

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 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 Willingham second by Hraban to approve the minutes of the November 19th, 2020 Finance Meeting. Motion Carries.

No public was present for public comment.

The following three resolutions for the 2021 Bond Issue were discussed; Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes; Resolution Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, and Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$5,145,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds. **Motion by Hraban second by Hauser to forward all three resolutions to the County Board for approval. Motion Carries.**

The Resolution for the 2021 general staff wage increases was discussed. **Motion by Hraban second by Hanson to forward the resolution to the County Board for approval. Motion Carries.**

The Resolution for the 2021 Individual wage increases was discussed. **Motion by Hraban second by Hanson to forward the resolution to the County Board for approval. Motion Carries.**

Borrowing for squad replacement with a State Trust Fund Loan was discussed. Andy mentioned wanting to see what other packaged services a local bank could offer and publicizing an RFP. **Motion by Hauser second by Willingham to amend the STFL resolution to include local banks. Motion Carries.**

Motion by Hauser second by Hanson to approve the State Trust Fund Loan resolution as amended and forward to County Board for approval. Motion Carries.

A discussion was held and the proposal from Ayers was reviewed for the Library repairs. A joint Management meeting will be held to discuss the proposal.

Purchase cards for the County was discussed. By switching away from our current vendor Winters mentioned a large increase in commission back to the County. It will be part of the RFP for banking services from Andy, and put on next month's agenda after working with the County Treasurer and Finance Director. No action was needed.

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The Emergency Order Declaration from the State of Wisconsin was discussed. Winters explained that the COVID19 pandemic does qualify to exceed the levy cap for the current or following year. Expenses will continue to be monitored and a report will be given during the budget process. No action was needed.

Phil Grassman was present to discuss the purchase of 2021 squads. Squad costs will be two units at \$35,000 each, \$30,000 for Phil Grassman's, and \$4,000-\$6,000 for a new radio for Officer# 115. In addition new equipment for 2 squads will be roughly \$2,500 each, and an unknown charge for adding decals. An estimate will be close to \$150,000. In addition to the squads, the dash and body cameras need to be upgraded. There will be a presentation on January 13th, 2021 for the Board to review the services offered and the cost. The Committee discussed waiting on the State Trust Fund loan approved earlier in the meeting until the dash and body cameras can be added if approved.

No Out of County Travel was provided to the Committee.

Motion by Hauser second by Hanson to approve the invoices paid from 2020-11-17 to 2020-12-15. Motion Carries.

Hauser left the meeting at 11:40.

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

The Committee reviewed the County Clerk's Report.

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

Kitzie Winters presented the Finance Director Report.

Willingham left the meeting at 12:45.

The next Finance meeting will be held on Thursday January 21st, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m. by consensus of the committee.

Kitzie Winters, Recording Secretary

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