

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
September 22, 2008

Committee members: Kuhlman, Rick
Mode, Jim
Molinaro, John
Rogers, Pamela (Chair)
Schmeling, Sharon L.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Pam Rogers. All committee members were present. Also present were Dave Ehlinger, Gary Petre, and Phil Ristow.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law.

Contingency fund request for remodeling Rooms 124 and 220 in the Courthouse

Carla Robinson and Judge Randy Koshnick re-presented their request for a transfer from the contingency fund for current year remodeling of Rooms 124 and 220. Carla estimated that she will have a \$17,000 surplus available at the end of 2008 for the year.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode that the remodeling remains on the deferred list to revisit at the end of the budget process. The motion passed 5-0.

Overview

An overview of the 2009 budget at this time was given by Gary Petre and Dave Ehlinger. General discussion took place on various aspects of the budget along with possible funding mechanisms.

[Note: All motions relate to the recommended 2009 budget, unless indicated otherwise.]

Zoning

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to (a) un-fund the Zoning Administrator position after the current employee retires, (b) transfer approximately \$15,000 from Sharon Ehrhardt's position from tax levy to the Solid Waste business unit, (c) remove capital expenditures at \$25,000, and (d) for the preliminary approval of the Zoning budget at \$249,534. The motion passed 5-0.

Land Conservation

A motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to (a) remove the requested vehicle at \$35,000, (b) remove the student intern for a net of \$5,000, (c) remove the tax levy for the cost share program at \$7,558, (d) un-fund the water resource technician at \$21,846, and

(e) for the preliminary approval of the Land Conservation budget. The motion passed 4-1, with Molinaro against.

Land Information

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to (a) remove signs at \$1,500 and (b) for the preliminary approval of the Land Information budget at \$384,365. The motion passed 5-0.

Register of Deeds

A motion was made by Schmeling/Mode to (a) un-fund one deputy position at \$62,933, and (b) for the preliminary approval of the Register of Deeds budget. The motion passed 4-1 with Molinaro against.

County Board

A motion was made by Schmeling/Molinaro to (a) remove videotaping at \$8,800 and (b) remove consultants at \$40,000. The motion passed 5-0.

County Administrator

A motion was made by Mode/Kuhlman to un-fund the Management Analyst position at \$73,656. The motion passed 3-2 with Molinaro and Schmeling against.

Human Resources

A motion was made by Molinaro/Schmeling to un-fund the volunteer coordinator position at \$68,680. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to eliminate \$2,500 in employee recognition. The motion passed 5-0.

Special Projects

A motion was made by Mode/Molinaro to remove the remodeling in the Clerk of Court office at \$15,300. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Molinaro to remove remodeling in the Clerk of Courts at \$10,000. The motion passed 5-0.

County Clerk

A motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to (a) eliminate training at \$20,000, and (b) un-fund currently filled Elections Clerk position at \$53,267. The motion passed 5-0.

Finance

A motion was made by Schmeling/Mode to eliminate the new position in Finance at \$62,416. The motion passed 5-0.

MIS

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Mode to (a) reduce consultants within Bus Unit 8501 for \$8,000 and (b) remove e-mail upgrades at \$37,271. The motion passed 5-0.

Human Services

A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman to eliminate another \$80,000 in wages/benefits as determined by Human Services staff. The motion passed 5-0.

Highway

A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman to reduce the budget by \$0.5 million with details to be chosen by the department. The motion passed 4-1 with Schmeling against.

Countryside Home

A motion was made by Molinaro to cut \$250,000 from the budget. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Molinaro to reduce the budget by \$100,000 with staff to determine details. The motion passed 3-2 with Rogers and Schmeling against.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to reduce the levy by \$440,561 with four positions un-funded based upon the recommendations received from the Sheriff Department. The motion passed 3-2 with Kuhlman and Schmeling against.

Parks

A motion was made by Schmeling/Mode to eliminate lead construction worker and one construction worker. The motion failed 2-3 with Mode and Schmeling in favor.

A motion was made to eliminate the lead construction foreman and keep the lead worker by Molinaro/Schmeling. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Mode/Schmeling to approve the cunts as suggested by Joe Nehmer. The motion passed 4-1 with Molinaro against.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to pay for JS Garman upgrades at \$25,000 with funding coming from the Carol Liddle estate. The motion passed 5-0.

Land Information

A motion was made by Mode/Kuhlman to change the Surveyor position from full time to part time (20 hours) with benefits. The motion passed 4-1.

Evergreen Bank

Phil Ristow updated the committee regarding communications between Evergreen Bank and his office pertaining to the old Countryside Home property. A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to approve the contract with Evergreen Bank releasing the bank from the line of credit in return for a guarantee of property taxes paid over the next five (5) years. The motion passed 5-0.

Fair Park

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Mode to reduce black top expenditures from \$60,000 to \$30,000. The motion passed 5-0.

General Revenues

A motion was made by Mode/Molinaro to increase utility shared revenue by \$111,109 as per documentation received from the state. The motion passed 5-0.

Debt Service

A motion was made by Molinaro/Mode to return the budget to contractual amounts at \$1,291,655. The motion passed 5-0.

General Revenues

A motion was made to lower the contingency account to \$400,000. The motion passed 5-0.

Countryside

A motion was made by Molinaro/Schmeling to reduce the budget by about \$45,000 for FICA corrections. The motion passed 5-0.

General Revenues

A motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to create a sub-account within the contingency fund for unemployment compensation at \$50,000. The motion passed 5-0.

Miscellaneous

A motion was made by Molinaro/Schmeling to return \$0.5 million to the Highway budget with the requested priority being road construction. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Mode/Kuhlman to add back \$218,225 to the County Clerk budget for voting machines. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Molinaro to return \$30,000 back to the Fair Park budget for black topping. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Schmeling/Kuhlman to return \$20,000 back to the Zoning budget for a van purchase. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made at 3:53 p.m. to recess until September 24th. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman
Finance Committee Secretary
Jefferson County