

Jefferson County  
Finance Committee Minutes  
January 27, 2009

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

Pam Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. All committee members were present, except Sharon Schmeling, who arrived at 8:45 a.m. Also present were Dave Ehlinger, Barb Frank, Gary Petre, Phil Ristow, and Earlene Ronk.

Gary Petre certified that the meeting complied with the open meeting law.

The committee reviewed the information sheet drafted by Phil Ristow. A motion was made by Kuhlman/Mode to select the second alternative for referenda language stating:

In order to continue to own and operate the County's nursing home, would you support allowing the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors to annually raise property taxes by \$3.5 million over the state imposed levy cap which is a 14.73% increase in the county portion of your property tax bill, or, for example, \$79.13 on a \$150,000 property?

Molinaro indicated that he wanted more detail on the fact sheet and that it should be balanced on both sides. Phil Ristow indicated that Earlene Ronk and Dennis Heling were working on this.

The motion was withdrawn.

By consensus, the committee approved the second alternative working including using four years in the wording.

Jim Mode left at 9:42 a.m.

General discussion continued on the issue of referenda language as well as other possible alternatives to the County's structural deficit.

By consensus, the next meeting was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2009.

A motion was made by Kuhlman/Molinaro to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman  
Finance Committee Secretary  
Jefferson County

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