

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

June 17th, 2021

The meeting was held in the Rusk County Government Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room.

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

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

Motion by Hauser second by Hraban to approve the minutes of the May 20th, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion Carries.

Motion by Hanson second by Hauser to approve the minutes of the June 4th, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion Carries.

No public was present for public comment.

Pete Boss was present for the discussion on the Rusk County Transit Commission (RCTC) financial operations. The request is to have the County Finance Office to handle the financial transactions of RCTC on a contracted basis. The Finance Committee will support this effort and has no objections. The matter will be discussed at the RCTC Board Meeting on 06/18/2021 for their approval.

Tom Hall was present to discuss capital purchases for the ambulance services up to \$402,000 approved through the Property Committee on 06/11/2021. Those included 3 power lifts for \$103,098; Chest Compression Devices for \$84,931, (4) 12-Lead Monitors for \$150,903; and 36 AED Devices for \$62,270. Tatur asked about purchasing items for four ambulances when all outside consultants recommended reducing to two ambulances at full-time within the County.
Motion by Hraban second by Hanson to approve capital purchases through Stryker up to \$402,000. Motion Carries.

Bug Tussel Wireless was present to discuss a broadband proposal for Rusk County. They propose to install tower infrastructure to speed up the fiber to the home in the underserved areas of the County through conduit debt backed to approximately \$14,060,400. The RDOF federal funding awarded to LTD will not reach all areas of the County so they will offer fixed wireless broadband in the interim which will include AT&T cellular service. Albarado and Winters are working with R.W. Baird on the financial impact and the item possibly will be able to be discussed at the July County Board meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Jim Rassbach was present to discuss the Medical Examiner resolution for staffing and compensation adjustments with a financial impact of \$29,882 for the deputies and \$31,702 for the Medical Examiner. This would include increasing the Medical Examiner position to full time. The Committee discussed the items on resolution in addition to other options. This item is already on the County Board agenda for June so it will be discussed by the entire County Board. No action is needed by the Committee.

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Jeff Wallace was present to request the two resolutions for the jail study and complete building study to the County Board for approval. It will be discussed at the County Board this month as it is already on the agenda. No action was taken at this time.

Richard Summerfield was present to discuss the Acquisition of Parcel No. 036-01004-0000 Otis Addition to Apollonia Lot E, located in the HWY 8 Right of Way. It is of benefit that the County purchase the property back from the taxpayer and reimburse her the amount of taxes paid over the period of ownership in the amount of \$166.42. **Motion by Hraban second by Hanson to purchase the property from the taxpayers who currently own the property for \$166.42. Motion Carries.**

Verna Nielsen was present to discuss the in-rem properties. Motion by Hanson second by Hauser to proceed with foreclosure actions on all parcels listed below excluding parcel# 246-02195-0000. Motion Carries.

004-00469-0000 Silvernail, Raymond
004-00309-0000 Silvernail, Raymond
014-00260-0007 Taylor Investment Corp
030-00382-0010 Finnigan TTEE, Krystal
030-00382-0020 Finnigan TTEE, Krystal
030-00382-0030 Finnigan TTEE, Krystal
030-00382-0040 Finnigan TTEE, Krystal
106-00081-0000 Jackson, Bruce
106-00082-0000 Jackson, Bruce
141-00022-0000 LaGrange, Joseph
191-00198-0000 Denetz, Alan

Verna Nielsen was present to discuss the Treasurer's report. She has 4 tax deed properties. An adjacent landowner whom owns all property around one parcel has requested to purchase a potential tax deed property that will be up to take this year. If we take it for tax deed it is required to be put out for bids. The committee decided to have Verna proceed with taking the tax deed property. No action was taken.

Verna has a 13-month CD offer for .40 from Farmer's & Merchant's Bank for the \$620 plus interest earnings upon cashing in. Verna will start shopping around for the additional CD's that come due in the Fall. Interest rates in the LGIP are .05% so the Committee will approve her renewing up to \$4.7 Million if the interest rate is over .40%. The Committee supported this renewal.

The Committee discussed the County purchase cards and are waiting on the Wells Fargo proposal so it will be discussed next month. No action was taken at this time.

The Jr. Fair Committee has requested a purchase card to be issued. The Finance Committee recommended just having two users on the card and Charmaine Riddle to manage the process.

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**Motion by Hanson second by Hauser to approve the invoices paid from 2021-05-18 to 2021-06-14.
Motion Carries.**

Albarado updated the Committee on the Personnel meeting. Wage increases were discussed and nothing has been decided.

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

The funds from the American Rescue Plan Act were discussed. No action will be taken at this time until the final guidance is issued.

The 2022 budget template for departments was reviewed by the Committee.

The County Clerk report was reviewed by the Committee.

Kitzie Winters presented the Finance Director Report.

The next monthly Finance meeting will be held on Thursday July 15th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:22 p.m. by consensus of the committee.

Kitzie Winters, Recording Secretary

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