

FINANCE
OCTOBER 13, 2011

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Chairman Larry Kapinus. Committee members Gerry Krachey, John Karnopp, Duane Rogers and Jim O'Meara were present. Board Chairman Pete Flesch and Clerk Janet Geisler were also present.

Verify Posting

The Chairman verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.

2012 Budget

The bottom line for the levy limit for 2012 is \$7,780,136, which means approximately \$355,000 must be cut from the budget. The departments have kept their budgets flat except for the Highway Department. Chairman Flesch explained that the Highway Department has also lost funding from the State that same as the County had.

Dan McWilliams, Human Services Director, advised that their department has had good returns the last couple of years from the State and that their contingency fund has grown to a number that he is not comfortable with. He would like to use some of this money to replace computers and for IT upgrades. However, he would still like to return \$229,421.90 to the County's general fund. Dan advised that even if the county's budget was not in deficit he would have still returned this money to the County.

The contingency fund for Human Services would still remain at \$1.4 million after returning these funds. The goal is to maintain the fund and not for it to continue to grow. If their department would receive a return from the State next year, he would again be able to contribute this toward the budget for the next year.

The committee then discussed the amount that still needs to be cut from the budget.

Chairman Flesch questioned Roger Martin on his fund used for emergencies such as floods. Roger is comfortable with the balance in this fund.

The committee discussed how much should be cut from the Highway budget. The committee is cutting the Highway budget by \$165,000, which still allows their increase to be \$151,147.

The committee then proposed increasing the Contingency Fund by \$35, 000, which would be available to be used by other departments if necessary.

After all of the necessary budgets were made, the committee advised that they would like the levy to go within \$500 of the limit.

The committee then discussed the Courthouse remodeling project, which is currently over by \$375,000. The County Board will need to authorize the additional debt needed at their meeting. The Board will need to decide if they wish to proceed with the borrowing process.

**County Board
Agenda**

The Clerk advised of the resolutions and ordinances which will be presented to the Board. Carol Wirth will be making a presentation to the Board regarding the borrowing of funds from the State Trust Fund.

Adjournment

Karnopp moved; Krachey seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Janet L. Geisler, County Clerk