

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 Monday, November 4th, 2013.

Committee Members: Mike Nelson, Ernie Vold, Tom Bice, John Aasen. Others in attendance: Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Rian Radtke, LaVerne Michalek, David Galewski, James Bongard, Rick Schaumberg

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting(s): **M/2nd by Vold/Aasen to approve the minutes from the 10/7/2013 meeting and the budget meetings. Motion Carried.**

5. County Sales Tax Update - handout reviewed.

6. General Fund Update – handout reviewed.

7. Former Owner Buy-Back of Tax Foreclosed Property – Schaumberg and Bongard addressed the committee asking for a 30-day extension. A Handout was distributed to summarize the activities yet to be done to satisfy the outstanding items. A 90 day extension was granted at the August, 2013 E/F Committee meeting. **M/2nd by Vold/Aasen to give a final extension to 1/6/2014. Motion Carried.**

8. Consider and approve bids for tax foreclosed properties: Parcel number 241-00278-0000 in the City of Independence. The attorney for the City of Independence has requested the County to consider the City's previous bid, which is lower than what was set. Michalek renewed the offer on behalf of the City of Independence for the vacant lot, referencing the letter sent from the City to the County. Discussion was had on the cost and value of the property. **M/2nd by Bice/Aasen to sell the parcel for \$3,000 to the City of Independence. Motion Carried.**

9. Taavi McMahan (via telephone) requested the Committee to approve a newly created position in the District Attorney's office. He discussed the duties of the position, current staffing and the cost of the position. This would result in no addition of staff and believes he will be able to absorb the cost within his 2014 budget. **M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to approve the requisition and forward to the County Board. Motion Carried.**

10. Fraud Hotline: Syverson advised that he listened to a Fraud hotline seminar. He suggested we could set up a voicemail extension. Radtke advised that a policy/procedure should first be set up as to how the program would be handled. **M/2nd by Vold/Bice to work on the Fraud hotline and draft a policy. Motion Carried.**

11. Review and revise Duties and Compensation Policy for County Board Members – **M/2nd by Aasen/Bice to remove from the table. Motion Carried.** Radtke reviewed the policy with the committees and his concerns on the confusing language in the policy. He noted several items that are no longer valid or accurate information in the policy that needs to be changed. No action taken. Syverson was asked to put this topic on the December Committee meeting agenda.

12. County Board Rules: Committee reviewed the County Board Rules. Discussion was had regarding committee appointments, term limits and guidelines on committee assignments.

M/2nd by Bice/Aasen to review the Board rules and discuss at the December E/F Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

13. Items for next agenda: Review and revise Duties and Compensation Policy for County Board Members, County Board Rules
14. Next Meeting date: 12/2/2013
15. Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:27am.