

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
January 14, 2010

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. with the following people in attendance:

- Finance Committee members
 - Kuhlman, Rick District 8
 - Rogers, Pamela District 14
 - Molinaro, John District 16
 - Schmeling, Sharon L District 18
 - Mode, Jim District 30
- Countryside Board of Trustees
 - Jaeckel, George District 23
 - Meier, Richard
- Other County Board members
 - Burow, Mike District 12
 - Knox, Carol Ward District 17
 - Kramer, Amy District 19
 - Zentner, Carlton District 26
- Staff members
 - Ehlinger, Dave Accounting Manager
 - Petre, Gary County Administrator
 - Ristow, Phil Corporation Counsel
 - Ronk, Earlene Nursing Home Administrator

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

Under citizen comments, Carl Zentner spoke regarding the upcoming potential sale of Countryside Home and additional land.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman to approve the minutes of 12/10/09 and 1/12/10 as drafted with each date to be voted upon separately. The motion for 12/10/09 passed 4-0 with Mode abstaining due to not attending that meeting. The motion for 1/12/10 passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Molinaro to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) to consider negotiations relating to the sale of Countryside Home. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

Ray Giannini with Marcus & Millichap led the discussion on negotiations with potential buyers of Countryside Home.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to reconvene in open session. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman that further negotiations with the potential buyer of Countryside Home as discussed in closed session and authorizes the County Board Chair to sign the letter of intent. The motion passed 5-0.

Chief Deputy Jeff Parker presented a report regarding the anticipated 2009 operating deficit of \$672,400 in the Sheriff Department as well as its relation to the 2010 budget. General discussion took place regarding the current year (2009) deficit.

Steve Grabow, Gary Petre, and Carol Ward Knox updated the committee on the status of the Strategic Planning Workgroup and requested a transfer from the contingency fund not to exceed \$9,000 for the completion of a countywide strategic plan survey. By consensus, the Finance Committee requested the Strategic Planning Workgroup put the survey on hold until March due to all the current factors in the County.

Phil Ristow updated the committee regarding the need for a consultant for updating the Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation Plan, as Rob Klotz was in a public hearing at the time. After general discussion, a motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to send the matter to the County Board for review without any recommendation other than suggesting that the funding come from the contingency fund. The motion passed 5-0.

Phil Ristow presented the claim from Randy Barber on damage to his vehicle from a pothole on Highway F. A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to recommend denial of the claim to the County Board. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Ehlinger asked the committee to determine the meeting for the Finance Committee to meet for the closing of the 2009 accounting books. By consensus, March 1st at 8:30 a.m. was selected.

After review of the bills, a motion was made by Rogers/Mode to pay invoices for \$562,040.65. The motion passed 5-0.

By consensus, the following meetings were directed to be set up with closed sessions pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) to consider negotiations relating to the sale of Countryside Home:

February 3, 2010	8:30 a.m.
February 4, 2010	10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Mode to adjourn at 11:21 a.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County

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