

**FOREST COUNTY MEETING
FINANCE**

COMMITTEE: JOINT FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY/BUILDING
DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Houle & Laabs

Others present: Nora Matuszewski, Josh Bradley, Mark Rinehart, Scott Goode, Mark Ferris, Jody Jensen, Bonnie Evans, & Mike Monte

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Stamper to approve the amended agenda, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2019 JOINT FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY/BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting, second by Stamper. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES ON THEIR 2020 BUDGET

Keith Haselton was present representing the Human Services, he discussed the challenges facing the Human Services since Family Care was established in 2017. He told the committee they are facing deficits every year because of the need for secure placements and the cost is increasing every year. They are doing everything possible to stay under budget but there are many expensive involuntary placements. All board members should be receiving the Human Services Annual report in the mail shortly if they have not already received them.

PRESENTATION FROM NORTHWOODS CONNECT ON BROADBAND COVERAGE IN FOREST COUNTY AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Paul Offenstein (Northwoods Connect) was present to answer any questions the committee may have. There were many questions raised about the project;

- Tower placement – The preliminary placements were going to be placed where there was not coverage
- Tower radius – 2 to 5 miles
- Can the towers be used for Emergency Services – Yes

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- Financial Commitment – The Intergovernmental Committee has approved the County to be committed to \$30,000 per year
- Getting the word out- FCEDP will be getting out information to the Public to understand what is happening and when

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON JAIL GENERATOR QUOTES

Bradley had requested that Cottrell and Musson attend as the committee had requested from the previous meeting. They were not in attendance. Bunda explained that Cottrell would charge \$700 to come to the meeting and he had talked with Tallier and they felt he was not needed, and Musson could not offer any new information. Gretzinger asked why she was not informed that Cottrell and Musson were not going to be there, since the committee was assuming they were. Bunda felt there needed to be further investigation done on the project, and his bidder had pulled back their bid.

Motion by Stamper to amend the original resolution for the generator to identify that purchasing the generator is an emergency situation, and to purchase the generator from Eland Electric in the amount of \$219,000, second by Chaney. All present voting: Chaney (AYE), Gretzinger (AYE), Lukas (AYE), Shaffer (AYE), & Stamper (AYE). Abstain: Bunda & Burl.

Motion by Bunda to hire Cottrell to do a riser diagram & get two more quotes, second by Chaney. All present voting: Bunda (AYE), Burl (AYE), & Chaney (AYE), Gretzinger (NAY), Lukas (NAY), Shaffer (NAY), & Stamper (NAY). Motion failed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HEALTH INSURANCE QUOTES FOR 2020

There are no quotes from Market yet.

DISCUSSION ON THE 2020 BUDGET

- The committee increased sales tax revenues by \$30,000
- (05) Clerk of Courts expense – remove \$1,000 from witness fees
- (05) Clerk of Courts expense – Travel to remain at \$2,500
- (05) Clerk of Courts Assessment Fees Revenue - \$75,000
- (06) Contingency expense – remove \$5,000

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Burl to adjourn, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Finance & Public Property meetings.