



FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes – June 20, 2019

Call to Order. Chair Mawhinney called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 7:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 20, 2019, in Conference Room N-1, Fifth Floor, Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Mawhinney, Beaver, Fox, Podzilni and Yeomans.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present. Sherry Oja, Finance Director; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Jim Sandvig, Information Technology Director; Michelle Roettger, County Treasurer; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Stephanie Kleinheinz, Deputy County Treasurer.

Others Present: Lori Stottler, City of Beloit Clerk-Treasurer; Dave Godek, City of Janesville Clerk-Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda. Chair Mawhinney said items 6.D. and 6.E. will be moved before item 6.A. on the amended agenda. Supervisor Fox moved approval of the amended agenda with these changes, second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Transfers and Appropriations. None.

Resolutions and Committee Endorsements.

Recognizing Tracy Moseley for Service to Rock County

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this _____ day of _____, 2019, does hereby thank Tracy Moseley for his dedication and contributions to the citizens of Rock County and offer their best wishes for his future plans.”

Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Authorizing Property Purchase, Approving Ground Lease and Amending the 2019 Facilities Management Capital Budget for a New Public Works Garage in Town of Turtle

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board duly assembled on this _____ day of _____, 2019, purchase 3.98 acres of property

at 3503 E. Shopiere Lane (Parcel #6-19-97A) in the Town of Turtle be approved in the amount of \$250,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent to acquiring the property, a ground lease for a maximum of twenty years, be approved that allows the former property owner to retain ownership to an existing pedestal sign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk be authorized to execute required property acquisition documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Facilities Management 2019 capital budget be amended as follows:

...”

Supervisor Fox moved Committee Endorsement of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Podzilni.

Mr. Sutherland explained when the 2019 budget was adopted it was not yet determined where the site would be. He explained the lease of the billboard, and that an environmental study had been completed with results showing no further work needed.

ADOPTED.

Updates Discussion and Possible Action.

Set Date and Time for Tour of Foreclosures of Tax Lien Properties Ms. Kleinheinz said there are 94 properties at this time, and about 40 of these properties, historically, have been paid off.

The Committee agreed to set the date of the tour for 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. The Committee asked Mr. Terronez to work with Council on Aging to obtain one of their buses for the tour.

July Finance Committee Meeting(s) The Committee agreed to have one meeting in July unless otherwise needed, and the date was set for July 11, 2019.

Use of County Debt Collection Efforts Ms. Oja handed out information on how Human Services collects debt and went over it. She said no one in the County uses the State Debt Collection System at this time, though Human Services and Circuit Courts are looking into it. Ms. Oja explained the systems Rock Haven and the Medical Examiner’s Office uses.

Supervisor Yeomans asked about time savings if we used the State Debt Collections versus the various ways the County does it. He added he would like to see tracking data from the departments.

Municipal Tax Collection Agreement – Treasurer Ms. Roettger said she had been asked in November 2018 to do a comparison on actual cost versus current charges, which showed a need to raise the charges to the municipalities to \$100 fee plus 75¢ per parcel. She said sixteen of the municipalities have agreed to this increase.

Supervisor Fox left at 7:55 A.M.

Ms. Stottler said the first time she knew anything about this change was when the agreement for the increase was e-mailed to her office. She said this would mean a 36% increase to the City of Beloit and would be quite a hit to their budget. She added this is not so much an issue if this is truly the cost, but, per the letter, it seems it is being raised because it has not been raised in a while. She asked the Committee if this increase could be done over a three year period. Ms. Stottler said the communication from the County Treasurer's Office is not what they are used to. She added that she would like to have a breakout to show what this increase covers. Mr. Godek said he agreed with Ms. Stottler.

Supervisor Beaver agreed that the communications for the increase was not handled properly, but the increase is based on actual cost of collection. Chair Mawhinney asked if the numbers showing costs had been sent to the municipalities. Both Ms. Stottler and Mr. Godek replied they had not received any breakdown on costs. Supervisor Beaver asked Ms. Roettger to provide the explanation of the increase to Ms. Stottler and Mr. Godek. Mr. Godek thanked her and said that is something he would be able to take to his boss.

Chair Mawhinney and Supervisor Beaver said that communications will improve.

Greenway Properties Ms. Roettger said twelve of the properties on Wisconsin Surplus have sold and they are getting ready to put another twelve properties on the website.

Mr. Godek said the fragments will be combined to create full parcels.

Chair Mawhinney requested this be put on a future agenda on the taxes paid, etc.

Discussion on properties on hold, issues on properties, and contaminated properties.

Update on Citrix Replacement – VMWare – James Sandvig Mr. Sandvig explained the Citrix licenses are for remote access and for Rock Haven. The one they are using now is outdated, unsupported and needed. VMWare is replacing a Citrix product related to the County's servers, is more robust and we are in the process of switching over.

Supervisor Yeomans asked if these are two different products. Mr. Sandvig replied they are two different products.

Adjournment. Supervisor Yeomans moved adjournment at 8:25 A.M., second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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