

RUSK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 19, 2023

Finance Committee Present: Tatur, Hauser, Meyer, P. Unterschuetz and Rathsack

Others Present: C. Meyer, A. Heath, J. Wilk, T. Hall, C. Riddle, J. Wiles, J. Srp, T. Loomis, J. Wallace. N. Robinson, Judge Barna, L. Gorsegner.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Tatur at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hauser, seconded by Meyer to approve the December 20, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

AMBULANCE PURCHASE – Approval from Emergency Management and Property, he is looking for approval from Finance.

Motion by Rathsack, seconded by Meyer to approve the purchase a new Ambulance for \$271,124.00 from Emergency Ambulance non-lapsing funds. Motion carried.

ARPA REQUEST FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY – ELECTRIC BASEBOARD HEAT

Discussed Sheldon and Hawkins Housing Authority Facilities in need of an updated heating system. It's the Committee consensus to wait and see in the future if the Housing Authority will be increasing the rent before making a decision.

ARPA REQUEST FOR FAIRGROUND

Discussed the North Bathroom, Bleachers and East Wing of the Round Barn at the Rusk County Fairgrounds. The Committee would like Gary to get quotes for cinder block and stick built plans for the bathroom after the Resolution is presented to County Board for approval. Grand Stand quotes for repair is \$265,356.01, with bleachers \$415,000.00 and \$425,000.00 for new bleachers. A quote for portable bleachers for the Fairgrounds for 5 units are \$25,652.00. East Wing Barn replacement \$231,174.00, with electric BB Electric \$247,435.00.

Motion by Rathsack, seconded by Hauser to rehab the Grandstands up to \$290,000.00 and 7 sets of bleachers up to \$40,000.00 and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

ARPA REQUEST FOR MICROPHONES/AUDIO IN COURTROOM #2

Microphones and Audio in Courtroom #2 needs and additional \$63,421.54.

Motion by Tatur, seconded by Hauser to approve the upgrade to Courtroom #2 and forward to County Board.

Tatur requested a Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Tatur, Hauser, Rathsack. Voting No: Meyer, P. Unterschuetz. Motion carried.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Ashley gave an update on the Opioid Settlement.

SHERIFF SQUADS

Sheriff Wallace is requesting approval of the 4 squads - \$160,000.00 for 2023.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Rathsack to approve the purchase of 4 cars from the Fleet Budget with the caveat to bring future fleet needs in advance for Committee approval. Motion carried

P. Unterschuetz requested a roll call vote. Yes – Meyer, Rathsack, Tatur. No – P. Unterschuetz, Hauser.

REVIEW ALL ARPA REQUEST TO FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Rathsack to approve the Resolution for County Board Approval. Motion carried.

APPROVE INVOICES

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Hauser to approve the AP Report as presented. Motion carried.

OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL

County Clerk travel to Madison March 5, 6, 7 and 8th for WCCO Conference in Madison.

Motion by P. Unterschuetz to approve the out of County Travel for Clerk Meyer to WCCO in March to Madison. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report - None

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT

Update from Personnel Committee, Including Wage Study – Ashley gave an update for the Wage Study Implementation.

Joint Management Items – Will be sent to County Board on Tuesday for approval.

Hospital & Nursing Home Building Transition – A Developer will be shown the building on Friday.

Clerk's Report – Gave an update on Marriage License for 2022, Elections and Open position.

Finance Director's Report – Update on Ambulance old billing company not returning calls and need to transition with the new company.

Motion by Hauser, seconded by P. Unterschuetz to have Corporation Council write a letter to the Ambulance Billing Company to transition to the New Ambulance Billing Company. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Hauser to adjourn at 1:02 p.m. Motion carried.