

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE:	FINANCE
DATE:	SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
TIME:	9:00 A.M.
PLACE:	FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lukas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Chaney, Lukas

Absent: Anderson, Gretzinger

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Ron Skallerud, Dana Bailey, Danielle McLaughlin, Beth Ferdon, Chris Shafer

### APPROVE AGENDA

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

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from September 26, 2022 Finance meeting, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

### DISCUSSION WITH LAURIE LANEY – AMERICAN TOWER LEASE; POSSIBLE ACTION

No Action

### DISCUSSION WITH CHRIS STARK ON DIGITAL NAVIGATOR GRANT; POSSIBLE ACTION

There was a discussion with Chris Stark (UW-Extension) and Heather Ostrowski on the Digital Navigator Grant and how the County would like the positions handled. The grant states the position has to be a full-time position with wage and fringe benefits. The position, if full-time may be less lucrative than if the position was a subcontractor, but that may not be possible. The parameters of being a subcontractor cost quite a bit of money. It was discussed as to what happens in both scenarios. The position will be posted with a wage range, in the meantime Stark will contact Google to get the specifics cleared up.

Gretzinger was not available for the meeting so Terry signed the grant agreement on her behalf.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SIGNING OF THE BROADBAND AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWOODS COMMUNICATIONS

No Action; The agreement has been signed

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UNITED HEALTHCARE BONUS AND OVERRIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTY INSURANCE AGENT – ANSAY ASSOCIATES

Motion by Chaney to have Lukas sign the agreement for the agent, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

## DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENTS ON 2023 BUDGETS; POSSIBLE ACTION

The committee moved the Highway up to first spot.

- Highway -The committee spoke with Danielle McLaughlin about the budget that was proposed and asked if the \$207,000 increase from last year included the truck scale and a new truck. She told the committee that it was included in the amount. It was asked what the amount was allocated for wages and she told the committee a 10% increase in wages/benefits, which on a base employee would be about a \$2.20 increase to that wage. In that amount she explained would be the county contribution of 30%. The committee will be removing ½ of the truck scale increase (\$36,000) and (\$14,000) from the truck. They will also be removing (\$10,000) from the administration costs.
- Sheriff – The Sheriff was present to go over his budget and lower as many costs as he could. Items removed as well as several smaller amounts not listed:
  - ◆ Transport van in Outlay – Removed (\$73,972) They will not be able to order a van because the window has closed until probably the 2024 budget year.
  - ◆ Prisoner Expenditures – Removed (\$10,000)
  - ◆ Outlay – Several items were removed or reduced (ammo, tires, etc.) for a total reduction of (\$35,260)
- Social Services – Removed the purchase of one (1) car (\$40,000). The director explained some issues the department is having with positions and costs and job duties. The CST will be put back to the full amount of 1820 hours per year in the budget and 260 in APS. APS will have to be looked at to make a decision as to how to move forward with the need and who will be helping with the additional hours to make sure coverage is being taken care of.
- Health – The Clerk will be meeting with the director on Friday morning to figure out the overages showing up the grants and try to bring down the levy in that department as well.
- Emergency Government- The Outlay has \$6,000 in it again this year for a repair, which was not able to be secured for the current year, but \$2,700 was used for another project needing to get done. The EM Director will bring to her committee the need to carry-over the balance from the current year's

The Clerk reduced the \$2.00 wage increase down to \$1.00 per hour as requested by the committee in the last meeting. The budget shortfall at present is still at \$1,092,000, with all adjustments made above. The committee directed the clerk to go through the budget and only increase the wage for employees who have not received an increase this year.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATES FOR BUDGET MEETINGS

- 2023 Budget
- American Tower lease agreement

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

- Meeting dates –October 10, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. & October 17, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Campbell to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 12:48 p.m.