

## Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Nelson at 9:01 a.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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

**Others Present:** Dick Miller, Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Rian Radtke, Dan Schreiner, Bonnie Kindschey, Sheri Rhoda,

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

Adoptions of the Minutes from Previous Meetings – **Motion/Second: Aasen/Bice 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.

7. Department Updates/Requests:

- a. Coroner-Burial Fund: Kindschey asked the committee to assist in the burial expenses of a Trempealeau County Citizen that passed. There was no estate or family available to cover expenses. She advised that the funeral home is doing what they can at providing the minimum services, but should not have to absorb the cost. She further suggested that the County consider set up a fund for these rare situation, although, they do not happen often. **M/2<sup>nd</sup> by Suchla/Vold to pay upto \$1,250 for funeral expenses. Motion Carried.**
- b. Emergency Management: Schreiner advised that the County was awarded a FEMA/Hazard Mitigation Grant for an automated high water warning system for the County. This would measure precipitation activity in the area and provide early warnings of high water throughout the County. Schreiner handed out the award letter, a cost breakdown of the estimated costs of the system and a draft resolution. Questions were asked about funding, and what communities would benefit from the system. **M/2<sup>nd</sup> by Suchla/Vold to approve the resolution. Motion Carried with a NO vote from Bice.**

8. Public Health Specialist Requisition: Sheri Rhoda presented a requisition, job description, Public Health Dept. organizational chart and a proposed resolution for the creation of a new position. She advised the committee of challenges of the past in recruiting and maintaining Nursing staff, and the need for additional environmental health and education activities in the County. She reviewed changes in the Public Health field and looking to reorganize the department to meet and provide services to the County. **M/2<sup>nd</sup> by Suchla/Bice to approve the position and forward the Resolution to County Board. Motion Carried.**

9. Tax Foreclosure Property - Radtke reminded the legal activities two of the properties (parcel #s 024-01084-0010 and 024-01085-0005) that are currently tied up in, were granted an extension until 10/30/2012 at last month's meeting. On the phone was Attorney Brad Dagen for the property owner. Dagen advised the committee of the multiple issues involved and the reason resolution was not able

to be achieved by the deadline. **M/2<sup>nd</sup> by Aasen/Suchla to allow an extension to the deadline until 11/30/2012. Motion Carried.**

10. Contracting for Maintenance Services- The committee discussed looking at the cost of contracting out for custodial services for the courthouse and if there would be a cost savings to it. **M/2<sup>nd</sup> by Suchla/Bice to send the topic to Property Committee to discuss. Motion Carried.**
11. Long Term Planning- The Committee is awaiting results from WCA regarding Adams County's long term planning process. Syverson will contact Mark O'Connell from WCA on the status of that report. **M/2<sup>nd</sup> by Suchla/Aasen to table until December meeting. Motion Carried.**
12. 2013 Budget/Levy: Syverson will work on a Q & A summary for the public.
13. Items for next agenda: Use fee for the Law Library, Recycling for businesses, parking lot tower removal.
14. Set next meeting date: December 3, 2012
15. Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting @ 10:41 AM.