

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

Present: Randy Tatur, Michael Hraban, Tony Hauser, 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 Willingham to approve the minutes of the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Finance Meeting. Motion Carries.**

No public was present for public comment.

Jeff Wallace was present for the Sheriff's Department agenda items.

Pay Pal access for Sheriff's Department was no longer needed. No action was taken.

Wallace spoke about the less lethal rechargeable vest and Live Scan System upgrade purchases that were approved at the Property Committee level. No action was needed at Finance.

The dash and body cameras were discussed. A quote was received from Watch Guard for \$146,021 which includes 5 years of maintenance. This was not a budgeted item but came up within discussions on new squad purchases and mitigating the liability risk. **Motion by Hauser second by Willingham to recommend the purchase of the dash and body cameras for the Sheriff's Department with a State Trust Fund or Bank Loan. Motion Carries.**

Wallace requested a feasibility study for the jail and dispatch area. He feels the jail has space issues and the building area is outdated. A prior study was done in 2008 and nothing has been done with it. Hauser mentioned the need for setting priorities within the County and the prior request from the Highway Shop. Wallace requested that the DOJ inspector and one possible vendor be able to speak at the County Board meeting. **Motion by Hauser second by Hanson to allow the Sheriff's Department have a presentation to warrant a jail study at County Board. Motion carries.**

Drug court received a \$1200 donation from the Weather Shield Lite Foundation in 2020 but was unable to spend the funds and requested to carry it forward to 2021 for use. **Motion by Hauser second by Hraban to approve carrying over the \$1200 into 2021. Motion Carries.**

Chamber Dollars/Bucks were discussed but no action was taken or decision made.

Employee memorials and Recognition will be deferred until a later date.

No Out of County Travel was provided to the Committee.

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**Motion by Hauser second by Hraban to approve the invoices paid from 2021-01-20 to 2021-02-16.  
Motion Carries.**

A MOU was shared between the City of Ladysmith and the County for the Community Center at the old Elementary School. This will be going to the County Board for approval.

Hanson updated the Committee on the Personnel meeting.

The Library repairs and fund balances were discussed as part of the Economic Development report.

The County Clerk report was not provided to the Committee.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The Committee requested we look at potential interest earnings with lending money to the school. They directed Winters to speak with the Treasurer.

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

Kitzie Winters presented the Finance Director Report. She presented the appraisal on the blacktop plant parts which were not repurposed into the new plant.

The next Finance meeting will be held on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m. by consensus of the committee.

Kitzie Winters, Recording Secretary

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