

EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Nelson at 9:00 am in the County Board Room of the Courthouse in Whitehall, Wisconsin.

Members present: Ernest Vold, Michael Nelson, Tom Bice, Dave Suchla & John Aasen. Also Dick Miller, Sally Miller and County Clerk Paul L. Syverson

Motion by Ernest Vold seconded by John Aasen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

County Clerk Syverson explained the Levy Summary Worksheet the way he had calculated it. The Levy Limit has not come from the State yet. Also he has not received the estimates for Shared Revenues. The Committee discussed the budget and the possibility of employee raises and that maybe a reserve could be set.

Human Resources

Presenting was Jami Kabus.

Liability and Property Insurance are the same, but is budgeted high.

Work Comp is the same as we are building up the reserve. Hopefully have built up by 2014, then we can reduce the rates.

HR budget is up due the salary increases with fringes. Discussed advertising, HR pays for local, but if department wants extended area, department pays that part. Question on fax charges, should be down as whole courthouse is on VOP and no phone charge. Question on sharing secretary, had been discussed before and does not work out well.

The overall levy for the department is up slightly.

Public Health Dept.

Presenting were Sherry Rhoda and Carol Bawek

Public Health: Discussed hiring a part-time nurse to fill possible loss of an employee at a grade 7C. Vehicle repair (350) was dropped \$2,000 to \$500. Cut \$1,500 from advertising. Carol explained the Consolidated Contract grant. Discussed membership dues, mileage and medical supplies. Dropped \$500 from printing, added \$500 to telephone and dropped \$2,085 from .111 for vacation/sick leave payout.

Overall drop in request is \$5,585. Carol also explained Agent Status. The rest of the budget was ok.

Information Technologies Dept.

Cindy Currier presented.

Cindi showed how she keeps track of all equipment and when it should be replaced. Her budget is up just slightly, noting that professional services is up \$4,043.40 but has been absorbed within her budget.

911 Grant is no levy.

Register of Deeds.

Rose Ottum presented.

Levy was dropped \$1,000 for office supplies. Revenues were discussed.

Committee took break at 12:15pm

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Reconvened at 1pm: All Committee Present, plus Sally Miller, Jeff McIntyre and Paul Syverson.

Jami returned to clarify the fax machine situation on no phone charges.

Sheriff

Presenting was Richie Anderson, Carol Ressler and Tonya Niederkorn

Levy is down \$3,677.43 overall.

Sheriff handed out a letter for the Committee to read.

Acct 52160.249 cut \$28,100 if we use Bond money.

Discussion was held regarding efficiency in the department.

Sheriff said his duty was to safeguard the public.

He was asked to come back to the committee later regarding the Grant (\$36,000), FEMA (\$10,000), Retirement (\$50,000), Health Insurance (\$38,000) and Out of County Board (\$22,000).

Account 52700.341 cut \$20,000 down to \$97,000

52700.388 add \$1,024

Highway Department

Commissioner Jim Johnson and Sandy Brandt present.

Levy is the same as last year.

The committee discussed Personal Vehicle use, where to cut \$100,000 and how much was in the Machinery Fund (\$853,000) and whether we could pay off the City of Arcadia payment early. Also discussed the Patrol Supervisor breakout for revenue. Sandi will bring in added info on the revenues for that.

TV Studio

Present: John Kelly and Olin Fimreite

Olin introduced John

The Committee added revenue (\$4,678.75) to account 101.46827 and cut 55610.225 (\$200), .310 (\$500), .339 (\$800) and .313 (\$250).

UW-Extension

Cindy Jacoby and Pat Malone present.

Levy is same. Cindy explained the part-time agents. Committee discussed the Ag agent position.

PAT: No Levy

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

Solid Waste: Planning a Clean Sweep again so levy is up.

Coroner

Present: Coroner Bonnie Kindschy

Levy is the same. Bonnie explained the need for autopsies.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Paul L. Syverson
Recording Secretary