

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
November 2, 2010

Committee members: Braugher, James B.
Jones, Richard C.
Mode, Jim
Molinaro, John
Rogers, Pamela (Chair)

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All committee members were present.

Additional County Board members present were:

Borland, Glen	Jaeckel, George	Torres, Gregory
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Staff in attendance was:

Ehlinger, Dave	Eisenmann, Kathy	Hoffman, Staci
Kern, Bill	Marasch, Mike	Nehmer, Joe
Nelson, Diane	Petre, Gary	Ristow, Phil
Robinson, Carla	Schunk, Sandy	Scott, Gail
Watkins, Mark	Winter, Greg	

Members of the public that were present, including their assumed main topic item, were:

Barbara Bock, Rock River Free Clinic
Louise Keating, Rock River Free Clinic
Jeanette Nelson-Milleson, Rock River Free Clinic
Jill Ottow, Jefferson County Literacy Council

Gary Petre certified that the meeting complied with the Open Meeting Law.

Under citizen comments, Barbara Bock spoke supporting the need for assisting individuals no matter their citizenship status in the country.

A motion was made by Mode/Jones to approve the minutes of October 12 and October 14, 2010 as drafted. The motion passed 5-0.

Gary Petre and Phil Ristow spoke regarding the status of the bid process for the backup generator for the Courthouse. A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to recommend to the County Board the transfer of up to \$150,000 from the general fund and related budget amendment to pay for the installation of the backup generator in the Courthouse. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Ehlinger and Phil Ristow recapped the current outstanding debt for the County and the possibility of paying off the promissory note to David Korth. After general discussion, Phil Ristow was directed to begin negotiations with David Korth for a reduced interest rate from the current 5% and report back to the Finance Committee at a future date.

By a roll call vote, the Finance Committee made the following recommendations to the County Board regarding the proposed budget amendments for 2011:

1. Solid Waste grant funding, 5-0 in favor
2. Debt Service levy, 5-0 in favor
3. Health insurance related, 5-0 in favor
4. Korth Park playground equipment and Debt Service, 3-2 in favor with Jones/Rogers voting against the proposed amendment. The Finance Committee recommended a January 10 payment to David Korth.
5. Jefferson County Literacy Council, 0-5 in favor. Jill Ottow from the Literacy Council spoke regarding this issue.
6. Restrooms in the Courthouse, 0-5 in favor
7. Kemmeter property, 2-3 in favor with Braughler/Mode voting in favor.
8. Remove Public Health Program Manager, 0-5 in favor
9. Withdrawn by the Supervisor, no vote taken
10. Korth Park playground equipment and Economic Development, 0-5 in favor
11. Employee furloughs, 0-5 in favor
12. Highway site consultant, 0-5 in favor
13. Highway centerline miles adjust, 1-4 in favor with Braughler voting in favor
14. Korth Park playground equipment and fund balance applied, 0-5 in favor
15. Vehicles in Land Conservation and Zoning, 1-4 in favor with Mode voting in favor
16. Rock River Free Clinic, 0-5 in favor
17. Playground equipment and Highway maintenance, 0-5 in favor
18. Kemmeter sales contract revision, no action taken by the committee as they assumed the amendment either would be withdrawn or be ruled out of order.
19. Parks wages, 2-3 in favor with Braughler/Mode voting in favor.
20. Highway centerline miles adjust, 0-5 in favor
21. Exempt computer state aid, 5-0 in favor

Dave Ehlinger informed the committee that the anticipated Sheriff Department deficit for operations for 2010 is \$150,000 to \$200,000 with the majority related to lack of jail revenues.

Dave Ehlinger and Jim Mode informed the committee that the anticipated Human Services deficit for operations for 2010 is \$200,000 related to termination of parental rights (TPR). Phil Ristow indicated that the TPR conflict has been recently resolved.

The committee requested that the modification of the County's investment policy be placed on the next agenda to have the County Treasurer in attendance.

John Molinaro recapped the agreement reached with John Jensen regarding Clifton Gunderson's Management Letter for the 2009 audit. Dave Ehlinger indicated the Management Letter response should be sent out this week.

Dave Ehlinger recapped the letter sent to municipalities regarding unclaimed funds.

Dave Ehlinger presented a draft resolution for the elimination of the self-insured health insurance reserve at year-end 2010. A motion was made by Rogers/Mode to have the resolution with updated values presented to the County Board at their March 2011 meeting as part of the year-end closure. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Ehlinger presented a draft resolution regarding elimination of the liability insurance retention reserve. After general discussion, the committee requested that this item be placed on their February 28 agenda.

By general consensus, a meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28th at 8:30 a.m. for closure of the 2010 accounting records.

A motion was made by Mode/Rogers to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Braughler
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County

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