

Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Meeting

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Doug Winters at 9:04 a.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, October 11th, 2010.

Committee Members Present: Doug Winters, Dave Suchla, Wally Geske, Mark Smick,

Others Present: Hensel Vold, Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Bruce Cheline, Laverne Michalak, Judge Damon, Jeff McIntyre, Jon Zander, Rebecca Suchla, Rich Anderson, Rose Ottum, Mike Nelson, Angeline Sylla

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion/Second: Suchla/Geske to adopt the presented agenda; **Motion carried.**

Minutes of Prior Executive/Finance Meeting – Motion/Second: Suchla/Smick to table until the meeting; **Motion carried.**

5. County Sales Tax Update – Committee reviewed handout, no action taken

6. General Fund Update - Committee reviewed handout, no action taken

7. Department Updates/Requests – no updates/requests were presented

8. Resolution – Quarter Freeze

Reviewed resolution that would require committee and county board approval to spend last 25% of budget. Michalak suggested this would create a high volume of late year visits, suggesting adding in flexibility for commitments or contract payments or other expenses that are due in the 4th quarter. County board would have to approve as this is a change to the 2010 budget, but the Board could give E/F the authority to have flexibility to approve without full county board. Discussion on resolution wording regarding approval process.

Motion/Second: Suchla/Geske to approve revised resolution and forward to full county board. Motion carried.

9. Personnel Requisition

A. Judicial Assistant – Judge Damon presented a requisition to replace a Judicial Assistant in his department due to a retirement. Discussion was had regarding union status of this position and the Judicial authority to appoint this position.

Motion/Second: Suchla/Geske to approve filling the position and forwarding to Personnel/Bargaining Committee. Motion Carried. Motion/Second: Geske/Suchla to waive this resolution returning to E/F Committee for a second approval. Motion carried.

10. Streaming Committee Meetings – Smick said this is a topic that needs to be resolved, but acknowledges that other topics have priority right now. Tabled.

11. 2011 Budget

A. Call Backs –

Maintenance - Committee met with Maintenance regarding HVAC and key locks. Discussed rooftop air conditioner. Suchla asked about using a dehumidifier, as well as other options to address the issue.

Motion/Second: Suchla/Geske to reduce HVAC line item from \$25,000 to \$7,000 and eliminate \$15,000 for door locks. Motion carried.

Closed session @ 9:55 am M/2nd: Geske/Suchla. Roll Call taken. Smick-aye, Suchla-aye, Winters-aye, Geske-aye. Motion carried.

Reconvene into open session @10:30 am. M/2nd Suchla/Smick, roll call taken, Smick-aye, Suchla-aye, Winters-aye, Geske-aye. Motion carried.

Register of Deeds – Rose Ottum was asked about the Float/Scan position. Suchla said the committee would like to eliminate the position from the budget. Rose agreed, as that position will be vacated soon anyway and would look into other options to continue with the Scanning process.

Motion/Second: Geske/Winters to eliminate the Scan/Float position from the 2011 proposed budget. Motion carried.

Sheriff – D. Suchla did not think taking money from the out of county housing expenses would be an option. Discussion regarding cost savings options in Huber, Electronic Monitoring, Jail and Dispatch. Anderson asked for a dollar amount to reduce, and they will try to work it out. Anderson is concerned about realistic ability to make significant changes happen in a short period of time when items may need to be bargained or more than a month's time to do. Committee said they would need to cut an additional \$228,000 - \$253,000 from the Sheriff's budget. Will be called back on Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

Closed session @11:14 am M/2nd: Suchla/Geske. Roll Call Taken. Smick-aye, Suchla-aye, Winters-aye, Geske-aye. Motion carried.

Reconvene into open session @11:43 am. M/2nd Smick/Suchla, roll call taken, Smick-aye, Suchla-aye, Winters-aye, Geske-aye. Motion carried.

Clerk of Courts – Suchla talked about the Drug Court funding. Asked about unused funds in current 2010 budget. Sylla explained factors that cause end of the year expenses and lower salary expenses due to retirement before the end of the year. Court ordered Dr services and legal fees will not be charged until late in the year, and are non-lapsing fees. Could try to reduce \$10,000 and increase income \$5,000.

Motion/Second: Geske/Smick to adjust Clerk of Court's 2011 proposed budget, reducing \$10,000 in expenses and increasing \$5,000 revenues. Motion carried.

Emergency Management - Eliminate \$2,000 in furniture in Emergency Management Budget.

Tourism – Decrease \$1,666

12. Set Date for Next Meeting – 1:00 pm, Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Call back Highway, Coroner, UW-Ext., Human Services and Sheriff.

13. Adjourn @ 12:15 PM