeier updated the Committee on the progress of the old highway site.
- **20. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items** The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7th at 8:30 a.m.
- **21. Review of Invoices** After review of the invoices, a motion was made by Jaeckel/Nelan to approve the payment of invoices totaling \$35,525,266.84. The motion passed 5-0.
- **22. Adjourn** A motion was made at 11:30 to recess until Thursday, October 8th by Kutz/Jaeckel. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz, Secretary Finance Committee Jefferson County /mad