

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE
September 25, 2024

The meeting of the Finance & Insurance Committee was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 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: Don Lenz Absent: Brian Floeter
Dennis Mulder
Harley Reabe
Charlie Wielgosh

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Ken Stephani, Finance Director; Jessica McLean, Treasurer; Sheriff Mark Podoll; Jason Jerome, HHS Director (3:25); Matt Vandekolk, Chief Deputy; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager; Cate Wylie, County Administrator (3:12)

MINUTES OF 08/28/2024 AND 09/17/2024

Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz) to approve the minutes of the 08/28/2024 meeting and the 09/17/2024 special meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Boatwright, Vice President of Strategic Growth at the Green Lake Conference Center, requested ARPA funding to be used for an emergency responder wellbeing retreat at the Green Lake Conference Center. The retreat would be a 2 day/2 night retreat for \$600 per attendee. With approximately 97 people eligible the total cost would be \$58,200. Boatwright stressed the need for this training/retreat due to the current issues facing these workers and the need to provide for their mental health.

APPEARANCES

• **Scott Mundro, EDC President - EDC Update and 2025 Budget Request**

EDC President Scott Mundro provided background information on the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the key initiatives currently underway such as the economic energy plan. Mundro stated that the 2024 budget for EDC was \$26,168 with a 2025 request of \$52,000. County Administrator Cate Wylie asked about the strategic plan cost of \$25,000. Mundro also presented a graph of area counties and their 2024 funding.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

Treasurer Jessica McLean stated that sales tax is up from the same time last year. Certificates were sent out on 09/03/2024 for the current properties to start the in rem process.

2020 IN-REM FORECLOSURE JUDGEMENT PROPERTIES

Treasurer Jess McLean stated that there were 7 properties on her submitted report but one has paid so there are 6 left. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann stated that the committee needs to decide which properties to take possession of. Discussion held on the following properties:

206-00226-0000 (City of Berlin) – committee agreed by general consensus to not take this property
016-00690-0100 (Town of Princeton) – committee agreed by general consensus to take this property
010-00161-0100 (Town of Mackford) – committee agreed by general consensus to not take this property
010-00160-0000 (Town of Mackford) – committee agreed by general consensus to not take this property
206-01535-0000 (City of Berlin) – committee agreed by general consensus to not take this property
002-00149-0100 (Town of Berlin) – committee agreed by general consensus to take this property

ORDINANCE

- **Amending Green Lake County Code §§242-6 and 242-9, Clarifying County Sales and Use Tax Revenue for Funding Construction and Remodelin Projects**

Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann stated that this ordinance clarifies the language of the current ordinance and updates state statute. Finance Director Ken Stephani stated the need to continue the sales tax for future development and updates to buildings.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Finance Director Ken Stephani stated that the audit and the single audit should be done within the next 10 days. Alio to LINQ migration has been slow moving – Stephani inquiring if we really need to do it. Work continues on the 2025 budget. ARPA funds are all designated at this point.

INSURANCE UPDATE – COUNTY CLERK

County Clerk Liz Otto stated that all of the health insurance and dental/vision insurance information has been distributed to employees for open enrollment. Dental insurance premiums increased by 5% for 2025. The mod factor for worker’s comp is posted online for Green Lake County – we are at .63 for 2025. Otto has not received any premiums for liability, property, etc. at this time because the insurance company is waiting for 2023 financial statements.

BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

No questions or discussion. Finance Director Ken Stephani discussed the HHS income maintenance revenue.

SUPERVISOR/LAY PEOPLE MONTHLY CLAIMS

- **Supervisor claims - \$4,287.97**
- **Lay People - \$306.85**

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

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting – October 23, 2024 @ 3:00 PM.**
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 4:07 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto

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County Clerk