

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
September 24, 2008

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

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

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

The following individuals appeared before the committee under public comment in support of the Water Resource tech position.

1. Stan Smoniewski, N6532 Shorewood Hills Road, T-Lake Mills
2. Milton Straus, 245 Circle Dr, C-Lake Mills, representing the Rock Lake Improvement Association
3. Glenn Zastrow, 148 Lake Shore Drive, C-Lake Mills as chair of the Rock Lake Committee

The committee reviewed the recap prepared by Dave Ehlinger to make sure that everything looked correct and that nothing was missed or included in error.

Dave informed the committee that Countryside reduced pool help by \$60,000 and activity therapy by \$40,023 to achieve the requested \$100,000 reduction.

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.]

A motion was made by Molinaro/Rogers to (a) restore the Water Resource tech position to the budget, (b) reduce funding for receptionist position in Land Conservation to 20 hours plus benefits, (c) increase Clerk of Courts new position from 19 to 20 hours and add benefits, (d) eliminate the \$30,000 in Highway interdepartmental work in the Parks budget, and (e) eliminate the \$30,000 in Highway interdepartmental work in the Fair Park budget. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Schmeling to reinstate e-mail upgrades and related consultant in the MIS budget at \$45,217. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Mode/Molinaro to add \$350,000 in the MIS budget for network blade replacement. The motion passed 4-0.

[Note: This changes the MIS allocation, which changes all other department budgets.]

Greg Torres on behalf of the UW Extension committee indicated that the requested 40% budget reduction would be achieved through (a) removing two clerical staff at \$117,000, (b) merging the two agricultural agents into one position, (c) delete the 4-H assistant, and (d) the rest coming from reduced mileage reimbursements.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Mode to allow the County Clerk's office to make any changes as needed to the budget and inform the committee of these changes afterwards. The motion passed 4-0.

Phil Ristow reminded the committee that some mechanism needs to be done to transfer the power of County Auditor to the Finance Department.

Sharon Schmeling requested that (a) the supervisor budget amendment form be revised, (b) a power point presentation be made to the board regarding future year budget problems, and (c) that the forecast be included in the budget book as has been done in the past.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to pass the levy at the maximum levy amount available. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Rogers
Finance Committee Chair
Jefferson County