

Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Meeting

Committee Members: Mike Nelson, Ernie Vold, Tom Bice, John Aasen, David Suchla. Others in attendance: Dick Miller, Rob Reichwein, Doug Winters, Paul Syverson, Jami Kabus, Rian Radtke, Mary Martin, Dave Galewski, Linda Mossman, Jean Galasinski, Al Lorenze

- 1 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, February 3rd, 2014.
- 2 Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.
- 3 Adoption of the Agenda – **M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to adopt the agenda; Motion carried.**
- 4 Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting(s): **M/2nd by Aasen/Vold to approve the minutes from the 1/6/2014 meeting. Motion Carried.**
5. County Sales Tax Update - handout reviewed.
6. General Fund Update – handout reviewed.
7. **JOINT MEETING WITH PERSONNEL/BARGAINING COMMITTEE**
 - a. M/2nd by Aasen/Bice to call the Joint meeting to order @ 9:04 am. Motion Carried.
 - b. Kabus distributed a spreadsheet of all County Sheriff and Clerk of Court salaries. Discussion was had regarding the possible increase amounts for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner, comparing to staff and other elected positions at the County. Discussion was also had regarding WRS and Health Insurance contributions of elected officials. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to approve a 1% increase each year of the four year term for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner offices. Motion Carried with NO votes from Vold and Aasen. M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to set health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees. Motion Carried. The discussion of WRS contribution obligations for the office of the Sheriff was sent back to Personnel/Bargaining Committee to further review and is to be brought back to the joint committee.**
 - c. Joint meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.
8. Cancel outstanding checks: Halama presented a resolution regarding the cancellation of outstanding checks. She is requesting approval to cancel checks and return the funds to the General Fund. **M/2nd by Bice/Suchla to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion Carried.**
9. Fraud Hotline Update: Syverson did not provide an update
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. In response to a request heard at the January County Board, Vold advised that he is not going to appoint a committee to review incoming requests for this money. Al Lorenze, Linda Mossman, Jean Galasinski and Dave Galewski addressed the committee requests and the process. No action taken.

11. Highway Funding: Suchla and Syverson distributed a spreadsheet for a 12 year plan for funding highway projects. The proposal includes funding sources, including department reserves, CAPX2020 funds, 10 year loan, 35% sales tax allocation, County Road J loan. Much discussion was had regarding funding options and maintaining levy levels. No action taken.
12. County Board Rules: Discussion was had regarding consolidating committees and content included in the County Board Rules. Discussion was had regarding the committee makeup of the Parks Committee and the TCHCC Board of Trustees. The committee discussed the possibility of the Park moving under the Property Committee. Radtke advised that a Parks commission is necessary for applying for grants, but since the County has not engaged in that for years, the oversight can be included within another committee and does not have to include citizen membership. Changes would require a resolution to the County Board and updating the County Board Rules. The committee will discuss further at the next meeting. The Committee discussed the make-up of the TCHCC Board of Trustees. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to have the TCHCC Board of Trustees to be filled by only County Board members. Motion Carried.** The Committee further discussed County Board rules. Suchla had concerns regarding members of the same family being appointed members to committees and county board members. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice to prohibit an appointment of a citizen member to a voting committee that is related to a County Board Member. Motion Carried with NO votes from Aasen and Vold.** The committee discussion continued with a proposal from Suchla that the election of Chairs and Vice Chairs of County Committees. **M/2nd by Suchla/Bice that elections for a Chair and Vice Chair positions of County Committees can only be voted on by County Board Members and com only be County Board Members serving on that Committee. Motion Carried.**
13. 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 requested that they be able to use the unused funds to offset expenses of the shelter. Radtke researched the language in the statutes and advised that to be designated as the County pound would require them to take all animals at any time. The Committee questioned if the Humane Society had the capacity to do so. Other scenarios were discussed. Syverson will send a correspondence/survey to the municipalities regarding the funding for the Humane Society.
14. Items for next agenda: Fraud Hotline Update, CAPX 2020 requests, Funding for Highway, County Board Rules & consolidating committees, Humane Society, Draft version of revised County Board Rules
15. Next Meeting date: 3/3/2014
16. Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.