

Jefferson County
Finance Committee Minutes
November 4, 2008

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. Also present were Dave Ehlinger, Gary Petre, and Phil Ristow.

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

Citizen comments were received from:

- Dean Weichman
- Bernie Kleiber
- Kathy Steindorf, W5573 Hwy T, Watertown, WI 53094
- Theresa Hartwig

A motion was made by Schmeling/Mode to approve the minutes of October 16, 2008. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Molinaro/Schmeling to approve the minutes of September 17, 2008. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Ehlinger updated the committee that the contingency fund balance remains at \$188,615.98.

Sharon Schmeling shared a memo from the Department of Employee Trust Funds to anticipate the contribution rates for the 2010 budget to increase by 0.5% based upon the current financial market losses. Dave Ehlinger indicated that the latest financial forecasts included in the budget book had assumed a 0.4% increase.

Phil Ristow indicated that he is currently communicating with the Helenville Fire Department regarding an easement request at N5366 Hwy D for a dry fire hydrant. A motion was made by Molinaro/Kuhlman to not lease the property at N5366 Hwy D after the current lease expires because Resolution 2007-04 requires that the property be offered for sale by October 2008. The motion passed 5-0.

The committee reviewed budget amendment proposals as submitted by various County Board Supervisors. [For more detailed information regarding funding sources, accounts affected, and dollar amounts, please see the following Excel document:
H:\DAVEE\Office\Excel\Budget\2009\County Board budget amendments 2009.xls.]

1. Adjust Human Services janitorial staffing
 - a. Proposed by Jim Mode
 - b. Jim Mode spoke on behalf of his proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 5-0.
2. Institute county-wide furloughs
 - a. Proposed by Sharon Schmeling
 - b. Sharon Schmeling spoke on behalf of her proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 4-1, with Pam Rogers against.
3. Lower mileage reimbursement rate to 40 cents per mile
 - a. Proposed by Sharon Schmeling
 - b. Sharon Schmeling spoke on behalf of her proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 5-0.
4. Restore County Surveyor position to full time
 - a. Proposed by Jaeckel, Kannard, Poulson, and Yachinich
 - b. John Kannard spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 5-0.
5. Fund Literacy Council at \$12,000, increase PADA funding by \$15,000, and fund Rock River Free Clinic at \$50,000
 - a. Proposed by the Finance Committee
 - b. Committee in whole spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 5-0.
6. Restore two seasonal positions within the Parks Department
 - a. Proposed by the Finance Committee
 - b. Committee in whole spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 5-0.
7. Restore one full time clerical support staff at UW Extension and restore 4-H Youth Program Assistant as a summer intern
 - a. Proposed by the Finance Committee
 - b. Committee in whole spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 5-0.
8. Restore funding for videotaping County Board meetings
 - a. Proposed by the Finance Committee
 - b. Committee in whole spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended for adoption by a vote of 5-0.
9. Remove \$225,000 from Farmland Preservation and apply towards debt payment.
 - a. Proposed by Mike Burow and Greg Torres
 - b. Mike Burow spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5.
10. Reduce Highway equipment purchases, reduce Parks tax levy to \$650,000 and remove salary increases for all employees.
 - a. Proposed by Vic Imrie
 - b. Vic Imrie spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5.
11. Retain one clerical staff at 20 hours per week in UW Extension
 - a. Proposed by Carl Zentner

- b. Carl Zentner spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5.
- 12. Restore full UW Extension funding
 - a. Proposed by Walt Christensen and Greg David
 - b. Greg David spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5.
- 13. Restore full funding for Management Analyst
 - a. Proposed by Walt Christensen and Greg David
 - b. Greg David spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5.
- 14. Restore full funding for PADA
 - a. Proposed by Walt Christensen and Greg David
 - b. Greg David spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5.
- 15. Funding from Farmland Conservation Easements be used to restore UW Extension, PADA funding, and increase contingency fund balance.
 - a. Proposed by Don Reese
 - b. Don Reese spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5
- 16. Restore Deputy Register of Deeds position
 - a. Proposed by Jaeckel, Kannard, Poulson, and Yachinich
 - b. John Kannard spoke on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5
- 17. Restore Zoning Director for 3 months, restore Parks seasonal workers, restore full UW Extension funding, restore full PADA funding, restore full Rock River Free Clinic funding, and restore Management Analyst
 - a. Proposed by Steve Nass
 - b. Steve Nass was not present to speak on behalf of the proposed amendment
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5
- 18. Restore the UW Extension agricultural agent to half time
 - a. Proposed by Gail Towers MacAskill
 - b. Gail had to leave the meeting before this proposed amendment was discussed, but shared her thoughts with Sharon Schmeling, who spoke on her behalf.
 - c. Recommended against adoption by a vote of 0-5.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mode/Schmeling to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kuhlman
Finance Committee Secretary