FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FINANCE

DATE: APRIL 10, 2024

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Lukas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chaney, Gretzinger(phone), Lukas, Marvin, Skallerud

Absent:

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Dave Wiebelhaus, Rob Huettl, Jeff Marvin, Alex Walrath

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Skallerud to approve the agenda as presented allowing the chairman to adjust the items to fit the committee needs, second by Marvin. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2024 FINANCE MEETING

Motion by Skallerud to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2024 meeting, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT BORROWING INTENT, AND APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNTY

There was discussion because Lukas was under the impression the bids were just for a working budget, but, they were RFP's and the companies are ready to go this spring and have put other jobs aside to start working on this one in May already. The committee went through the list of items and removed any projects that were not necessary. The committee explained to some of the members the capital projects versus operational costs. The dome repair is necessary or it may not be repairable in the future and the costs to remove the dome and restructure would be even more costly and the public made it quite clear they wanted the integrity of the building left intact. The committee discussed it necessary to meet with the Judge before they move forward with the project to find out what his thoughts are because there may be noise and there may have to be decisions made with him on if they need to move the court system again as they did when there was construction being done.

Motion by Marvin to move forward with the resolution of intent to borrow, not to exceed \$3,000,000 and include only the projects noted in the meeting; forward to full county board for possible approval, second by Skallerud. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR WAGE BEING TAKEN OUT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEVY FOR 2024; FORWARDED FROM HEALTH COMMITTEE

The committee discussed how the proposal for the increased wage was brought to the committee and decided they would follow what was initially approved by vote.

Motion by Chaney to stay with original proposed wage structure approved, second by Skallerud. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARPA MONIES AND AWARDING DIFFERENT COUNTY ENTITIES USE OF THE FUNDS; POSSIBLE ACTION No Action, moved to future per request of Gatton.

DISCUSSION ON A LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE USDA CONCERNING LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS ON OLD GROWTH FORESTS; POSSIBLE ACTION Motion by Lukas to forward letter to the LCC-LI-GIS committee for discussion, second by Skallerud. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

UPDATE ON THE 2024 SALES TAX

The sales tax for March is up from last year by \$5,600.

DISCUSSION ON AN UPDATE TO THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY PERTAINING TO BUDGET CARRYOVERS; POSSIBLE ACTION AND FORWARDING TO FULL COUNTY BOARD IN RESOLUTION FORM

Motion by Skallerud to approve the new policy and update the Financial Management Policy to include the budget carryover request form, second by Marvin; forward to full county board for approval. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

UPDATE ON TOWN OF HILES ROAD/BRIDGE PROJECTS No action

Motion by Skallerud to move up discussion items #15 and #16, second by Marvin. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON UPDATED DISPATCH SERGEANT JOB DESCRIPTION; FORWARDED FROM PERSONNEL

There was discussion on the change to the position, which would make it exempt. The Sheriff explained that as of now the Sergeant position is able to get overtime and that would go away with an exempt position, which Huettl really did not want. The committee explained there would not be any change to this wage this year, but, if updated it would need to go to full county board for approval. The salary would be updated for 2025 but, with the referendum just failing there is no guarantee as to what the position salary would be set at. The committee asked of the Sheriff what he would like to do and Huettl as well. They do not want to change the job description at this time.

No action

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A NEW PART-TIME SECURITY PERSONNEL/TRANSPORT JOB DESCRIPTION; POSSIBLE FORWARD TO FULL COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

Motion by Skallerud to forward the new job description to full county board for approval, with the understanding that the position would stay within current budget for part-time deputies, second by Marvin. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON IN-KIND MATCH FOR THE SHOOTING RANGE

Wiebelhaus updated the committee on the shooting range and that they are tracking all time for in-kind to use for match with the grant. He told the committee the road to the range needs some material and repair, Terry suggested contacting the Highway Commissioner. The Maintenance would like to be the ones responsible for the maintenance of the range as well. The committee will make sure the Maintenance department gets a key for the grounds from the Forestry department.

Motion by Skallerud to have Maintenance oversee the project, maintain the grounds and receive a key, second by Marvin. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONSULTING FOR THE HUMAN SERVICE CENTER/ADRC REORGANIZATION

Motion by Skallerud to approve Patrick Cork Consulting fees for the reorganization of the ADRC/HSC using LATCF funding, not to exceed \$5,175, second by Marvin. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.