

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE:	FINANCE
DATE:	MARCH 16, 2022
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, Paul Payant, Mark Dodge (Bug Tussel), Carrie Strickland (Northwoods Connect), Ron Skallerud and Christy Conley

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2022 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the minutes from February 24, 2022 Finance meeting, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION WITH PAUL PAYANT AND NORTHWOODS CONNECT ON BROADBAND PROJECT; POSSIBLE ACTION

Two representatives involved in the project were present for the meeting; Carrie Strickland(Northwoods Connect) and Mark Dodge(Bug Tussel). Payant explained the agreement sent to him was with the PSC. The County would like an agreement with Northwoods Connect that would include when the project will start, how the funds will be utilized and from which entity first, where the project will be laying the fiber, when it will begin and end, and stipulations as to when progress reports are going to be submitted to the County for viewing. It was assured from Mark Dodge the agreement will be drawn up before the next meeting for Payant to look at and the County to approve.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT CREDIT CARD LIMIT

The Sheriff explained the card they have has a limit of only \$5,000 and they are finding out it is not sufficient because more items are requiring payment through credit.

Motion by Campbell to raise the spending limit for the Sheriff Department to \$10,000, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE JAIL HEALTH CARE MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Skallerud explained they have a contract with Correctional Healthcare Companies, LLC, which was signed by him for services from December 17, 2021 to December 18, 2022. The company has now told them that they will not honor the contract after May of 2022 because of increases to their company relating to a number of items. The Sheriff pointed out the increases which they were referring to had nothing to do with Forest County, and although the company agreed they told him the costs they are incurring from across the board from other facilities they are taking care of have and they have to increase across the board. The total cost increase is not known because of what the company is telling them will not be covered by them. They also do not supply a Qualified Mental Health Professional in the Jail the required number of hours per week; which is an issue the Jail needs to correct.

Skallerud checked around with other companies and found one that is higher in price, but, it includes the Qualified Mental Health Professional three (3) hours per week, and costs are laid out better for them. The additional costs for both companies would not be known.

Motion by Gretzinger to contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. under proposal number #1; total costs incurred to be calculating for budget amendment if needed toward the end of the years, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Sheriff will work with Payant on how to end the current contract with Correctional Healthcare Companies, Inc.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISITING THE DATE OF THE NEW RENTAL AGREEMENT(LEASE) WITH ENERGY SERVICES

Motion by Chaney to rescind the previous motion and change the updated contract to begin in October to follow the begin date of the previous contract from 2017; have Paul Payant write up the new contract, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE AMERICAN TOWER LEASE; FORWARDED FROM EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The committee was asked to review the new offer and the Clerk and the Treasurer were asked to bring back current payment breakdowns for a decision at a future meeting.

UPDATES:

- General Obligation Debt

The current remaining balance in the General Obligation debt is \$1,307,690.35. There is still another \$90,000 for the elevator and \$60,000 for the voting machines, floors for the Highway, and project manager costs, as well as retainage costs.

- Monthly Sales Tax

February sales tax is up \$8,309.07 from last year.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- Felzkowski
- Broadband Project Agreement
- Tower Contract Extension

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- Broadband Administrator/Grant Writer

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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