

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
September 19, 2008

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

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. All committee members were present. Also present were Dave Ehlinger, Gary Petre, and Phil Ristow.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting complied with the open meeting law.

A written public comment was received from Ann Jenswold as President of Local 655 (Highway Department) regarding Highway road construction and maintenance.

Gary Petre and Dave Ehlinger gave an overview of the 2009 budget at this time. General discussion took place on various aspects of the budget along with possible funding mechanisms.

[Note: All motions relate to the recommended 2009 budget, unless indicated otherwise.]

Clerk of Courts

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Molinaro to remove all capital items from the budget. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Molinaro for the preliminary approval of the Clerk of Courts budget at \$1,450,953. The motion passed 5-0.

Veterans Services

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode for the preliminary approval of the Veterans Services budget at \$162,191. The motion passed 5-0.

UW Extension

A motion was made by Mode to remove 100% of the departmental budget. Schmeling seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. After general discussion took place, the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Mode/Kuhlman to (a) reduce the UW Extension budget by 40%, (b) the UW Extension committee to determine the areas cut, and (c) for a preliminary approval of the UW Extension budget at \$272,542. The motion passed 5-0.

Highway

A motion was made by Schmeling/Rogers for the preliminary approval of the Highway budget at \$4,110,349 with the clarification that the \$1 million in currently designated funds is not included in this budget. The motion passed 5-0.

Fair Park

A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman to (a) increase advertising revenue by \$30,000, and (b) for the preliminary approval of the Fair Park budget at \$418,120. The motion passed 5-0.

Parks

A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman for the preliminary approval of the Parks budget at \$962,087. The motion passed 4-1, with Mode against.

Library System

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode for the preliminary approval of the Library System budget with no increase from prior year at \$907,136. The motion passed 5-0.

Rick Kuhlman left at 2:02 p.m. for a prior commitment.

Overview

The committee discussed the overview of the budget. General discussion took place as to possible changes to all departmental budgets previously agreed upon.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Rogers to recess at 2:15 p.m. until September 22nd. The motion passed 4-0, with Kuhlman absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County