

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE:	FINANCE
DATE:	AUGUST 2, 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: Anderson, Campbell, Chaney, Gretzinger, Lukas

Absent:

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Christy Conley, Ron Skallerud, Brian Hazelett (Ansary)

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2022 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Campbell to approve the minutes from July 14, 2022 Finance meeting, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ON HEALTH INSURANCE QUOTES/PREMIUMS WITH BRIAN HAZELETT (ANSAY) FOR 2023; POSSIBLE ACTION

The committee was updated on the loss of our carrier WEA by the beginning of 2023 and the possibility of Forest County pulling out by September 1, 2022 because of the situation with the current carrier.

Hazelett had quotes from four (4) other companies and explained what each would do for the County. The best quote came from WCA; they will pick up the policy on September 1, 2022 and allow deductibles met to stand and renew on January 1, 2023 at a 0% increase to the premium.

Motion by Chaney to approve renewing with WCA as of September 1, 2022, for the 16 months, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON 2023 BUDGET; POSSIBLE ACTION

Lukas told the committee a referendum without something to back it up for the tax payers would fail for certain. Gretzinger felt a wage study would be the best for the County. She felt there are so many different things going on right now; additional borrowing for Law Enforcement, Court System, Broadband, wages, etc. There needs to be a plan and doing a study may be a good start to see how each department runs as well as looking at wages.

Lukas told the committee the Highway was asking for a \$4.00 an hour wage increase and it was discussed to have the department head look at what the savings would be to work with one person less in the crew and the savings could be used for wage increases based on that saving.

He asked about the money the towns were paying for the Broadband project and whether that could be used for wage increases. He was told that the money was already included in the revenue for the county. He also told the committee about the third Broadband project and the money that would be paid back to the county from that borrowing. The Clerk told the committee that amounted to \$103,931 per year for 30-years once the money (ARPA) was spent.

DISCUSSION ON GARAGE DOOR BIDS; POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Chaney to approve the bid from ASAP, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON GARAGE BID FOR PARK; POSSIBLE ACTION

No Action

DISCUSSION ON MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES; POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Gretzinger to approve setting meal reimbursement rates to follow the state rates, update as they update and move forward to full county board in resolution form, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON NORTHWAY COMMUNICATIONS INVOICE; POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Chaney to approve payment of the invoice out of the Emergency Government Outlay, and if there is a need to repair more than what is budgeted for, bring it forth at a later date, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON PURCHASING A GAS CARD FOR WEED EATING THE COUNTY WELCOME SIGN IN CARTER; POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Chaney to approve a \$100 gas card, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

UPDATES:

- Sales Tax
- General Obligation Debt

Sales tax is up for the month of July.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATES FOR BUDGET MEETINGS

- Opioid Settlement
- Johnson Controls proposal
- Wage/Structure Study
- Garage bids
- Budget
- Meeting dates set for August 24 – 10:00 a.m., August 31 – 10:00 a.m., September 15 – 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Gretzinger. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:51 a.m.