

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 6, 2023

County Board Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Roy Granger.

Present: Herb Dannenberg, Mike Keichinger, Tim Cottingham, John McGinley, Lori Chipman, and Katie Steinke. Steve Thomas was present by phone.

Joint meeting with Personnel Committee. Members present: Mechelle Thompson, Ray Zipperer and Richard Kilmer.

Robin Voge, WIC Director, was present to request to hire a WIC Dietician instead of a WIC Tech, as the WIC Tech cannot meet with clients and the WIC Dietician can. This position is grant funded. Motion Dannenberg second Keichinger to approve. Motion carried.

Sheriff Andy Zobel and Undersheriff Zach Board were present to discuss a law enforcement contract with the City of Elroy. They are asking to create 2 deputy positions to be fully funded by the City of Elroy. Motion Keichinger, second Dannenberg to hire 2 deputies and move forward on the contract negotiations with no cost to the County. Motion carried.

The joint meeting was closed.

Motion Dannenberg, second Keichinger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion McGinley, second Dannenberg, to approve the minutes of the June 8th meeting. Motion carried.

Andy and Zach were present to request laptops for Sheriff Administration staff to replace desktops. Motion Dannenberg, second Keichinger to approve the replacements with ARPA funds in the amount of \$9,503 and to take the resolution to the July County Board meeting. Motion carried.

Andy and Zach also are requesting to purchase a K-9 with funds on hand, when one becomes available. Motion Keichinger, second Dannenberg, to approve. Motion carried.

Gary Pedersen, Traffic Captain, was present to request to pay for department radios that were approved by County Board Resolution to come from a law enforcement ARPA grant to come out of the County ARPA instead. Motion Keichinger, second McGinley to purchase them from ARPA and take to the July County Board meeting. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10 was removed, as it was already budgeted for.

Andy and Zach also want to request \$4,000 for radio equipment so that the Sheriff employees can use their cell phones to listen to radio transmissions through their cell phones. Motion Dannenberg, second McGinley to purchase the Zello app with ARPA Funds and to take the resolution to the July County Board meeting. Motion carried.

The Good Jobs Strong Economy CAT made a presentation to the Committee requesting \$340,000 to help fund the startup of a Child Care center for Children birth to two being planned by the Mauston School District. Motion Dannenberg, second Keichinger to approve from ARPA funds and take the resolution to the July County Board meeting. Motion carried.

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Jean Schultz, Health Officer, was present to request to move her office to Microsoft 365. This has already been approved by the IT Committee. They are requesting 25 licenses plus one for IT at a cost of \$8,763, to be paid from the Health Department ARPA grant. Motion Keichinger, second McGinley to approve. Motion carried

Jean is also requesting \$9,300 to come from her ARPA grant to train and update IT on Microsoft 365. Motion Keichinger, second McGinley to approve. Motion carried.

Mike Hunkins, IT Director, was present to request to use \$3,559 of non lapsing IT funds to get a backup for the gateway server for dispatch, so that when maintenance is done on the phone system, the 911 can stay up and running. Motion Dannenberg, second McGinley to approve. Motion carried.

Lynn Willard was present to discuss the signage for the Justice Center. The Building Committee is requesting \$3,720 to add lettering to the building and replace panels on the sign to rename it in honor of Judge Roemer. Motion Granger, second Thomas to approve the signage with \$3,720 being transferred from the Contingency Fund to pay for it. Motion carried.

Gina Laack, ADRC Director, was present to request to move her van driver from 85% to full time due to transporting VARC participants. The cost will be covered by the additional revenue from VARC and the DOT grant. Motion Keichinger, second Dannenberg, to approve with the additional hours being sunset if funding decreases. Motion carried.

Agenda item #18 was removed from the agenda, as the cost estimates were not received.

Travis Schultz, Public Works Director, was present to request to be able to make an offer on the property adjacent to the Highway Shop (next to their driveway). This property is an eyesore and could present issues in the future. Motion Keichinger, second Dannenberg to send to Executive Committee with a maximum offer of \$100,000. Motion carried.

Motion Keichinger, second McGinley to take the annual tax settlement resolution to the July County Board meeting. Motion carried.

The Cash on Hand report from the Treasurer was placed on file.

The Committee adjourned to August 3, 2023 at 10:00am for the regular committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Chipman

cc: Committee, Co Board Chair, Finance, Treasurer, County Clerk