

COMMITTEE: FINANCE
DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2021
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from November 15, 2021 Finance meeting, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WITH MARK FERRIS ON JAMES FARM AND GRANT SUBMISSION

Mark Ferris was not in attendance, so Lukas updated the committee on what he was aware of. The James Farm grant never materialized because the grant submission did not allow for the land to be purchased, which was found in the second phase of the grant process. According to the grant procedures it would need to be re-applied for. Ferris has asked Parsons to return the earnest money to Forest County as the re-application process will not be pursued. There is another grant through WED that has been applied for and they will know if it will be awarded sometime in the next month.

UPDATE ON ½% INCREASE TO SALES TAX

A letter from the attorney said this is not feasible and the question was whether legislation should be pursued. The committee would like to look into the levy caps placed on the county and see if this can be pursued as well.

UPDATES:

- Sales Tax

The sales tax is up again this month bringing the year to date total to \$690,092.98.

- Capital Projects/General Obligation Debt

The updates were given by the Clerk. There is \$2,134,968.44 left in General Obligation Debt. Capital projects has a balance of \$57,164.30

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Motion by Collins to approve the policy and move it forward to the next County Board meeting in resolution form, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECEIPT REIMBURSEMENTS FROM GREENWOOD PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Motion by Campbell to pay the receipts without the sales tax that is included on the billing, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES FOR 2022

Motion by Campbell to increase the marriage license fees for 2022 to \$75.00 and increase the waiver fee to \$25.00, forward to County Board in resolution form, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NORTHWOODS CONNECT AND BROADBAND GRANT

Matt Osterman will come in to the next Finance meeting with an update on the whole project.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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