

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 Tuesday, May 1st, 2012.

Committee Members Present: Ernie Vold, Dave Suchla, John Aasen, Tom Bice, Mike Nelson

Others Present: Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Rich Anderson, Rian Radtke, Jeff McIntyre, Jim Johnson, Doug Winters, Dana Conrad, Melissa Franks, Brooke Bauer, Amanda Burleson, Jason Burleson

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

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

5. Elections: **M/2nd by Vold/Aasen to elect Mike Nelson as Chair. Motion Carried. M/2nd by Aasen/Suchla to elect Ernie Vold as Vice-Chair. Motion Carried. M/2nd by Suchla/Vold to elect John Aasen as Secretary. Motion Carried.**
6. Set Meeting date: 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM.
7. County Sales Tax Update - handout reviewed, Bice asked for comparable information from neighboring counties on their County sales tax.
8. General Fund Update – handout reviewed, no action taken.
 - a. Budget overruns/resolution - Syverson presented a resolution addressing overruns in the 2011 budget. **M/2nd by Vold/Suchla to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion Carried.**
 - b. Designation of funds for next callable bond (2014) – This bond is regarding the County Rd J project and is callable in June, 2014. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to create and designate funds in the amount of \$530,000 for bond payoff in 2014. Motion Carried.**
 - c. Funding Highway projects – Johnson advised E/F committee that the Hwy committee discussed funding highway improvement projects throughout the County and would need to request additional money to do so. Johnson advised some would need to be bid/contracted out and some could be done in house. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to forward a resolution to County Board to give the Highway department \$1,000,000 for the Highway committee to use these funds on highway road improvements as they see fit. Motion Carried.**
9. Department Updates/Requests:
 - a. TV Studio – Kabus updated the status of the personnel requisition for the TV Studio Coordinator position. Winters questioned who had authority to pull a show off the TCCTV lineup featuring a candidate for County Board during the election. Nelson advised that Smick approached him and others in the hallway during the April E/F Committee meeting and insisted he pull it, warning of future funding for the studio if it was not pulled. Nelson advised that the committee will address a policy on what parameters the County can set for broadcasting on TCCTV.

- b. Maintenance – utility bill: Suchla advised this was at the request of Smick from the last meeting. Suchla would like to look at ways to reduce utility expenses and will review the information. No action taken.
10. Per Diem for Orientation of new county board members – Bice would like to see newly elected board members to be paid per diem when they attend the orientation training. Syverson advised that they are not sworn in at the time of the orientation and only get paid mileage. Suchla said that should be established before the election. Radtke advised that the orientation is not a meeting of the board and suggested including in the orientation invitation letter that no per diems are paid for that meeting. No action taken.
11. Personnel Requisition – Human Services: McIntyre distributed information for a proposed Social Worker position in the Long Term Care unit. This is a non-tax levy position for the birth to 21 waiver service for children with disabilities. He addressed reimbursement, billing, waiting lists, etc. This position would create revenue that could be used to offset other expenses throughout the department. There were public comments made in favor of the position. **M/2nd by Vold/Suchla to approve the requisition and forward to County Board. Motion Carried.**
12. Update County Board Duties and Compensation – Radtke advised that this policy needs to be updated and should be addressed prior to the next election term. **M/2nd by Suchla/Vold to table until the next County Board Rules are addressed. Motion Carried.**
13. Written definition of Employee, Elected County Board Members and Elected Officers – Radtke asked the committee for direction as to their wishes on this topic, as this was initiated by Smick who is no longer on the County Board. Suchla said he would supply Radtke with an outline of questions on what definitions he is looking for.
14. Items for next agenda: Unemployment and payout budgeting.
15. Set date for next regular meeting 6/11/2012 at 9:00 am.
16. M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned @ 10:45 AM.