

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: JOINT FINANCE/PUBLIC PROPERTY
DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bunda, Burl, Chaney, Gretzinger, Laabs, Lukas, Shaffer, & Stamper

Absent: Houle

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Tom Tallier, Josh Bradley, Lynne Black, Bonnie Evans, Ryan Wilson, Jennifer Hines, Elaine Hines, Alex Schmidt, Mark Rinehart, Jodi Hollister (DOC -Office of Detention Facilities), Chloe Krawze, Annie Krawze, Adam Boney, Christy Conley, & Mike Monte

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

Bunda asked that discussion on item numbers 6, 8, & 9 be combined as they are all similar. Motion by Stamper to approve the amended agenda to include combining 6, 8, & 9 as one item, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Evans commented on being “disheartened,” with things that are happening and explained that everyone needs to be working together on the board as the employees do. She felt it is in the best interest of the county to work together especially with the Jail Referendum coming up.

Josh Bradley commented on the storm that hit the County in July and what happened with the generator that runs the Jail. He explained the problems and the urgency he felt surrounding the situation, and the need to get his concerns addressed as soon as possible. The first committee that was meeting after the event was the Finance committee; where he spoke in public comment about his concerns with the generator. He then brought the issue to the Building committee who voted to get quotes and recommend going back to the Finance committee for approval. His feeling was and still is that replacing the generator is an emergency and the accusation from certain County Board members that he was side stepping any committee was false. He explained that everything he does is in the best interest of Forest County, his staff, and the inmates in the Jail; he further explained that if the power would go out and the generator was unable to run the facility, Forest County’s Dispatch Center is down. This would be the definition of an emergency for Forest County. He commented on the bidding policy that the County does not have

and that he went out and obtained bids the best way he could as he did not ever do this before and made it clear that he nor his staff would be involved in any bidding process in the future. He commented on the Jail door training which was approved in the 2018 budget outlay for the Jail in 2018 because of the need for it for a cost saving to the County. His final comment was, "I'm simply just trying to get some things fixed that are broken, but after these past few months I believe the thing that is broken the most is the concept of transparency amongst some of our County Board Members."

There were several comments made by committee members and corporation counsel about the bidding process and that there is not a policy. This will be forwarded to the Rules committee to come up with a policy for going forward.

There was a discussion from Gretzinger about a letter written to Bunda with Tallier included in about the bidding process and a question as to why she was not included in as she is the chair of Finance.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REFERRING THE JAIL DOOR TRAINING, JAIL GENERATOR, AND THE BIDDING POLICY TO THE SHERIFF AND JUSTICE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY/BUILDING COMMITTEES

Motion by Stamper to send Rinehart to the Jail door training, and move the money for the flight and motel from the 2019 budget to the 2020 budget, second by Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Chaney to send the bidding procedure/policy to the Rules and Regulations Committee, second by Stamper. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON THE 2020 BUDGET

There was discussion on the employee tier system and the health insurance, which is out to market. The clerk will run the numbers for a 2.5% increase for employees or the tier system that was discussed in earlier meetings.

No Action

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Burl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.