

FINANCE
April 21, 2021

- Call to order** The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Rogers at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Geri Kozelka and Gerry Krachey. Wayne Jerrett and Greg Russell were absent. Also present were Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman; Cheri Leachman, Human Resource Specialist; Deanne Lutz, Treasurer, Dale Klemme, Community Development Alternatives; Mark Schlorholtz, IT Specialist; Carol Roth, Driftless Development; Ardie Johnson, Driftless Development; Dale McCullick, Sheriff; Jim Hackett, Emergency Management, and Roberta Fisher, County Clerk.
- Verify posting** The meeting was verified as being properly posted.
- App of Minutes** Krachey moved; Kozelka second to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- App of Bills** Krachey moved, Kozelka seconded to approve payment of regular monthly bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Driftless
Development** The Clerk presented a request from Driftless Development for Ho-Chunk funds. The request is for \$70,000. Chairman Cornford asked what the city contribution is. The city currently contributes \$20,000. Cornford would like to revise the amount normally given to match more evenly with the contribution by the city according to population.
- Ardie Johnson, Driftless Development informed the committee that they are in the “regrouping” stage, and that they are currently adding more members. He also wanted to point out all of the projects that they have successfully completed. They are also launching a fund-raising campaign on their own.
- Carol Roth handed out some information regarding all of the projects that Driftless Development is responsible for implementing. There was discussion about how the Ho-Chunk dollars are to be used.
- Krachey moved; Kozelka second to approve payment of the request of \$70,000 for this year. However, next year if the city does not increase their contribution, then the county’s portion will decrease accordingly. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Main Street
Banner Proj.**

Carol Roth, Driftless Development appeared before the committee to ask for a contribution to the Banner Project on Blackhawk Ave. in the city of Prairie du Chien. Roth is requesting \$2340.00 from the county. The cost of the banners is \$7021. The city will be hanging the banners, at a cost of \$2446. Main Street/DDI is contributing \$2341 and the PdC Chamber of Commerce will contribute \$2340.

Cornford moved; Rogers seconded to approve the contribution request of \$2340, with the funds to be taken from the contingency account. The motion carried unanimously.

**CDBG CoVid
Grant Proposals**

The clerk presented one proposal for administration of the CDBG CoVid Micro-Business Grant.

Rogers moved; Krachey seconded to approve the proposal submitted by Community Development Alternatives, Inc. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Hidden Valleys

The Clerk informed the committee of clarification of the Hidden Valleys annual dues for the county in 2023. The annual dues will actually increase by \$3500 in addition to the regular annual contribution of \$1064.70.

The committee suggested including \$1750 in the budget for 2022, and then including the remaining \$1750 in 2023.

**EM Spec
Position**

Jim Hackett, Emergency Management appeared before the committee to request approval for a full time EM Specialist position. Currently, Jim is the only EM person for all of Crawford County. Surrounding counties employ at least two or more. This will be a deputized position and would also be able to work as Jailer, Traffic Officer and/or Bailiff, with 51% of the position primarily as emergency management.

The position will work 40 hours per week; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and can be flexed to work another position if directed by EM Director. The wage for the position would be the same as a Traffic Officer. Jim will be requesting this to be a unionized position.

Krachey moved; Rogers seconded to approve the EM Specialist job description, with final approval from the Personnel Committee next week. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Treasurer
Report**

Deanne Lutz, Treasurer handed out information regarding the County Sales and Use and Wheel tax.

Deanne shared information regarding the investing of the federal funds that have been and/or will be received from the CARES Act, CRRSA Act, and ARP Act.

Deanne also updated the committee on a bankruptcy case regarding delinquent taxes.

Next Meeting

May 19th, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Adjournment

Krachey moved; Kozelka seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk