

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, December 3rd, 2012.

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

Others Present: Dick Miller, Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Rian Radtke, Jeff McIntyre, Kathy Gauger, Cindy Currier, Michelle Weisenberger, Kevin Lien,

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

Adoptions of the Minutes from Previous Meetings – **Motion/Second: Aasen/Suchla 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. Human Services – Increase Assigned Non-Lapsing Contingency Fund Ceiling: McIntyre addressed the Committee, distributing a resolution that has been shared with the Human Services Board. He is asking for the Board to increase the maximum amount of funds that can be help in the Non-Lapsing Contingency Fund. **M/2nd by Suchla/Vold to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion Carried.**
- b. Land management – Transfer funds from General Fund for LIDAR Project: Lien reviewed the budgeting history in regards to the LIDAR project. He cited examples of landowner issues relating to properties being mapped in a flood zone. The committee would like more information, as to how many property owners this would affect. Lien advised that he received resolutions from towns supporting and wanting this LIDAR project to proceed. Lien referenced other benefits the LIDAR project would provide to the County. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to table, with Bice to arrange a representative from the Department of Commerce to address the committee in regards to LIDAR project funding in the future. Motion carried, with a NO vote from Vold.**
- c. IT Department – Policy & Procedures: Revisions to the IT policy were made, as requested by the County Board at the November 2012 meeting. **M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to approve and forward to County Board. Motion Carried.**

8. Half-Time Social Worker Requisition: Kathy Gauger presented a new position. This would be a half-time social worker working with nursing home relocation and is 100% reimbursable from state/federal funding. **M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to approve the position and forward the Resolution to County Board. Motion Carried.**

9. Tax Foreclosure Property –

- a. Approval of Sale to former Owner – Nitschke: Radtke reviewed the history of the properties (parcel #s 024-01084-0010 and 024-01085-0005) that were granted an extension at the November committee meeting. He advised that the party satisfied their requirements by the 11/30/2012 deadline. **M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to approve the sale of the property to the former owner. Motion Carried.**
 - b. Radtke explained to the committee that of five properties in foreclosure, only one received an acceptable bid. **M/2nd by Vold/Suchla to approve the sale of the one acceptable bid on the Ettrick property. Motion Carried.**
 - c. Radtke further advised the Committee on the remaining four properties in foreclosure. He advised of othe pros and cons of moving forward with the sale or postponing the sale until a later date. **M/2nd by Aasen/Suchla to postpone advertising and waiting until February, 2013 Executive/Finance Committee meeting to address the property sale. Motion Carried.**
10. Consider Attorney Fee for use of Law Library: Radtke advised that this topic should be referred to the Law Enforcement Committee, as the Circuit Court reports to that Committee. Discussion was had as to the ability to charge and if the service can be “resold”. **M/2nd by Suchla/Aasen to refer the topic to the Law Enforcement Committee. Motion Carried.**
 11. Aasen advised that the group that is to take down the tower has liability coverage and would like to take the tower down in the spring. Proof of insurance should be provided to the County before the tower is removed. **M/2nd by Aasen/Bice to wait until Spring, 2013 to have the tower removed. Motion Carried.**
 12. Health Care Center Recycling: Vold distributed a handout regarding the Tri-R Recycling project at the TCHCC. Suchla is concerned that businesses cannot bring their recyclables to the program. Questions were asked about the fee structure. Suchla will speak with Winters and Haines who sit on the TCHCC Board of Trustees. No further action taken.
 13. 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/2nd by Suchla/Bice to table. Motion Carried.**
 14. Items for next agenda:
 15. Set next meeting date: January 7, 2013
 16. Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting @ 10:44 AM.