

**FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
MINUTES
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – Chuck Nagel (chairman) (via Zoom) Josh Davis (v-ch), Richard Hill all present. Emily Barker and Bryant Kempf are excused.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
Motion to approve August 11, 2020 minutes made by Hill, seconded by Davis. *Motion passed.*

4. Public Input

5. Approval of Claims

Motion to approve September claims made by Davis, seconded by Hill. *Motion passed.* A bill from Kenyon and Associates was received for \$2,851.05. It was asked to have this bill paid in vacation. Motion made by Hill to pay the Kenyon bill in vacation, seconded by Davis. *Motion passed.*

6. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's report and the revolving loan reports were presented along with the quarterly review. Ms. Andrews has received the ¼ cent sales tax, 1 cent sales tax, and Public Safety tax. Due to Covid, we expected those taxes to be lower than previous years. However, they are either greater than or equal to previous years. She has reduced what will be transferred into the general fund. The current levy is a 3% increase over last year. There is always an increase in IMRF, Social Security, and Tort. She has received the notice of State award for the revolving loan grant money. One award is for \$329,000 and the other award is for \$1,231,328.24, and she has accepted those awards.

7. Budget

Ms. Bobbie Jo Sibly from 4-H was present via zoom. It was asked why the amount was not reduced because the fair grounds were not rented from the Farm Bureau. Ms. Sibly explained that there was a loss of income since the fair was not held.

Looking at the overall budget, we have no extraordinary expenses, and all salaries have been kept at 3% increase.

8. New Business

a. IT equipment line item

The past board moved all IT equipment out of each department's line item and moved into one combined line item. There has been some confusion on how this combined line item is to work. Therefore, it was discussed between Sheriff Smith, Mr. Nagel and Mr. Logan to move it back to each department. Discussion on how to handle this. It was decided to zero out the current combined line item and have each department configure their needs for the upcoming year and place that amount in their own department IT line item, which Treasurer Ms. Andrews will create in the budget. She will send an email to all departments asking for an amount which that department foresees spending on IT equipment next year, and will place that amount in each department instead of combining it into one line item. Sheriff Smith asked about equipment that has to be purchased for the server - switches,

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security upgrades, licenses, etc. - which handles all departments. These type of purchases are not end user equipment and should not be budgeted for by departments. There is a line item for "County Server Maintenance" that switches and server equipment should be used for. Motion to approve and send the tentative budget, with these changes, to the full Board in October made by Davis, seconded by Hill. *Motion passed.*

9. Unfinished Business

a. Tentative Budget Review

This item was taken care of with the discussion of the IT equipment line item.

10. Other

11. Executive Session

12. Any Action Coming Out of Executive Session

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Davis, seconded by Hill. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman



Chuck Nagel, Chairman
Finance Committee