

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 26, 2021

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in the County Board Room and via Zoom format at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present (in person):     Dave Abendroth  
                              Brian Floeter (3:04)  
                              Don Lenz  
                              Dennis Mulder  
                              Harley Reabe

Other County Employees Present: Amanda Toney, Treasurer; Kayla Yonke, HHS Business Manager; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Ed Tetzlaff, Financial Manager (Zoom); Jason Jerome, HHS Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom); Sheriff Mark Podoll; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel (Zoom); Gene Thom, Supervisor #19; Matt Vandekolk, Chief Deputy

### MINUTES

*Motion/second (Abendroth/Lenz)* to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### APPEARANCES

- **Justin Fisher – Baird Financial**  
Justin Fisher of Baird Financial gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding refinancing of the outstanding debt for the Government Center due to low interest rates. He gave a review of the timeline and stated an estimated interest rate of 1.22%.
- **Mary Lou Neubauer and Lindsey Kemnitz – Economic Development Corporation**  
Lindsey Kemnitz, EDC Chair, spoke concerning dissolving TREDC (Tri County Economic Development Corporation) and the future focus of the Green Lake County EDC. Mary Neubauer, committee member and City of Princeton Administrator, provided a history of the EDC. Kemnitz summed up future goals for the committee such as a county room tax, a possible revolving loan fund, broadband expansion, and the need for an individual dedicated to economic development within the county.

### RESOLUTIONS

- **Establishing 2022 Annual Budgeted Allocation for Pay for Performance**  
Supervisor Floeter asked to defer the resolution until the 2019 and 2020 audits are available. Discussion held. County Administrator Cathy Schmit explained the budget timeline.

*Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder)* to approve the resolution and send to County Board for final approval. Ayes – 3, Nays – 2 (Abendroth, Floeter). Motion carried.

- **Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$2,680,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

*Motion/second (Mulder/Abendroth)* to approve the resolution and send to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

- **Tax Collection Update**

Treasurer Amanda Toney stated that approximately 26% of the 2020 tax roll is unpaid. Reminders will be sent out soon.

- **April Financial Reports**

Treasurer Amanda Toney stated she has received some of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and they are currently earning 1% interest.

- **Sales Tax Update**

Treasurer Amanda Toney reported record highs in sales tax so far this year.

**OPEN AND TAKE ACTION ON IN-REM BIDS - None**

**IN REM UPDATE**

Treasurer Amanda Toney stated that there are currently 40 delinquent parcels from the 2017 tax year.

**CREDIT CARD APPROVALS – HHS**

*Motion/second (Abendroth/Mulder)* to approve credit cards for HHS employees Rachel Prellwitz and Jennifer Dille. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

- **Parks**

County Clerk Liz Otto stated that 50% of a DNR grant has been received for Phase II of the Green Lake Trail project.

*Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz)* to approve the budget adjustment and forward to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

April revenues and expenditures discussed and reviewed.

**SUPERVISOR’S/LAY PEOPLE MONTHLY CLAIMS**

Supervisor’s claims: \$5,266.28

Lay Person’s claims: \$731.92

*Motion/second (Floeter/Abendroth)* to approve supervisor and lay people claims. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- **Consider motion to convene into Closed Session per Wis. §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is involved. This matter is in regard to the in rem tax foreclosure case 20GF16 and property formerly owned by Susan Wollitz.**

*Motion/second (Abendroth/Lenz)* to convene into closed session at 3:55 PM. Roll call vote – Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

County Clerk Liz Otto excused herself from Closed Session.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder)* to reconvene into open session at 4:02 PM. Roll call vote – Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

The committee directed Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow to proceed with her recommendations.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting – June 23, 2021 at 3:00 PM**

- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 4:04 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto  
County Clerk