

Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Meeting

Committee Members: Mike Nelson, Ernie Vold, Tom Bice, John Aasen, David Suchla. Others in attendance: Dick Miller, Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Rian Radtke, Mary Martin, Ben Sylla, Dave Galewski, Wanda Cartrette, Susan Frederixon, Ardell Knutson, Mary C. Anderson, Doug McPherson, Carol Howard, Erica Bauer, Linda Mossman

- 1 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, January 6th, 2014.
- 2 Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.
- 3 Adoption of the Agenda – **M/2nd by Vold/Bice to adopt the agenda; Motion carried.**
- 4 Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting(s): **M/2nd by Suchla/Vold to approve the minutes from the 12/4/2013 meeting and the 12/10/2013 joint meeting with Highway. Motion Carried.**
5. County Sales Tax Update - handout reviewed.
6. General Fund Update – handout reviewed.
7. **Buy-Back of Tax Foreclosed Property – James Bongard:** Radtke advised that the amount due had been paid, but was waiting for the written documentation that verified satisfaction. **M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to approve the buyback of the property to Mr. Bongard and execute the deed once the written satisfaction was received, if received within 6 months. Motion Carried, with a NO vote from Bice.**
8. Fraud Hotline Update: Syverson distributed an updated draft policy for the committee. Syverson advised that the Auditors had suggested that the County have something in place to allow someone to report suspected fraud. **M/2nd by Suchla/Aasen to approve and forward to County Board. Motion Carried.**
9. County Board Rules: Discussion was had regarding consolidating committees, content included in the County Board Rules, what is procedural and what is administrative. Discussion was also held regarding requirements of who needs to be on a committee, what is required and what is optional as to committee makeup. The committee will discuss further at the next meeting.
10. **CapX 2020 Requests:** The County has received the payment for \$1.4M for the CapX 2020 project. Several requests for funds from this fee have been received by the County, including the Bugle Lake project in Independence, the Lake Henry project in Blair, the Parks Committee for a new shelter. The Committee listened to information provided from each group present at the meeting. They explained the nature of their projects, the status of the projects, what the funds would be used for and how it would benefit the County. Vold anticipates more requests may come and should not act hastily, but carefully consider all requests thoroughly. No action taken.
11. Funding for Humane Society: The County maintains a dog licensing that is collected from each municipality. If the funds are not used it is returned to each municipality. The Trempealeau County Humane Society is requesting that they be able to use the unused funds to offset expenses of the shelter. Carol Howard advised that these funds could be used for fencing, upgrades, staffing for the cleaning and caring of animals, etc. She advised that much of their funding is through donations and much of the work is dependent on volunteers.

Questions were asked if the funds had to be returned to the municipalities, if the shelter could be designated by the County. Radtke will research the language in the statutes.

12. Items for next agenda: County Board Rules, County Board Rules, CAPX 2020 requests, Funding for Highway,
13. Next Meeting date: 2/3/2014
14. Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:21 am.