

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
August 20, 2013

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

1. **Call to order** – Richard Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)** – All committee members were present. Staff in attendance was Ben Wehmeier, Phil Ristow, Brian Lamers and Jeff Parker. Public present were Michael and Linda Gross.
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – Ben Wehmeier certified that notice of the meeting complied with the Open Meeting Law.
4. **Review of the agenda** – No Changes
5. **Citizen Comments** – None
6. **Communications** – Phil Ristow handed out an email in regards to item #8 from Michael and Linda Gross. Ben questioned the Committee regarding the format of how the departments should present their budgets.
7. **Discussion and possible action of a contingency fund transfer for additional cost for remodeling and renovation of the Sheriff Annex building of \$58,800 (Alternative #1 for \$47,200 and Alternative #3 for \$11,600).** Jeff Parker explained the estimates that came in last year. The inspection currently discovered items that needed to be addressed like the drainage for \$47,200 which involves digging around 3 sides of the building and adding appropriate drainage to the road. The other alternative bid is for windows to be replaced. The old windows are in very bad shape. In winter they lose a lot of the heat. A motion was made by Mode/Hanneman to approve the contingency fund (account 9802.599901) transfer of \$58,800 to cover the additional cost of the Sheriff Annex Building Capital Improvement (account 8154.594822). The motion passed 5-0.
8. **Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a bid adjustment on parcel #012-0816-1014-002.** Michael and Lisa Gross explained that information from the DNR showed there was a drilled well on the property but there was really a sand-point. The neighbors advised that the water is undrinkable. Given the DNR website was inaccurate would the Finance Committee reconsider the bid due to the cost of the well? Phil explained the options to not accept the bid. He also explained that they could determine that the information they received was not accurate even though it was not provided by the county. We could rebid the property or maybe hold it and have the Highway Department clean up the property and try to resell. There were not any other bids and the Committee could decide to

accept a lower bid. The tax delinquency is currently \$16,500 with some additional foreclosure cost. A motion was made by Molinaro/Hanneman to rebid the property for September 12, 2013 and return the 20% bid money back to the Michael and Lisa Gross

9. **Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mode/Hanneman to adjourn 8:22 a.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hanneman
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