

**FINANCE**  
**May 20, 2015**

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Rogers at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Gerry Krachey, Tom Cornford , Elling Jones and Ron Leys. Board Chairman Pete Flesch, Supervisor Derek Flansburgh from the Public Property Committee and Clerk Janet Geisler were also present.
- Verify posting** The meeting was verified as being properly posted.
- App of Minutes** Cornford moved, Jones seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Ceiling project** Supervisors Rogers, Leys and Flansburgh who serve on the Public Property Committee were in attendance to advise of the recent bid openings for the Courtroom ceiling project. Because the bids came in much higher than anticipated , the Public Property Committee did not take any action.
- Donna Steiner, Nancy Dowling and Judge Czajkowski were in attendance regarding the ceiling problem and the high bids. They questioned whether the ceiling could simply be scraped and repainted. After much discussion it appears that the problem seems to be a condensation problem and it was recommended that nothing be done until the air conditioning has ran to see if there is still a leaking problem.
- Flesch moved, Leys seconded to reject both bids received by the Public Property Committee for the ceiling paint project. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Investigation fund** The Clerk explained the remaining balance in the investigation fund. This is the account where the funds from the previous District Attorney worthless checking account were deposited. The Finance Committee had made a motion to freeze the remaining funds. The funds remaining were \$9,914.76 of which \$795.91 is the balance that would be available to the Sheriff to use. The committee felt that the remaining funds could be set aside for the HVAC problem at the Law Enforcement Center.

Leys moved, Krachey seconded to set aside \$9,118.85 for HVAC improvements at the Law Enforcement Center. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

### **Lighting**

John Poots appeared regarding lights that need to be replaced at the Administration Building. A quote has been received from McCormick Electric to purchase LED lights for both inside and outside lights. The total cost which includes installation is \$9,377.10. The Public Property Committee had approved sending this on to the Finance Committee since there are no funds available.

Krachey moved, Leys seconded to approve spending up to \$10,000 for the lighting project with the funds to be taken from the Contingency Fund. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Door replacement** Supervisor Cornford advised of an outstanding bill due the Highway department for doors replaced at the Prairie du Chien tower site in the amount of \$2,423.59..

Cornford moved, Leys seconded to approve paying the Highway department \$2,423.59 with the funds to be taken from the Contingency Fund. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Ho Chunk funds** The Clerk advised that there is a balance in the Ho Chunk account of \$6538.31. There should be a zero balance in this account.

Krachey moved, Jones seconded that \$3,500 of the Ho Chunk money be used to pay to Hidden Valleys for Crawford County being the featured county in 2016 and the balance of the money should be transferred to the Contingency Fund. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Main Street proj** The Clerk advised of a request received for the County to sponsor a flower basket on Blackhawk Avenue in the amount of \$350.

Rogers moved, Elling seconded to decline sponsoring a flower basket. The motion carried with Supervisor Leys voting nay.

**App of Bills** Rogers moved, Krachey seconded to approve the bills pertaining to the Courtroom ceiling project in the amount of \$3,318.80 with the funds to be taken from the Contingency Fund. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Krachey moved, Cornford seconded to approve payment of the remaining bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Bridge Repair**

There was discussion on the bridge repairs that need to be done. The County Board had voted down borrowing for this at the last two meetings. The amount being requested is \$425,000. At the April County Board session there was discussion that both the Highway department and the County's general fund could be spent down since the borrowing was not approved. However, there was no official action taken on this matter.

The auditors have advised that these funds should not be spent down until the 2014 audit has been completed.

Krachey moved, Cornford seconded to approve taking \$212,500 from the County's General Fund to cover the costs for the four bridges needing repair subject to the Highway Department also transferring matching funds for the bridge repair project pursuant to the County Board minutes from April 21, 2015 where this proposal was brought forth. The motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

**Dept reports**

Treasurer Martin Sprosty presented his monthly reports. A letter was presented from Alan Brey of Johnson Block regarding the Point and Pay checking account which the Treasurer has written checks from which is contrary to the policy in place. This matter will be placed on next month's agenda so that the Treasurer can report on what action has been taken.

**Next meeting**

June 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to set the County Board agenda.

**App of Bills**

Krachey moved, Cornford seconded to approve the late arriving Corporation Counsel bill. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Adjourn**

Krachey moved, Cornford seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Janet Geisler, County Clerk

