

Jefferson County  
Finance Committee Minutes  
September 21, 2010

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

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. with all committee members present. Staff members present were Dave Ehlinger, Gary Petre, Phil Ristow and Tammy Worzalla. Additional County Board members present were Ron Buchanan, Jan Roou, and Carlton Zentner.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting was in compliance of the Open Meetings Law for the State of Wisconsin.

Under citizen comments, Jan Roou indicated that she felt it might be appropriate for Jim Braughler to abstain from voting on the library budget due to his working with the Lake Mills library. After general discussion, Phil Ristow opined that there probably was no conflict of interest, but that Jim could abstain to be safe. Phil advised he would review the issue and provide further direction on the question.

The Finance Committee considered the recommended budgets for each department listed below and motions were made to tentatively accept the recommended budget figures for each department, unless otherwise noted. *[The departments are listed in order as presented on the agenda, rather than in order presented. The format for each department lists (a) budget presenters in addition to Gary Petre, (b) any other information specific to the department budget, (c) who moved/seconded to tentatively accept the recommended budget figure, unless otherwise noted, along with the amount, and (d) the voting record.*

1. Economic Development
  - a. Dennis Heling
  - b. Because the County is the fiscal agent for the JCEDC (Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium, the County Board has no authority over their budget.
  - c. No motion was made, but the committee thanked Dennis for his presentation
  - d. No vote taken
2. Veterans Services
  - a. Yvonne Duesterhoeft
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Braughler/Jones at \$163,296
  - d. Motion passed 5-0
3. UW Extension

- a. Kathleen Eisenmann
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Molinaro/Mode at \$313,953
  - d. Motion passed 5-0
4. Highway
- a. Bill Kern and Greg Winter
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Molinaro/Jones at \$4,111,911
  - d. Motion passed 5-0
5. Coroner
- a. Pat Theder
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Molinaro/Mode at \$97,991
  - d. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Land and Water Conservation
- a. Mark Watkins
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Mode/Jones at \$261,101
  - d. Motion passed 5-0
7. Fair Park
- a. Paul Novitzke
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Jones/Molinaro at \$148,467
  - d. Motion passed 5-0
8. District Attorney
- a. Sue Happ and Rhonda Rohloff
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Jones/Molinaro at \$733,858
  - d. Motion passed 5-0
9. Clerk of Courts
- a. Carla Robinson
  - b. No additional motions/information
  - c. Motion by Mode/Braughler at \$1,596,745
  - d. Motion passed 5-0

Roland Welsch presented the project by the City of Jefferson moving the County's fiber optic cables. Dave Ehlinger indicated that the contingency fund currently has a balance of \$282,564.66 and recommended that the funding for the project come from the contingency fund. A motion was made by Jones/Molinaro to transfer \$30,155.74 from the contingency fund to the MIS Department for the fiber optic cable movement project. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Rogers/Mode to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberation or negotiating the purchase of property at 215 S Center Street in Jefferson. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

After general discussion, a motion was made by Mode/Jones to reconvene in open session. The motion passed 5-0.

The committee discussed the property and took no further action.

Gary Petre updated the committee on the proposed agenda for the Finance Committee meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Mode/Molinaro at 10:15 a.m. to recess until Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Braugher  
Finance Committee Secretary  
Jefferson County

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