

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
February 4, 2009

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

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. All committee members were present. Also present were Dave Ehlinger, Barb Frank, Gary Petre, Phil Ristow, and Earlene Ronk.

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

Bill Moberly from AFSCME spoke in favor of having a referenda question and indicated that the union members would help the passage of the question.

The committee reviewed the draft fact sheets from Dennis Heling, Gary Petre, Phil Ristow, and Earlene Ronk. By consensus, they created by final fact sheet by choosing language from each version and/or creating new language.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Schmeling to forward a resolution to the County Board recommending an advisory referendum with the following question on the ballot:

In order to continue to own and operate the County's nursing home, would you support allowing the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors to raise property taxes annually for the next four years by an estimated \$3.5 million over the state imposed levy cap which is a 14.73% increase in the county portion of your 2009 property tax bill, or, for example, \$79.13 on a \$150,000 property?

and the following explanatory statement required for publication as follows:

The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors desires public input on the question of whether or not the County should raise taxes an estimated \$3.5 million above the state levy cap annually for the next 4 years to continue to operate the county nursing home. The result of the vote is advisory, not binding. A "yes" vote means you want the County to raise taxes to continue to operate the county nursing home. A "no" vote means you do not want the County to raise taxes to continue to operate the county nursing home.

The motion passed 5-0.

Barb Frank spoke requesting the committee approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with municipalities for the Statewide Voter Registration System. Barb explained

how the billing to the municipalities is accomplished. Phil Ristow explained that Resolution 2005-24 allowed the Finance Committee to set the hourly rates charged within the MOUs. A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman to approve the MOUs as drafted. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Mode/Kuhlman to adjourn at 12:37 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County

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