

COMMITTEE: FINANCE
DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY CHAMBER BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lukas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Chaney, Collins(phone), Gretzinger & Lukas

Absent:

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski & Peter Valiska

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Chaney to approve the agenda as presented, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 14, 2021 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the minutes from October 14, 2021 Finance meeting, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATE ON ½% INCREASE TO SALES TAX

Lukas and the Clerk did research on the extra ½% sales tax. The Clerk corresponded with other county clerks on what they do and if they have the extra tax. There are 68 of the 72 counties that have the 5.5% tax, but, none have 6%. There is some talk about allowing it, but it has not been through legislation and there is a lawsuit pending in one county. The Clerk sent an email to Andy Phillips for direction.

Lukas spoke with the Clerk from Oneida County because he said he noticed 6% sales tax on one of his receipts from a store in Rhineland and one that had 5.5% on it. She told him the City of Rhineland imposed a tax for infrastructure, that the county cannot do it.

This will be followed up on and be an ongoing agenda item for future agendas.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2022 HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL

Peter Valiska was present to go over the current health insurance plan and claims affecting the chances of another company coming in and giving the county a proposal.

Motion by Chaney to accept the proposal with WEA our current carrier at a 2.1% renewal increase, with embedded deductibles, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMITTEE STIPENDS

There are many committees throughout the county that have civilian members; some volunteers are paid per diems, some are paid mileage, and some are not paid. The committee asked the Clerk to contact department heads to ask for all civilian members on their committees and whether they are paid or not. The committee will look into a system that is equal across the board for all volunteers.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARTIAL PAYMENT TO THE HIGHWAY ON BLACKTOP AT THE VETERAN MEMORIAL PARK

The cost of the blacktop at the Veteran Memorial Park to date is \$97,872.68, with the balance of the project to be completed next spring. Lukas spoke with Bill Anderson to get a total cost on the project when finished. He told Lukas it would be around \$192,872.68 in total when the project is complete.

Motion by Campbell to forward a resolution to the full County Board for the blacktop project at the park to come out of general obligation debt in the amount of \$192,872.68, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NORTHWOODS CONNECT AND BROADBAND GRANT

There was discussion on the grant that was obtained by Northwoods Connect to get fiber in the ground in Forest County. Lukas will make sure the county gets a map of where fiber optic cable is all going to be installed in Forest County.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Capital Project -General Obligation updates
- ½% increase in sales tax
- Financial Management Policy
- Civilian committee per diems
- Grant application reviews

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:42 a.m.