

**JOINT FINANCE & INSURANCE, HIGHWAY, & HIGHWAY ADHOC COMMITTEE**  
**February 26, 2025**

The joint meeting of the Finance & Insurance Committee, Highway committee & Highway AdHoc Committee was called to order by Chair Harley Reabe on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 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:	Brian Floeter Harley Reabe Dennis Mulder Don Lenz Gene Thom (Finance alternate) Bob Schweder Chuck Buss Dave Abendroth	Absent:	Charlie Wielgosh
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Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Jessica McLean, Treasurer; Sheriff Mark Podoll; Jason Jerome, Interim County Administrator; Matt Vandekolk, Chief Deputy; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner

**MINUTES OF 12/17/2024, 01/22/2025, 02/05/2025**

***Motion/second (Lenz/Mulder)*** to approve the minutes of the 12/17/2024, 01/22/2025, and 02/05/2025 meetings with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

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

Treasurer Jessica McLean stated that the February settlement is complete and delinquent tax notices have been sent out. McLean also informed the committee that she is looking into a new credit card system and will bring forward a contract for approval after IT has completed their assessment. Discussion held.

**IN REM UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann and Treasurer Jess McLean provided information on changing 2 properties currently under the in rem process to the status of deferred indefinitely due to the raze orders. This will be put on the March agenda for action and discussion.

**OPEN BIDS FOR IN REM PROPERTY**

Chair Reabe opened 2 sealed bids for the following properties:

- 010-00160-0000 – bid of \$500 received with a down payment of \$100 from Jason and Karen Dykstra
- 010-00160-0100 – bid of \$250 received with a down payment of \$50 from Jason and Karen Dykstra

Discussion held regarding assessed values and current costs incurred. ***Motion/second (Mulder/Floeter)*** to approve both bids. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**APPROVAL FOR REFRIGERATED VAN IN HHS**

HHS Director Jason Jerome provided information regarding the request for a refrigerated van which has been approved up to \$75,000 by the HHS Committee. The van would be fully funded by an estate donation that was received by HHS.

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Jerome explained the need for the vehicle and stated there is potential for contracting with other entities also. 2 quotes received from Emerald for two different vans. Discussion held. ***Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz)*** to approve the quote for \$70,799. Motion carried with no negative vote. Jerome will check with Emerald in regard to electric standby.

#### **APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY SURVEYING CONTRACT**

Discussion held. Committee gave Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome the ability to sign the contract for the survey. No motion required per Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING SOW AND FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome stated he has been working with the auditors. They will be on site in late March and he will provide more information at that time.

#### **ANNUAL REPORTS**

- **Treasurer**
- **County Clerk**

***Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)*** to accept the annual reports from the County Clerk and the Treasurer. Motion carried with no negative vote.

#### **ARPA UPDATE**

Treasurer Jess McLean stated that Stefanie Meeker has been working with the auditors to make sure the ARPA funds have all been recorded correctly.

#### **INSURANCE UPDATE – COUNTY CLERK**

County Clerk Liz Otto had no update at this time.

#### **BUDGET REVIEW OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

No discussion

#### **SUPERVISOR/LAY PEOPLE MONTHLY CLAIMS**

- **Supervisor claims - \$4,879.27**
- **Lay People - \$147.06**

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

- **Move into Closed Session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Discussion regarding Highway building financing.**

***Motion/second (Lenz/Floeter)*** to move into Closed Session at 3:29 PM. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0, Absent – 1 (Wielgosh), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Remote access was terminated. Individuals present in Closed Session: Reabe, Mulder, Floeter, Thom, Lenz (Finance Committee), Reabe, Mulder, Abendroth, Lenz, Schweder, Buss (Highway and Highway AdHoc). Others present (and deemed necessary): Jeff Mann, Jess McLean, Jason Jerome, Liz Otto, Derek Mashuda, and Justin Fischer of Baird Financial Services.

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

***Motion/second (Mulder/Lenz)*** to reconvene into Open Session at 4:56 PM. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent – 1 (Wielgosh), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

***Motion/second (Floeter/Mulder)*** to instruct the Interim County Administrator and Corporation Counsel to proceed with the financing model agreed upon in Closed Session for the new highway facility and bring forward to the full County Board in March. Motion carried with no negative vote.

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting – March 26, 2025 @ 3:00 PM.**
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:** in rem property status

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 4:57 PM.

Submitted by,



Liz Otto  
County Clerk