

Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ernie Vold at 9:00 a.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, April 2nd, 2012.

Committee Members Present: Ernie Vold, Doug Winters, Mark Smick, Dave Suchla, John Aasen

Others Present: Paul Syverson, Brian Reilly, Curt Johnson, Jami Kabus, Rich Anderson, Cindy Jacoby, Mike Nelson, Olin Fimreite, Bobbi Guthrie, Laurie Halama

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of the amended Agenda – Motion/Second: Aasen/Winters to adopt the amended agenda; Motion carried.

Adoptions of the Minutes from Previous Meetings – Motion/Second: Winters/Aasen to approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion Carried

5. County Sales Tax Update - handout reviewed, no action taken.
6. General Fund Update – handout reviewed, no action taken. Budget overrun topic will be moved to the May meeting agenda.
7. Health Care Center Bond/Debt Refinance: Brian Reilly from Ehlers addressed the committee regarding refinancing opportunities of four bonds with the Trempealeau County Health Care Center. Curt Johnson recapped the financing and long term finance planning for the TCHCC. Reilly discussed the structure and process of refinancing. He distributed a handout regarding refinancing of each bond. Suchla asked if the County can partially fund the bonds. Johnson explained that it would negatively impact Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement if the County did so. Johnson said he would keep the committee updated as the process moves along.
8. Department Updates/Requests –
 - a. TV Studio –
 - i. Discuss future plans: Nelson and Fimreite asked the committee what they should do now since the Studio Coordinator position failed at County Board. Smick said that anyone who voted “yes” could bring back to resolution. Kabus clarified that the two options would be either the standing committee could begin the whole process over, bringing it through the three committees and County Board or the “no” vote could bring it back. Nelson advised the committee that no streaming of committees will happen, as requested, until a leader is placed in the department. He added, they do not have the manpower to add such a service. The committee began to talk about broadcasting content policies of the studio on what is appropriate to air and who schedules shows. Smick was disgruntled by a recent taping and airing of a show regarding the county board race. Fimreite said the studio did not have any type of policy regarding their specific concerns. Smick said that until the matter is settled, the Studio Coordinator position can stay in limbo. Winters showed a copy of an e-mail string distributed by Smick discussing the upcoming county board election, advising of preferred outcomes of elections. **M/2nd by Winters/Vold to send the position request back to standing committee to start the requisition process over gain. Motion Carried.**
9. Resolutions & Ordinances – Calling Emergency Special Meetings: A resolution was presented regarding establishing an ordinance to allow the County Board Chair to call emergency special

meeting of the Board. **M/2nd by Suchla/Winters to approve and forward the resolution to the County Board. Motion Carried.**

10. Update County Board Duties and Compensation. – Postponed until the May E/F Committee meeting.
11. Written definition of Employee, Elected County Board Members and Elected Officers - Postponed until the May E/F Committee meeting.
12. Items for next agenda: 2011 budget overruns, updating the County Board Duties and Compensation policy, written definition of employees, elected board members and elected officers, electric bill from the maintenance dept, discussion of designating a fund for 2014 bond call date.
13. Set date for next regular meeting 5/7/2012 at 9:00 am.
14. M/2nd by Suchla/Winters to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned @ 10:15 AM.