

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2020

The meeting was held in the Rusk County Government Center, County Board Room.

Present: Tony Hauser, Randy Tatur, Michael Hraban, Thomas Hanson and David Willingham.
Also present: Kitzie Winters and Andy Albarado

Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Hraban second by Hanson to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 Finance Meeting. Motion Carries.

Brian Herrick was present for public comment. He expressed interest in repurposing the Methodist Church tax-deed property into five apartments. Andy wants to proceed with an ad-hoc committee between the City and County to discuss the project and will arrange for this to be set up.

The HHS Financial Audit request from DHS was discussed. The Committee received proposals from WIPFLI and Sikich for review. It was the consensus of the committee to conduct phone interviews with them prior to making a decision. Andy will arrange the meeting times for the Committee.

The UWEX Office requested a carryforward account be created for donations accepted for the Food-Wise program.
Motion by Hraban second by Hanson to approve a Food-Wise carryforward account for donations only, not to include levy funds. Motion Carries.

Kitzie discussed the computer replacements needed for remote work in the Finance Department. The laptops would replace the current desktop models, and be covered under COVID-19 Road to Recovery funds. Jim Bugbee is getting quotes for bulk purchases for all of the County Departments. No action was taken at this time.

Verna was present to discuss two properties taken on tax deed and to set bid prices on in-rem listings. The City of Ladysmith expressed interest in the two Greenwood Park lots 12 & 13; parcels 246-01628-0000 and 246-01629-0000 respectively. **Motion by Hraban second by Hauser to sell them to the City for \$500.00 each, for a total of \$1000.00. Motion Carries.**

The Committee discussed the following in-rem properties and set bid process as follows:

Town of Dewey, Parcel # 010-00927-0000 Minimum bid price set to \$20,000
Town of Flambeau, Parcel # 012-00687-0000 Minimum bid price set to \$6,000
Town of Grant, Parcel # 014-00167-0000 Minimum bid price set to \$20,000
Village of Weyerhaeuser, Parcel# 191-00315-0000 Minimum bid price set to \$10,000
City of Ladysmith, Parcel# 246-01834-0000 Minimum bid price set to \$2,500

Motion by Hanson second by Hraban to approve the minimum bid prices on the tax deed properties as listed. Motion Carries.

Verna was present to discuss the Treasurer's report. One CD is due next month and she is checking rates.

The Committee reviewed the County Clerk's Report.

No Out of County Travel was provided to the Committee.

Motion by Hraban second by Hanson to approve the invoices paid from 2020-07-11 to 2020-08-20. Motion Carries.

Andy updated the Committee on the Personnel Committee meeting and Economic Development activities.

Kitzie Winters presented the Finance Director Report.

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No Lighthouse Hot-line notifications were received to review year to date.

The next Finance meeting will be held on Friday August 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm. by consensus of the committee.

Kitzie Winters, Recording Secretary

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