

FOREST COUNTY MEETING

FINANCE

COMMITTEE: FINANCE
DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 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: Burl, Chaney, Gretzinger, & Lukas

Absent: Houle

Others present: Nora Matuszewski, Josh Bradley, John Dennee, Lynne Black, Christy Conley, Tom Tallier, & Cortney Britten Cleereman

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Lukas to approve the agenda, second by Burl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 JOINT PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2019 BUDGET TO FORWARD TO THE FULL COUNTY BOARD IN JANUARY

The committee discussed the Sheriff and Jail budgets with the Sheriff and Jail Administrator. They went through the General departments and discussed amendments the Clerk will bring back to the committee at the next meeting to forward to the full county board. Some accounts affected by the amendments were:

- Expert witness fees
- Corporation Counsel
- County Board
- County Fair
- County Park
- Maintenance
- Elections
- Emergency Management
- Forestry Grant
- GAL
- Jail

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A NEW CONTRACT FOR THE INDIRECT AUDIT REPORTING FOR AUDIT YEARS 2019-2021, WITH MAXIMUS

Motion by Chaney to approve the new contract and have the Finance chair sign it, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LOAN INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LAND

No Action

DISCUSSION ON THE TIER SYSTEM

No Action

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ELECTED OFFICIALS 2021-2024 WAGES

The wages were discussed with the elected officials; County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and County Treasurer. The elected officials explained they have fallen considerably below the department heads in Forest County. A department head wage in the Courthouse and Highway for 2020 ranges from \$53,352-\$68,057.60, the lowest wage being from a new employee. The elected officials wage for 2020 will be \$48,671.57. They also explained that Forest County elected official wages for 2020 rank 68 in the state as well. The elected officials proposed the following increases to bring them closer to the department heads and other elected officials within similar populations, which begins in the year 2021.

Elected Officials Requested Increase:

2020	2021 (15%)	2022 (3%)	2023 (3%)	2024 (3%)
48,671.57	55,972.31	57,651.47	59,381.02	61,162.45

Motion by Chaney to recommend the 2021-2024 elected officials' wages be forwarded to the Personnel for approval, second by Gretzinger. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was set to be a joint meeting with Personnel on January 15, 2020.

Motion by Lukas to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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