

Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Nelson at 9:00 a.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Wednesday, September 5th, 2012.

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

Others Present: Dick Miller, Olin Fimreite, Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Nick Gamroth, Pat Bell, Cindy Carrier, Jeff McIntyre, Rian Radtke, Sheriff Anderson, Tavi McMahon, Judge Damon

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

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

5. County Sales Tax Update - handout reviewed. No action taken

6. General Fund Update – handouts reviewed, no action taken.

a. Capital Loan Account- Suchla requested the topic on the agenda and would like to set up a capital loan account. Syverson advised that the county would have to do that as a bond, explaining that the county cannot operationally create a cost to maintain a desired levy limit in order to pay off a debt in the future. No further action taken.

b. Early payoff of County Road J project – Syverson advised that this is not payable until 2014. **M/2nd by Aasen/Suchla to bring back the County Road J bond resolution that was defeated at the County Board meeting. Motion Carried.**

7. Long Term Planning – Miller advised that he contacted Mark O’Connell from the WCA and inquire about long term planning for Counties and dates he would be available to meet with the committee. Bice does not see any benefit from having WCA or Mr. O’Connell come. Bice feels the 17 County Board Members should be able to come up with a plan themselves. Suchla said it does not hurt to meet with him and listen. **M/2nd by Suchla/Aasen to meet with Mark O’Connell from Wisconsin County’s Association on 10/5/2012 and discuss long term planning services for the County. Motion Carried with a NO vote from Bice.**

8. Merger of Real Property Lister into Land Management – Gamroth addressed the group with the proposal to merge his department under Land Management. He explained the history of the department and the working relationship with Land Management. He advised he would still work with the Register of Deeds and the Treasurer’s office in the peak seasons. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to approve the merger into Land Management effective 1/1/2013. Motion Carried.**

9. Resolution regarding Retirement Payouts – this resolution was tabled at the July, 2012 County Board Meeting. **M/2nd by Aasen/Suchla to bring back the resolution to County Board, making it effective 1/1/2013 and M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to amend it to read that 50% of the funding of the retirement payout be funded from the department’s budget. Motion Carried, Motion Carried.**

10. Radtke advised if properties going into tax foreclosures. He explained the process to the committee. An appraised value needs to be set. This is a statutory procedure. There are seven properties total, with four of them requiring the use of an appraiser.

- One acre parcel, town of Ettrick, FMV is \$1,200. Committee set minimum at \$500.00
- Vacant lot, subdivision of Galesville, FMV is \$40.00. Committee set minimum is \$5,000 or minimum expense, which Radtke will confirm.
- Approximately two acre parcel, North of Whitehall, FMV is \$2,200.00. Committee set minimum at \$1,000.

M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to approve the committee set minimum bids. Motion Carried.

11. Confidential Disclaimer on E-mail policy – Currier and Radtke proposed having a uniform policy and language regarding County business e-mail content and confidentiality. They distributed three samples of language. Currier and Radtke will draft language for a uniform message for County e-mails and bring back to the committee.

12. Justice Coordinator position – This position would manage alternative programs to incarceration. This program has been discussed for several years. Bell explained the Diversion program and the end of the program grant 12/2012. Judge Damon, McMahon, and Sheriff Anderson all advocated for the benefits this position would create for the County, and possibly neighboring counties. Discussion was had on the number of participants, cost and cost savings. Fimreite talked about his support of this position and experience with the program and those who have gone through the system. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to approve the creation of the Justice Coordinator position. Motion Carried**

13. 2013 Budget

- a. The question was posed if County Board members who have not served on E/F Committee could be paid per diem and mileage for attending a budget meeting in order to become familiar with the budgeting process. **M/2nd by Bice/Aasen to pay County Board members who have not served on E/F Committee per diem and mileage for attending a budget meeting in order to become familiar with the budgeting process. Motion Carried.**
- b. Budget Packets – Syverson handed out budget binders to the committee members.
- c. Budget hearing schedule – Syverson shared the schedule with the committee.

14. Items for next agenda: WIMCR

15. Set date for next regular meeting: Budget hearing dates and 10/5/2012.

16. Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting @ 11:37 AM.