

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
August 14, 2008

Committee members: Kuhlman, Rick
Mode, Jim
Molinaro, John
Rogers, Pamela (Chair)
Schmeling, Sharon L.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Pam Rogers. All committee members were present. Also present were Dave Ehlinger, Barb Frank, Gary Petre, and Phil Ristow.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law.

Carl Zentner (713 Cloute St, Fort Atkinson) spoke in regards to farmland preservation and requested that a large percentage of the sale proceeds from the Highway 26 bypass be allocated towards farmland preservation.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman to approve the minutes of July 22, 2008. The motion passed 5-0.

Barb Frank and Phil Ristow presented the affirmation of the recommendation from TE Brennan for Jefferson County to switch to Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC) for liability insurance coverage. John Dirkse from Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Company (WCMIC), and Jill Sherman from TE Brennan via telephone discussed the County's options. General discussion by the committee occurred. A motion was made by Molinaro/Schmeling that a decision would be made at the September 11th meeting, with both WMMIC and WCMIC to have final premium figures provided by that time. The motion passed 5-0.

Jill Ottow from the Jefferson Literacy Council presented both the Council's six month activity report and their funding request for the 2009 budget.

Phil Ristow recapped for the committee the history of the need for truss repairs on the roof at Countryside Home. The costs may possibly be recovered through litigation with the original architectural firm. A motion was made by Kuhlman/Schmeling to transfer \$20,700 from the contingency fund to A/C 3551.535450 (Non-Capital Remodeling). The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Ehlinger presented a recap of year to date activity for the contingency fund.

Dave Ehlinger recapped his current year fiscal projections as requested by the Finance Committee at their prior meeting, based upon activity through June 2008. The current year projections indicate an operating deficit of \$1.5 million, which is in addition to the

planned deficit of \$2.35 million (the amount applied against the 2008 tax levy from fund balance.) No discussion by the committee took place on the fiscal projections.

The committee began discussions regarding usage of the funds received from the State of Wisconsin for selling land for the Highway 26 bypass. Donna Haugom presented her request to use the funds to purchase properties damaged more than 50% by the recent flooding in towns (i.e. not including municipalities and villages) within Jefferson County as listed below. Donna explained that if residents have flood insurance and insurance proceeds will lower the amount the County has to expend.

Type	Count	Per Unit	Extended Cost	State Aid (87.5%)	County Contribution
Primary residences	18	189,073	3,403,322	(2,977,907)	425,415
Business	1	584,982	584,982	(511,859)	73,123
Rental or seasonal	58	164,073	9,516,260	(8,326,728)	1,189,533
Totals			13,504,564	(11,816,493)	1,688,070

Gary Petre presented his memo of 8/5/08 for possible usages of the land sale proceeds including (a) flood mitigation program, (b) potential Highway facility project, (c) future Park development projects, and (d) potential Sheriff Administration center project.

A number of motions were made and seconded regarding the usage of land sale proceeds. During the discussion of these motions, all were withdrawn. A motion was made by Schmeling/Rogers to apply the net proceeds from the sale of land to the State of Wisconsin for the Highway 26 bypass, exclusive of any potential additional funds from the appeal of the State's amended offer, in the amount of \$260,000 to the Farmland Preservation Conservation Easement Program and the remainder to the Flood Mitigation Program. The motion passed 5-0.

Barb Frank recapped for the committee how the memorial tree for former County Clerk Barb Geyer came to be through private donations as well as the tree being knocked down in a recent wind storm. Barb requested funds from the contingency fund for the replacement of this memorial. A motion was made by John Molinaro to transfer \$500 from the contingency fund less any new donation amounts received to replace the memorial tree. The motion did not receive a second. Barb Frank agreed to solicit for donations.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to pay invoices in the amount of \$558,405.96. The motion passed 5-0.

Gary Petre presented the draft meeting schedule for the departmental budget hearings to begin on September 15th.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Mode to adjourn at 11:17 a.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County