

FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARDROOM
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
MINUTES
6:00 PM

1. Call to order at 6pm

2. Roll call. – Present: Russell Cotton (ch), Randy Roethler, Bryant Kempf, Jason Jording, Richard Hill

3. Approval or correction minutes

a. December 12, 2016 Regular minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Jording, seconded by Roethler. *Motion Carried.*

4. Public Input - None

5. Approval of claims

Motion to approve the claim made by Jording, seconded by Roethler. *Motion Carried.*

6. Treasurers Report

Mrs. Andrews presented the treasurers report, she noted that two funds show overdrawn, she has discussed with the department heads of those offices and that will be corrected as funds come in. She also presented the semiannual revolving loan report, this report shows every loan the county has made with the program. The Committee discussed the report including that the county is second position on the loan. They also discussed the job creation requirements of the loan program. Mrs. Andrews also provided the monthly revenue report. Mr. Jording discussed that he is confused over the status of the Highway funds. Mr. Jording discussed that the money is appropriated but not spent and the funds continue to go down. Mr. Jording asked who could explain those funds. Mr. Cotton stated he would ask Mr. Loy to come next month and discuss the funds.

7. Report of CEDS – None at this time, Mr. Glazier expects to have a report next month. Mr. Glazier discussed he desire to bring the CEDS to local level, he will bring more in the next few months.

8. Report of EDC – Mr. Glazier discussed that the county is getting some benefit from Economic Development. The committee discussed the committee's involvement with EDC and that they should discuss if the Economic development question should be on the ballot. Mr. Glazier discussed his desire to bring the municipalities in to discuss partnering in Economic development. Mr. Glazier stated there is money in federal grants that the County should be trying to get. Mr. Jording discussed that there are strings attached and referenced the river buyout which requires the county to maintain those properties forever. Mr. Roethler indicated that the County also lost the tax revenue for those properties forever.

9. Budget

Mr. Jording discussed that he would like to begin looking at the recommendations for next year's budget process now to allow more time to make that determination. Mr. Cotton agreed and asked for Budget Guidance planning for 2018 be added to the agenda for February.

10. New Business

a. Resolution 2016/17 #005 Non-Union Pay increases

Motion to approve as presented made by Jording, seconded by Roethler. *Motion Carried*

Mr. Jording discussed this was set back from the board he indicated that salary increase discussions should occur before the increase is set not after. He also indicated he had a lengthy discussion with the VAC about this issue.. Mrs. Andrews explained that Mr. Umdenstock is paid monthly.

- b. February meeting date change

February meeting will move to Wednesday February 15 at 6pm to accommodate the holiday on the 13th.

11. Unfinished Business

- a. Raffle Ordinance modification/elimination. – Postpone until Next Month
- b. Circuit Clerk Audit issues/update – The 2015 Audit is wrapping up and the 2016 will begin after the 2015 is complete,
- c. Purchasing Ordinance rewrite

The Committee discussed changes to the existing ordinance, see the attachment for the tracked changes made to the ordinance. Mr. Jording noted that the committee completed review of half of the ordinance and he felt comfortable finishing next month. The committee consensus was that the changes discussed would be forwarded to the full Board for review in the committee report.

- d. Economic Development Property Tax Levy – Postpone until Next Month
- e. Feasibility of itemized property tax bills by individual levy – Postpone until Next Month
Requirement for audit to be on file prior to approving block grant funding– Postpone until Next Month
- f. Woodford County plan of action concerning economic development – Postpone until Next Month
- g. Historical Labor costs for the County/Projected labor costs through 2025 – Discussion on strategies to control these costs.

Mr. Hinrichsen presented handouts (attached) detailing county expenditures for wages and benefits as well as overall general fund expenditures from 2009 through present as well as forecasting through 2024. Mr. Hinrichsen discussed that there has been a 9.1% increase in the general fund between the 2016 actuals and 2017 appropriations. He did not that there is a 27th pay period in 2017 which artificially increases the numbers. Mr. Hinrichsen also noted that those numbers do not include the health insurance and workers compensation costs. The indirect employment cost must be controlled to keep cost down or the taxes will drive people out of the county. Mr. Jording discussed that the government costs should not need to increase over the CPI (consumer price index). He also noted that as indirect costs continue increasing the number of employees will have to go down. Mr. Jording noted two things need to occur, set the budget increase will be and identify ways to bring the indirect costs down. He noted that Peoria County is decreasing budgets by 20% which will reduce employees. Mr. Roethler discussed the government growth is out of control and one of the reasons he became involved. He noted the public Safety tax is up next year and needs to go away which will affect the budget. Mr. Kempf asked how Health Insurance costs are determined. Mrs. Andrews explained that the County is self-insured and sets the premium in order to cover the costs and grow the fund as well. Mr. Jording noted that the County must make sure the increased cost of reinsurance is passed on to the employee. Mrs. Andrews noted that the total premium is increased and the employee's portion is increased. Mr. Hill asked about the ability to have employees opt out of the insurance to get insurance elsewhere. Mrs. Andrews noted that would be something Snedekers would need to answer. Mr. Jording noted that is something to look at. Mr. Jording noted that the County should look as Self-insuring for Workers Compensation coverage, he indicated that could be a way to reduce and control those costs. Mr. Jording noted this should stay on the agenda to continue the discussion. He asked for the issue to be under committee report on the County Board agenda.

12. Other

Mr. Glazier mentioned that the Highway department had an individual who received treatment for a bug bite. The Highway department decided to send the individual to urgent care and pay the bill out of the highway budget to save a claim against Work Comp. The medical care required increased as the individual needed to be seen for additional treatment. The bill is now approximately \$3,500 and the Road and Bridge Committee has asked if the bill may be submitted to Finance for payment. Mrs. Jording discussed that the appropriate paperwork needed to be completed and turned if it had not already been accomplished. She also discussed that all work related injuries must have paperwork completed regardless of the severity. Mr. Jording noted that it is state law that a worker must complete paperwork if injured on the job. Mr. Jording asked that the Highway department bring the information to Public Safety next month. The committee was in agreement that the appropriate paperwork needed to be completed.

13. Executive Session (if necessary) - None

14. Any action coming out of executive session - None

15. Adjournment at 9:03 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Jording, seconded by Hill. *Motion Carried.*

Submitted by: Lisa Jording

Committee

Russell Cotton, Chairman
Finance and Economic Development

Date