

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, February 4th, 2013.

Committee Members: Mike Nelson, Ernie Vold, John Aasen, Tom Bice, David Suchla (10:20 am)

Others Present: George Brandt, Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Jeff McIntyre, Kevin Lien, Nick Gamroth, Rian Radtke, Eric Haas, Rich Anderson, Laurie Halama, Jim Johnson, J.C. Nelson, Terry Kerwin

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of the Agenda – **M/2nd by Aasen/Bice to adopt the agenda; Motion carried.**

Adoptions of the Minutes from Previous Meeting – **M/2nd by Aasen/Bice to approve minutes from the 1/7/2013 meeting. Motion Carried**

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

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

7. Department Updates/Requests:

- a. Real Property Lister – Gamroth advised that the Assessor who submitted a bill for Assessor training was paid, but will utilize online training in the future. Gamroth did say that if the County does receive a bill for Assessor Training, they are obligated to pay it. No further action.
- b. Land Management –LIDAR Project/Funding: J. C. Nelson met with the committee, per Bice's invitation. Nelson advised that the likelihood of a statewide collection is slim to none, calling it a "pipe dream" of having a statewide collection, and not seeing any progress sooner than 15 years from now. Nelson advised he does not see anything from FEMA to help unless a major disaster event happens. He said that LIDAR makes the local process much easier, giving several examples of the uses LIDAR helps, i.e. road construction, road grades, farming plans, transmission lines, building permits, etc. Bice said he needs more information, research and justification. Bice asked for price information, Brandt said that would require an RFP, Lien said this is long term planning. Much discussion was had regarding long term planning, budgeting philosophy and finding of projects throughout the County. **Motion by Vold with no second, but discussion happened to approve the LIDAR project. M/2nd by Suchla/Aasen to table until budget time. Motion carried with a NO vote from Vold.**
- c. Treasurer/County Clerk: Bank Depositories - Halama distributed a resolution for approval regarding designating public depositories and authorizing withdrawal of County money. **M/2nd by Bice/Vold to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion Carried.**

8. Discuss Gas and Fuel Pricing/Purchasing – Bice was at Audit recently and this expense caught his attention. Bice contacted Kwik Trip and one other company regarding gas prices for the County vehicles. Bice advised the committee that the Companies said there was room for negotiation. Sheriff Anderson, Jim Johnson and Kevin Lien advised the committee on current contracts in place and how they handle their own department fuel pricing and administration. Radtke advised that the County does not have a centralized fuel purchasing policy in place. Discussion was had regarding

the current efficiencies and if redesigning the fuel purchasing process is worth the return on investment. Discussion also included the Health Care Center process with their vehicles. Many questions arised regarding who should research the need, who should be included, etc. M/2nd by Bice/Aasen to put this topic on next month's agenda. Motion Carried.

9. Discuss Broadband – Bice requested this item on the agenda. He said he was trying to understand more about it. He referenced an article in the latest WCA magazine. No further action.
10. Contingency Fund Transfer for increase in WRS and Health insurance – Tabled until March meeting
11. Discuss reading of claims resolution at County Board – Suchla asked if this particular resolution could be summarized in order to be a faster process at the County Board meetings. He suggested just reading the name and total, rather than it being itemized by per diem, mileage and total. Radtke would research the County's obligations. **M/2nd by Suchla/Aasen to summarize the claims resolution to just be name and total, pending Radtke's research allows it. Motion Carried.**
12. Long Term Planning- Committee asked Syverson to forward an electronic version of the complete Adams County report to Mike Nelson, John Aasen, Tom Bice, David Suchla and Dick Miller, and put this topic on the March committee meeting agenda.
13. Items for next agenda: Gas and Fuel Pricing/Purchasing, Contingency Fund Transfer for increase in WRS and Health insurance, Increase sales tax revenue, Long Term Planning
14. Set next meeting date: March 4, 2013
15. Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting @ 11:15 AM.