

FINANCE COMMITTEE
October 25, 2023

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe on Wednesday, October 25, 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

Other County Employees Present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Jason Jerome, HHS Director; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager; Ken Stephani, Finance Director; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Sheriff Mark Podoll; Bill Hutchison, IT Director; Todd Morris, County Conservationist

MINUTES

Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz) to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023 and October 11, 2023 meetings with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sara Wilson, Kingston Library Director, stated the impact of losing 10% of their funding. She also outlined the many fundraisers they currently do throughout the year as this is already part of their budget.
- Margaret Schultz, Friends of the Caestecker Library, also outlined fundraisers currently done and reminded the committee that there is currently a 5 year agreement in place for 100% of funding.
- Dick Slavick, Town of Brooklyn, requested full funding for the Caestecker Library.
- Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Library Director, reminded the committee that the funding requested is for this year – not next year. She also outlined significant fundraising.
- Christine Lyon, Caestecker Library Director, read a letter from the Markesan Library Director asking for full funding.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

Treasurer Jessica McLean is attending a conference so there were no updates or discussion.

CONTINGENCY REQUEST FOR FAIRGROUNDS ELECTRICAL PANEL

Chair Reabe stated that only one quote has been received for this work. He has requested that County Administrator Cate Wylie obtain additional quotes so this item is postponed until the November meeting.

2024 BUDGET SUMMARY REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Discussion held on 10% cut of full funding for libraries in 2024. The county is required to fund 70% of the request and has currently budgeted 90%. *Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz)* to reduce Economic Development Corporation (EDC) by \$11,332 and transfer that to the library budget to reach the 2023 budget level. Dretske stated he feels that amount should come out of contingency – not EDC. Ayes – 4, Nays – 1 (Dretske). Motion carried. Discussion also held on Highway funding and General Transportation Aids (GTAs)

RESOLUTION

- **Resolution Relating to Cancellation of Outstanding Checks**

Motion/second (Dretske/Lenz) to approve the resolution and forward to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote.

- **Relating to 2024 Budget and 2023 Property Tax Levy**

Motion/second (Mulder/Floeter) to approve the resolution and forward to County Board for final approval. Discussion held in regard to levy limit cap and library funding. *Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)* to amend the 2023 property tax levy to \$18,343,535 to include the library changes. Motion carried with no negative vote. Motion carried with no negative vote to pass original motion as amended.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF ARPA FUNDING

Chair Reabe stated that Emergency Management Director Gary Podoll has distributed the AED's to all of the participants. Discussion held on using ARPA funds for roads and bridges. County Administrator Cate Wylie stated that funds can not be used for that purpose.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Finance Director Ken Stephani gave an update of his monthly activities.

BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

No questions or discussion regarding September reports. Supervisors Floeter and Mulder discussed the changes to the financial report that they would like to see in the near future.

SUPERVISORS/LAY PEOPLE MONTHLY CLAIMS

Supervisor's claims: \$7,848.48

Lay Person's claims: \$301.64

Motion/second (Lenz/Dretske) to approve supervisor and lay people claims. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular Meeting – November 21, 2023 @ 3:00 PM**
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:** contingency request for fairgrounds electrical panel

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 3:57 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto

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County Clerk