

**FINANCE**  
**April 17, 2019**

**Call to order**           The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gerry Krachey in the absence of Duane Rogers at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Geri Kozelka, Wayne Jerrett and Greg Russell. Board Chairman Tom Cornford and County Clerk Janet Geisler were also present.

**Verify posting**       The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

**App of Minutes**       Jerrett moved, Russell second to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**App of Bills**           Russell moved, Kozelka second to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Hazmat bill**           Jim Hackett, Emergency Government Coordinator, came before the committee at the request of the LEPC Committee regarding a bill for \$750 and to ask that this be paid for out of the Contingency Fund. Jim explained the reason behind a bill. In 2017 the City of Prairie du Chien requested a hazmat team from Vernon County for a meth lab. After the County came down, the owner could not be found. The bill was to go to whatever entity requested it. Previously, the City had a training with Vernon County and were told that there would never be a bill. However, a contract had been signed by the County Board Chairman in either 2013 or 2014. The LEPC Committee had never seen the contract so they were not aware of it. The original bill was for \$3,061.82 and it has now been reduced to \$750. The City has still refused to pay the bill since they were told that they would never be charged. LEPC feels that they do not want an outstanding bill that is going to be on the County because of the contract and it would just be easier to pay the \$750 just to keep the good relationship going with the Vernon County Hazmat. The contract will be rewritten to be signed every two years with the option of getting out every year. After the LEPC has committee reviewed the contract, the matter will be taken to the full County Board for approval.

Crawford County now has their own methods to deal with meth labs so Vernon County will not have to be called. The new contract will only deal with drugs and there will never be a charge.

Jerrett moved, Kozelka seconded to pay the \$750 out of the Contingency Fund. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Human Resource  
Wages**

The Clerk reported that the Personnel Committee has recommended a wage of \$25 per hour for the new position of Human Resources Specialist.

Cornford moved, Jerrett seconded to approve the wages of \$25 per hour for the Human Resources position. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Dept Reports**

Nancy Dowling, Register in Probate, appeared to give a report on her office. She reported that the Juvenile Court Worker will be retiring and her replacement will be hired at the Personnel meeting occurring after the Finance meeting. She also reported that the process of converting microfilm to digital is an ongoing process and is taking much longer than had been anticipated.

Deanne Lutz, County Treasurer, reported on the parcels that are going to be sold by sealed bids. The Delinquent Tax Committee will be opening the bids next week.

The County will own the Blackhawk Junction property in the middle of May. There are renters on that property and rental agreements will have to be prepared for the rent to be paid to the County until the property is sold. H&R Block and the Gym are not paying any rent.

The County will need to look into obtaining insurance for both property and liability. The committee recommended that there be no insurance on True Value. No one should be allowed to enter that building.

Clerk Janet Geisler reported that she has received information that there will be an increase in the property insurance which renews July 1<sup>st</sup>. The increase could be 10-15%.

The County will be receiving money from the City since TID#2 will be closing. The amount is not known since it will need to be split up between several entities. However we should know the amount in October after the City's audit has been completed.

The Clerk also reported on the problems with the new sound system that were discovered at the County Board meeting. It was learned that this system only allows four microphones to be used at any one time. Had the County gone with the original proposal from another vendor this would not have been the case. The vendor will be coming to address the feedback from the microphones.

**Next Meeting**

May 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

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

**Janet Geisler, County Clerk**