

FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 22, 2023

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in the County Board Room and via remote access 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: Luke Dretske
Brian Floeter
Don Lenz
Dennis Mulder
Harley Reabe

Absent:

Other County Employees Present: Jess McLean, Treasurer; Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Jason Jerome, HHS Director; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Gene Thom, Supervisor #19; Matt Vandekolk, Chief Deputy

MINUTES

Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

LISA MEIER, GREEN LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- **Financial request for July 4th fireworks**

Lisa Meier, Green Lake Chamber of Commerce, requested funding to help offset the cost of the July 4th fireworks in the City of Green Lake. She stated that the City of Green Lake has pledged \$6,000 but the chamber is currently looking for approximately \$15,000 in additional funding from various sources to meet the costs. County Administrator Cate Wylie stated this would fall under the guidelines for ARPA funds because it is considered economic development/tourism. Discussion held. No action taken by the committee.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

- **Tax Collection Update**
- **February Financial Reports**
- **Sales Tax Update**

Treasurer Jess McLean provided updates to the sales tax fund and current interest rates. Discussion held regarding transferring ARPA funds to the LGIP account due to higher interest rates.

IN REM UPDATE

Treasurer Jess McLean stated letters have been sent to all delinquent property owners from the 2018 and 2019 tax years. There are currently 73 parcels on the list, many with the same owners.

UPDATE ON 2021 AUDIT

County Administrator Cate Wylie stated that she received a draft copy of the 2021 audit on 03/20/2023 and the final copy will be signed soon. Discussion held. The committee agreed by general consensus to dispense with a presentation from CLA (the auditing firm) at a Finance meeting in favor of appearing before the full County Board in May.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSED USE OF ARPA FUNDS

- **Uniquely Wisconsin**

County Administrator Cate Wylie stated she has received information through the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in regard to the Uniquely Wisconsin program. This would be a program that would promote Green Lake County

and encourage economic development, tourism, and affect our sales tax dollars. Lisa Meier spoke in favor of the program. Wylie stated that other counties have been pleased with the results. **Motion/second (Mulder/Floeter)** to invite Uniquely Wisconsin to provide a presentation at a future County Board meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

No discussion.

CREDIT CARD REQUEST

- **Jeff Mann**

Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder) to approve the request for a credit card with a limit of \$5,000. Motion carried with no negative vote.

SUPERVISORS/LAY PEOPLE MONTHLY CLAIMS

Supervisor's claims: \$3,836.58

Lay Person's claims: -0-

Motion/second (Lenz/Dretske) to approve supervisor and lay people claims. Motion carried with no negative vote. This will be added to the packet in the future along with the revenue/expenditure report.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular Meeting – April 26, 2023 @ 3:00 PM**
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.

Submitted by,



Liz Otto

County Clerk