

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE:	FINANCE
DATE:	OCTOBER 11, 2023
TIME:	1:00 P.M.
PLACE:	FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lukas called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anderson, Campbell, Chaney, Gretzinger, Lukas, Skallerud

Absent:

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Skallerud to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2023 Finance meeting, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RETAINING A MARKETING FIRM FOR THE REFERENDUM

No Action

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON COPIER PURCHASE IN THE COUNTY CLERK OFFICE

Motion by Gretzinger to stay with EO Johnson if the Clerk wants to, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON 2024 BUDGET

- Highway Fund reduce levy from \$165,000 to \$75,000

Motion by Skallerud to reduce the Highway levy to \$75,000 and if there is a budget shortfall next year to take it from their fund balance, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

- Sheriff – Reduce Lexipol from \$3,000 to \$475 based on the WCA invoice presented.
- Reduce the Vehicle Maintenance from \$27,000 to \$20,000 as there were some insurance claims in the Vehicle maintenance that will be moved. It made the expenses look higher than they actually were.
- Reduced Computer maintenance from \$4,000 to \$2,000. The department was just replaced with all new computers for the department and cars from LATCF.
- Reduce the Time system from \$14,000 to \$12,000 based on current and past costs.

- Increased the Vehicle Insurance recoveries from \$0 to \$5,000
- The Drug fund had a balance of around \$26,000 and just recently reduced to \$19,253; the request for 2024 is \$9,000. The committee would like to know why there is such a big balance in that account. They also are asking about the K-9 donations. The County was receiving donations to help defer some of the costs to support the K-9's but, there is nothing in the budget for 2024. The handler fees are \$5,200 plus benefits per year, insurance on them, \$2,500 for Vet expenses and then \$2,000 for other supplies. They questioned donations for ammo and Recreation Officer reimbursements for the leases of ATV and Snowmobiles.

The committee would like to meet with the employees from the Sheriff department at the next Finance meeting to discuss outside checking accounts and reimbursements for K-9 expenses, as they were told by the Sheriff that there is a separate account that is outside of the County collecting money for the K9s and that it could be billed for these expenses.

- Human Service Center- Motion by Skallerud to go to \$0 for contribution to the Human Service Center because of their high fund balance and follow Oneida County's lead, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 2024 Budget
- Health Insurance quotes
- Next Meetings: October 18th at 9:00 a.m. and October 20th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Anderson to adjourn, second by Skallerud. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 p.m.