

EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ernst Vold at 9:04 am in the County Board Room of the Courthouse in Whitehall, Wisconsin.

Members present: Ernest Vold, Douglas Winters, Wally Geske, Dave Suchla & Mark Smick. Also County Clerk Paul L. Syverson

Motion by Douglas Winters, seconded by Wally Geske to approve the amended agenda. Mark Smick asked about any closed sessions for this meeting. Dave Suchla wanted a closed session for personnel issue. It will be put on the next agenda. Motion carried.

County Clerk Syverson explained the Levy Summary Worksheet showing what all the budget turned in amounted to and what the committee was looking at for a total levy.

Dept. of Land Management

Presenting were Kevin Lien, Vickie Stalheim and George Brandt.

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation: \$-0- Levy

DLM: New employee will be at Start step. Will need legal services. Questioned newsletter at \$3,000. Surveyor Project not done yet. Towns of Arcadia and Ettrick are the last.

Fish & Game: No Levy

Vehicle: No Levy. Two vehicles in 2011

Planning: No Planner. Smart growth is mandated. They have a 5-year plan.

Wisconsin Septic Systems: No Levy

Nutrient Management: No Levy

TRM Cost Share: No Levy

LWRM Cost Share: No Levy

The overall levy for the department is down.

Public Health Dept.

Presenting were Sherry Rhoda and Carol Bawek

Public Health: The per diem includes mileage and expenses. They are not using the WMCRE dollars in the amount of \$28,758.52 are being used at this time. They would like to use it to buy a new vehicle. Committee asked that they use the WMCRE to reduce their levy and also an additional \$1,100 from per diems. Lower levy by \$29,858.52. All else remained the same.

County Board

Clerk Syverson presented County Board budget. Discussion regarding the per diems. Reduce per diems by \$4,306.00 including fringes.

Information Technologies Dept.

Cindy Currier presented.

Department levy is down \$10,460.34. She was asked if any departments could reimburse her for services. She said at times they have dollars available and then she does use them. IT Grant has no levy. She was complimented for her budget.

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Register of Deeds.

Rose Ottum presented.

Levy is down \$6,545.00. Revenues in 2011 are up. Redaction has no levy. Rose was complimented on her budget.

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Clerk Syverson reduce this budget from \$3,500 to \$2,000. All levy

Special Accounting and Audit

This budget was reduced \$3,000

Indirect Cost Study

Clerk Syverson said we have a five year contract with no change in dollars. Same as the previous five-year contract.

County Clerk

Levy is down \$6,001.94

Recessed for Lunch at 11:45am

Reconvened at 1pm

All members present. Also County Clerk Syverson

Sheriff's Department

Present: Sheriff Rich Anderson, Becky Suchla, Brian Puent & Dan Schreiner

They are proposing to incorporate the Emergency Management Dept into the Sheriff's Dept and also the budget. Levy is up slightly, but they would be able to utilize the full EM Grant. (11 Admin would also be incorporated. Could reduce levy by eliminating everything turned in under EM. (\$18,319.21- EM, \$3,097.75- EPCRA, \$7,441.00- 911 Admin)

Highway Department

Commissioner Jim Johnson present.

Levy is the same as last year. Discussed how many miles of paving this entails. About 5 miles.

TV Studio

Present: Cindy Jacoby, Mike Nelson & Pat Malone

They plan to consolidate accounts 55610 & 55611. Levy is up \$3,278.45. Decided to reduce Unemployment to zero (\$9,075.00) and add \$5,796.55 to No Line Detail so that the levy will be the same as last year.

UW-Extension

Cindy Jacoby, Mike Nelson and Pat Malone present.

Levy is down \$2,361.04

Professional Services down because no Ag Agent on board. They were questioned on the filling of the position. State still has a hiring freeze in place. Pat Malone will be discussing this with the state next week

PAT: No Levy

Youth Education: Same levy as last year. No increase.

Solid Waste: Same levy \$900. per year until they have enough for a Clean Sweep

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Coroner

Present: Coroner Bonnie Kindschy

Levy is up \$4,317.40. The committee reduced Medical Exams by \$4,500. to keep levy at about same level.

Motion by Suchla and seconded by Winters to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Paul L. Syverson
Recording Secretary**