



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – May 21, 2020**

**Call to Order.** Chair Mawhinney called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 7:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 21, 2020, via teleconference.

**Committee Members Present.** Supervisors Mawhinney, Aegerter, Fox, Purviance and Davis.

**Committee Members Excused:** None.

**Staff Members Present.** Sherry Oja, Finance Director; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to County Administrator; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Jim Sandvig, IT Director; Dara Mosley, IT Deputy Director; Amanda Lagle, Business Manager, Information Technology; Jodi Millis, Purchasing Manager; Rich Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Michelle Wilson, Financial Office Manager, Sheriff's Office; Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk; Michelle Roettger, County Treasurer; Sandy Disrud, Register of Deeds.

**Others Present:** Supervisors Rich Bostwick and Russ Podzilni; Paige Sweet.

**Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Davis moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.

**Election of Vice Chair.** Supervisor Davis nominated himself, second by Supervisor Aegerter. Supervisor Fox nominated himself, second by Chair Mawhinney. Roll call vote for Supervisor Davis: YES- Supervisors Davis, Aegerter and Purviance; NO – Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney. Roll call vote for Supervisor Fox: YES – Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney; NO – Supervisors Aegerter, Davis and Purviance. Supervisor Davis is the Vice Chair.

**Set Meeting Date and Time:** Supervisor Fox moved to maintain the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 A.M., second by Chair Mawhinney.

The Committee discussed the increase in payroll costs in having the meeting at 4:30 or later; ability to shift schedules to accommodate later meetings; discussed various times to have the meeting; and vendors and consultants needing to attend some of the meetings.

Moved by Supervisor Fox to hold the next meeting at 7:00 A.M. and delay the vote, second by Chair Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2020.** Supervisor Fox moved approval of the minutes of March 19, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Davis. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.** None.

**Transfers and Appropriations.** None.

**Review of Payments.** The Committee accepted the reports.

**Review of Payments Over \$10,000.** The Committee accepted the reports.

**Resolutions and Committee Endorsements.**

**Accepting BJA FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Funds and Amending the Sheriff's Budget**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 to approve and authorize the acceptance of \$58,008 of BJA FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2020 Sheriff's budget be amended as follows:

...”

Supervisor Fox moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Davis.  
ADOPTED.

**Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Network Servers**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 that a Purchase Order for the purchase of Replacement Network Servers be issued to CDW-G in Vernon Hills, IL in the amount of \$114,872.46.”

Supervisor Fox moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Aegerter.  
ADOPTED.

**Review and Approve of the Extension to the First National Bank Contract**

Supervisor Purviance moved approval to extend the contract for an additional year, second by Supervisor Fox.

Ms. Roettger explained, due to the COVID-19 restrictions she is requesting to extend the current contract for an additional year and to then go out next year for bid. She added this would extend the contract to July 31, 2021.

ADOPTED.

**Update, Discussion and Possible Action.**

**Update on ACT 185** Ms. Roettger said the County Board had approved to adopt the resolution. She said six municipalities had said they would be interested but had not heard back. Chair Mawhinney added that Johnstown had approved this.

**Discussion on Tax Lien Foreclosures This Year or Suspending until Later in the Year** Ms. Roettger explained the mortgage foreclosures are on hold due to COVID and wondered if the Committee would like her to hold them back. Mr. Greenlee explained this is a very time intensive process for the Courts and Corporation Counsel, and could contribute to a great amount of citizen traffic. The Committee discussed delaying until 2021 and having a larger number of foreclosures; delaying for six months; foreclosing on a case by case basis; and the need to give people the opportunity to work. Mr. Greenlee stated it is hard to tell where things will be economically and how safety will be. He said he would prefer to hold off this year, and that in this environment it is the fairest thing to do.

Supervisor Davis moved to delay the tax foreclosure process to 2021, second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.

**Christilla Drive Property** Ms. Roettger explained the owners had stopped paying the taxes as they were in the process of a divorce. Ms. Sweet explained they had divorced in 2012, in May of 2014 she was in the process of purchasing a home on her own, found out she and her ex-husband still owned the property, and when she could not obtain a loan due to this her lender suggested she pay the taxes, which she did. She said, when her Mom passed in 2017 she purchased her condo and, due to a friend's help, was able to bypass having to pay the back taxes again. Ms. Sweet said now in May of this year, after voluntarily not paying the taxes for six years, she is trying to refinance her condo, as the rates are so low, and was advised that she and her ex-husband still own the property on Christilla. She said with the special assessments the City of Beloit put on the property, which they legally had fought years ago, she cannot keep doing this. She requested the Committee to encourage the County to foreclose on the property, as they had with the other properties on Christilla years ago, so she can be done with this once and for all.

Ms. Laurent said this property was one of a group the County foreclosed on in 2014, between 2014 and 2017 taxes were not paid again, and the property was foreclosed on again in 2018, but the County decided to hold off as the City of Beloit did special assessments, and this was never revisited after the hold.

Ms. Roettger said they have reached out to the City of Beloit and were told the special assessments would need to be paid.

Mr. Greenlee said the specials would need to be paid as they occurred after the foreclosure, so they are attached to the property and would need to be paid as part of the purchase price.

Supervisor Fox said it sounds like they got into this situation through no fault of their own. Ms. Sweet added that they went to the City of Beloit to oppose the procedure and it was denied by the City of Beloit.

Supervisor Purviance asked if we would need to go through the foreclosure procedure again. Ms. Laurent said we would not need to start over, that this is a final step, and a motion from a Judge would just be needed to finish the process and remove the hold.

Supervisor Purviance moved to go forward to finish the process before the Judge, second by Supervisor Davis. **ADOPTED.**

Ms. Sweet thanked the Committee.

**Adjournment**. Supervisor Aegerter moved adjournment at 8:40 A.M., second by Supervisor Purviance. **ADOPTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Office Coordinator

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