

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE:	FINANCE
DATE:	APRIL 7, 2022
TIME:	2:00 P.M.
PLACE:	FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lukas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Chaney, Gretzinger, Lukas

Absent: Collins

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Christy Conley, Ron Skallerud, Alex Walrath, Cortney Britten-Cleereman

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 22, 2022 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from March 22, 2022 Finance meeting, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Chaney to move #7 on the agenda into closed session, second by Gretzinger. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION WITH BUG TUSSEL (MITCH OLSON) AND CORPORATION COUNSEL ON BROADBAND PROJECT AND CONTRACT; POSSIBLE ACTION

Representative Mitch Olson from Bug Tussel was present to speak with the committee on the upcoming Broadband project.

He went through Bug Tussel's involvement with the new project and informed the committee that they had acquired Northwoods Connect. He explained his company's desire to do a bigger project than what is already planned with Northwoods Connect. His company would need to bond 4.5 million dollars, but, would need the County to co-sign for them. The would pay back the County 40-base points (400,000) over 30-years, which is around \$13,333.33 per year, along with the 1,748,000 (ARPA funds) the County has pledged for the project. He told the committee if they default the County would have a lien on the equipment and the whole system would become Forest County property. If the County would like to join them in this venture they would need to issue the bonds by July or August to move the project forward.

No Action

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: The Committee may consider a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing

of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session”, this closed session relates to:

- Discussion on building requirements and plan with Musson and Skallerud pertaining to the Marshal’s Report; possible action
- Discussion and possible action on updating resolution for the Intent to Borrow - \$10,000,000 and forward to full County Board

Motion by Gretzinger to convene to closed session, second by Chaney. All present voting Campbell (AYE), Chaney (AYE), Gretzinger (AYE), and Lukas (AYE). Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Gretzinger to reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Gretzinger to have Musson proceed with the plan presented by Skallerud and Walrath, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH CORTNEY CLEEREMAN (REGISTER OF DEEDS) ON REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES; POSSIBLE ACTION

No Action

DISCUSSION WITH I.T. DIRECTOR ON FIREWALL/ANTIVIRUS QUOTES FOR 2022-2023; POSSIBLE ACTION

The committee was shown two quotes (Wiscnet & Sonic Wall) for the firewall/antivirus software. The cost up front was similar, but, long term sonic wall would be thousands cheaper than Wiscnet.

Motion by Gretzinger to move forward with the Sonic Wall quote, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MAINTENANCE COMPUTER COST AND ORDERING FOR BOILER MAINTENANCE

Motion by Gretzinger to purchase the computer with General Obligation debt funds because of the need for the new boiler system, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON YUBI KEYS/DOUBLE AUTHENTICATION AND COSTS

Motion by Chaney to approve the Yubi Keys for a cost of \$9,650 and take the money from Contingency, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMERICAN TOWER CONTRACT

No Action

DISCUSSION WITH CHRISTY CONLEY (TREASURER) ON BILL#829 ON TAX DEED PROPERTIES; POSSIBLE ACTION

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The bill has been passed and the Governor approved it. This will be forwarded on to Paul Payant for direction.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GETTING A NOTICE OUT TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT SELLING OF ITEMS ON THE PUBLIC SURPLUS WEBSITE

Motion by Gretzinger to put an Ad out about the site, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING A DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- Bill Anderson – Bi-Partisan Infrastructure
- Sales & Use Tax .5% (ordinance)
- Broadband Agreement
- Highway Shop Supervisor Wage funding

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.