

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE: FINANCE  
DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2023  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.  
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lukas called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and read the agenda.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Chaney, Gretzinger, Lukas, Skallerud

Absent: Anderson

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Christy Conley, Jeff Marvin, Alex Walrath

### APPROVE AGENDA

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

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2023 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2023 Finance meeting, second by Skallerud. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 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 with Tower Attorney on approving the new amended lease agreement with American Tower/Verizon

Motion by Chaney to convene into closed session, second by Campbell: Roll Call Vote: Campbell (AYE), Chaney (AYE), Gretzinger (AYE), Lukas (AYE), Skallerud (AYE). Motion carried.

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

Motion by Skallerud, second by Chaney to reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried  
Motion by Skallerud to approve the MOU of Lease and Third Amendment to Real Estate Agreement with Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Tower, and give Terry Lukas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair the authority to sign it, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

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

Motion by Skallerud to move forward with the referendum for a levy increase of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of operating expenditures and wage increases; forward to full county board in resolution form, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Walrath voiced his displeasure in the fact that the Sheriff union was not included in the wage study. It was explained to him that the committee was told that they could not include them in the study because they are a union. It was explained by Walrath that with an agreement from the union they could meet and amend the contract to include them in it. The committee will talk to the labor attorney and Carlson Dettmann to see if it is possible. The committee has agreed to meet with the union reps and come to an agreement on moving forward with an increase for the deputies as well if the referendum passes. The committee explained they have a very good relationship with the union and just agreed to 3-year contract with them and would never do anything to jeopardize the good relationship they have with the union.

#### DISCUSSION WITH SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ON CURRENT MONTHLY LEDGER OF DRUG ACCOUNT AND PROGRESS OF TRANSFERRING IT TO A STANDARD COUNTY ACCOUNT: POSSIBLE ACTION

This account has been transferred to an account within Forest County.

No action

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CREATING NEW ACCOUNTS IN THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

There is already a revenue and an expenditure account set up for the narcotics fund in the Sheriff Department.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SOFTWARE UPGRADE FOR THE ZONING OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 USING LATCF FUNDING AND FORWARD TO FULL COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Skallerud to approve the software in the amount of \$7,500 using LATCF funding and forward in resolution form to full County Board for approval, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FEES FOR THE TEXT TO TALK 911 FOR THE NEXT FIVE (5) YEARS AND FUNDING

Motion by Skallerud to approve the \$3,025 for the first year (2024) when implemented, which included maintenance for the first year, budget for the years after that; send to full County Board using LATCF funding in resolution form, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Shred-It
- Union discussion on wage study
- Next meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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### ADJOURNMENT

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