

Jefferson County  
Finance Committee Minutes  
July 12, 2010

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

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all committee members present except James Braughler. Staff present was Dave Ehlinger and Gary Petre. Additional County Board members present was Jan Roou.

Under citizen comments, Jan Roou asked about Cousins Subs selling food at the courthouse. Gary Petre recapped the decision making process by the Infrastructure Committee regarding this issue.

As the June 10, 2010 minutes are not available yet, it was requested that this agenda item be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Jeff Parker presented his request for a transfer from the Countryside budget of \$43,108 to purchase nine laptops for squads. After discussing the issue, a motion was made to transfer \$43,108 from the contingency fund to A/C 2001.594818 (Capital Computer) to purchase nine laptop computers for squad vehicles. The motion passed 4-0.

Kathi Cauley presented Human Services request to send Denise Grossman to the 2010 National Medicare Train-The-Trainer Workshop with all costs paid for with grant funding. A motion was made by Jones/Mode to approve Denise Grossman attending the 2010 National Medicare Train-The-Trainer Workshop. The motion passed 4-0.

Dave Ehlinger presented the recommendation for employee dental insurance rates for 2011 and the process involved in the calculations. A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to set the 2011 employee dental insurance rates at \$42/month for single coverage and \$90/month for family coverage. The motion passed 4-0.

Dave Ehlinger presented the quote from Ehlers & Associates to update the five-year financial plan. After discussion, it was decided that the Finance Division should continue to internally prepare the five-year financial forecast. It was also agreed by consensus that that Ehlers & Associates may be requested to update their plan every two to three years.

Dave Ehlinger presented his request for a contingency fund transfer to purchase Global Software Spreadsheet Server and a three-year maintenance contract. A motion was made by Rogers/Molinaro to transfer \$28,382.34 from the contingency fund to the accounts listed below for software purchase and first year maintenance. The motion passed 4-0.

Capital Computer, Finance	A/C 88.594818	\$24,277.00
Computer Support, Finance	A/C 88.521296	1,759.43
Computer Support, Human Services	A/C 5200.521296	1,759.43
Computer Support, Highway	A/C 53111.521296	<u>586.48</u>
Total		\$28,382.34

Gary Petre presented the prior year's budget hearing schedule and indicated that he is proposing that the same schedule be followed for the 2011 budget creation. By consensus, the committee agreed to Petre's recommendation.

Gary Petre presented the resolution from LaCrosse County urging the Wisconsin Counties Association to request that the Wisconsin Legislature to correct for the disparate impact of the 1992 rate limits at a time of declining property values. Jim Mode indicated that the Administration & Rules Committee had passed this topic on to the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Jones/Molinaro to recommend that the County Board pass a resolution restoring fairness by correcting the disparate impact of the tax rate limit at a time of declining property values. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Rogers/Molinaro to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberation or negotiating the purchase of public properties and mediation regarding the Highway 26 bypass land sale to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0.

After general discussion, a motion was made by Molinaro/Jones to reconvene in open session. The motion passed 4-0. No action was taken at this time regarding the issue of the Highway 26 bypass land sale.

John Molinaro presented his reason for requesting that the issue of a policy for budgetarily recognizing the receipt of grant awards. After discussion, it was agreed to by consensus to continue with the current practice.

In regards to future meeting agendas, Dave Ehlinger brought up the following points:

1. No minutes have been approved for 9/25/09, 10/15/09, and 11/3/09. John Molinaro indicated he would get together with Rick Kuhlman regarding these minutes.
2. The question was brought up whether the Finance Committee wished to review the audited financial statements before the presentation was made to the County Board. By consensus, Clifton Gunderson would present the audited financials to the committee at their August meeting and to the County Board at their September meeting.

After reviewing the invoices, a motion was made by Rogers/Jones to approve the payment of invoices at \$1,001,907.77. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Rogers to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Rogers  
Finance Committee Chair  
Jefferson County

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