

FINANCE COMMITTEE
November 10, 2011

Call to Order. Chair Mawhinney called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 7:30 A.M. on Thursday, November 10, 2011, in Conference Room N-1 Rock County Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Mawhinney, Kraft, Podzilni, Beaver and Diestler.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present. Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to County Administrator; Sherry Oja, Senior Accountant/Assistant to the Finance Director; Ben Coopman, Public Works Director.

Others Present: Larry Harding, Town of Plymouth.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the amended agenda, second by Supervisor Diestler. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Mr. Smith informed the Committee that the County has qualified for an \$89,763 Focus on Energy grant for the Rock Haven Replacement Facility project.

Transfers and Appropriations. None.

Bills and Encumbrances. None.

Bills Over \$10,000.

Blackhawk Technical College.	\$	12,372.79
Board of Regents		85,822.00
Local Government Property Insurance		37,376.00
Mid American Business Systems		20,531.50
Unitrends Corp.		68,411.00

Supervisor Diestler moved approval of the above Bills Over \$10,000 for the Finance Committee, second by Supervisor Kraft. ADOPTED.

Encumbrances Over \$10,000.

Academy Service Group, LLC	\$	11,192.00
Veolia Es Technical Solutions LLC		14,608.52

Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the above Encumbrances Over \$10,000 for the Finance Committee, second by Supervisor Diestler. ADOPTED.

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None.

Approval of Bills for Other Departments. None.

Discussion and Possible Approve of Health Insurance Excess Carrier Contract and Security Deposit. Mr. Smith said this item was put on prior to the resolution and is no longer necessary.

Resolution.

Approving Reinsurance Contract for Stop-Loss Coverage

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 hereby authorizes the execution of a contract with Standard Life for administration of the County’s Stop-Loss Coverage effective January 1, 2012, and that initial deposit premium be remitted to Standard Life upon execution of the contract, if necessary.”

Supervisor Diestler moved Finance Committee Endorsement of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Kraft. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Recommend Revisions to the 2012 Recommended Budget.

Developmental Disabilities Mr. Smith handed out a spreadsheet on the recommendations.

Chair Mawhinney said the Developmental Disabilities budget levy increase is equal to 34% of the total operations levy increase. She added that it was her understanding that the Department Head did not request the additional \$30,000 the Developmental Disabilities Board is requesting.

Mr. Knutson said if they would get more emergency requests that were court ordered it could affect taking people off from their waiting list.

Supervisor Beaver moved to leave the Developmental Disabilities 2012 budget as presented, second by Supervisor Diestler. ADOPTED.

Countywide Accounts Mr. Smith said the request is due to the bonds/notes sale and the net amount is \$18,231.

Supervisor Kraft moved approval of the request for the Countywide accounts of \$18,231, second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Community RECAP/TAD Grant Mr. Smith said the County received an additional \$11,093 in State Aid for the RECAP/TAD Grant program and are requesting the funds help offset the State Aid Exempt Business Computers, which would still leave a \$739 shortfall.

Supervisor Podzilni moved to approve the request relating to the TAD grant and State Aid Exempt Business Computers, second by Supervisor Diestler. ADOPTED.

Public Works Mr. Smith said nothing is included on the spreadsheet as this was a request from the towns.

Supervisor Kraft said the Committee realizes how difficult it is for the towns.

Supervisor Kraft moved to charge the same amount as last year (2011) for winter maintenance as well as routine maintenance, second by Supervisor Diestler.

Mr. Harding said they pay the same amount for winter maintenance no matter how much snowfall there is. The towns could hire a farmer to mow the ditches and do other work, and they would not have to go to the County for the routine summer maintenance. He said this money would then leave the County and if more than one town leaves the County this would amount for more than \$116,000.

Supervisor Kraft said that Mr. Coopman had supplied the Committee with Summary of Operations charts for the Town Winter Maintenance and asked if he has seen these reports. Mr. Harding said you can make numbers look any way you want.

Chair Mawhinney asked where Mr. Harding would suggest the funds come from for this request. Mr. Harding said he doesn't know the County's budget. He suggested using Health Insurance or Retirement funds. He said they are asking for winter maintenance costs to go down so they can keep the County's Public Works employees working in the summer.

Mr. Knutson said the insurance budgeted for in 2012 is the same as in 2011. With contracts ending at the end of the year the employees will be paying for half of their retirement, but the County has also lost \$2.8 million in state aid and has just been informed we may be losing another \$300,000 in Youth Aid in Human Services. We are spending more in winter maintenance than we have been collecting and the Public Works Committee has been trying to narrow this down over the years.

Mr. Coopman said the component of routine maintenance does not change the tax levy, that this is "soft" money.

ADOPTED.

Other None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Diestler moved adjournment at 8:05 A.M., second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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