

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE:	FINANCE
DATE:	NOVEMBER 29, 2023
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: Anderson(phone), Campbell, Chaney, Gretzinger, Lukas, Skallerud

Absent:

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Christy Conley, Cortney Cleereman, Jeff Marvin, Danielle McLaughlin, Tracy Schumacher

### APPROVE AGENDA

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

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2023 FINANCE MEETING

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE NEW 2024 NAUNKCA CONTRACT

Motion by Anderson to approve the 2024 contract, second by Gretzinger. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NEW COMPUTERS AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT USING LATCF FUNDING; FORWARD TO FULL COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the computers using LATCF funding and forward to full county board for approval, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A POSSIBLE SECURE DETENTION CONTRACT WITH MARATHON COUNTY FOR 2024

A discussion was held with the Social Services Director and the Sheriff. It is the feeling that the cost would be higher as placements have been changing and if a need arises next year, the county could contract with the other two counties (Oneida and Vilas) and share the cost of a mutual contract.

No action

### UPDATES AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- **SALES TAX**

The sales tax for the year is only \$6,789.09 from the budgeted goal and there is another month of sales tax to collect.

- **HUMAN SERVICE CENTER PAYMENT**

The budget surplus payment from the Human Service Center was received in the amount of \$63,479.61.

- **GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT**

The committee was updated on the remaining balance in the general obligation debt.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A REFERENDUM FOR THE COUNTY LEVY FOR FUTURE OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

There was discussion about the increased costs that have been associated with all of the upgrades to the Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center, as well as the wage study that was done showing the need to increase employee's salaries; hopefully increasing the wages will bring in qualified candidates and increased costs for fuel, electricity, etc. that the county is unable to keep up with under the current levy because of untaxable lands.

Motion by Skallerud to forward a resolution to full county board for a referendum to exceed the current limit of the levy for 2025 by \$2,000,000 continuing on an ongoing basis to fund operating expenditure shortages, which include wage increases, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE ELECTED OFFICIALS 2025-2028 WAGES; FORWARD TO PERSONNEL FOR APPROVAL**

Motion by Skallerud to approve the Elected Officials wage for the 2025-2028 term by 12% - 2025, 6%-2026, 6%-2027, 6%-2028; send to Personnel in resolution form for approval then to full county board, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Skallerud to raise the Administrative Coordinator salary starting in 2024 by \$10,000 plus fringes, for an annual salary of \$20,000 by budget amendment in 2024; send to Personnel for approval then to full county board for approval in resolution form, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Sheriff Department – Audit
- December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Skallerud to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.