

FINANCE
August 21, 2019

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Rogers at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Geri Kozelka, Wayne Jerrett, Gerry Krachey 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** Krachey moved, Rogers seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- App of Bills** Krachey moved, Kozelka seconded to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Ho Chunk funds** Krachey moved, Jerrett seconded to approve the payment of \$70,000 from the Ho Chunk Funds to Driftless Development. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Dan McWilliams** Dan is requesting that the limit on their credit card be increased to \$3,000. The current limit is \$1,500.
- Jerrett moved, Russell seconded to approve increasing the credit card limit to \$3,000. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Dan discussed his department's 2020 Budget. The fund balance at the end of 2018 was \$1,962,416. Almost \$400,000 has been added to the fund since last year however some of those funds cannot be spent. Dan is requesting to keep 1.5 million in his fund balance and would be returning \$80,682 to the County. However he will also be adding an additional \$58,808 to his levy request to cover raises. Health insurance increases are unknown at this time.
- Dept reports** Treasurer Deanne Lutz distributed the sales tax report. An update was given on the fire alarm system at Blackhawk Junction.
- Econ Dev lease** Mark Peterson, Corporation Counsel, joined the meeting and advised that the County should have a lease agreement with Driftless Development who will be moving to Blackhawk Junction. Proof of insurance would be needed and they would be responsible for paying the utilities. No rent will be charged.
- Server** Gigi Collins joined the meeting. She stated that she still needs the AS400 for history purposes which is very important. A programmer would need to be hired to get the history off of the AS400. The Clerk's office still needs it for payroll and financial. The risk to the County is if the internet would go down. The Clerk

had received information for hosting in the cloud at a cost of around \$20,000 per year. Supervisor Rogers would like there to be further investigation to using the cloud. Gigi will explore this further to see what other options there are and come back to the committee when she has more information.

2020 Budget

The Clerk reviewed various portions of the budget for clarification. The Human Resources position will be budgeted as a full-time position. The Fair presented a true budget for what it costs to run the fair which was a huge increase. The Clerk was instructed to include the amount in the budget and cuts can be made later. The request for funding for the Soldiers Grove festival will not be included in the budget at this time. Health insurance rates are not known at this time however the State is meeting today to set those rates and should be available by next week.

The committee was advised of a problem with the Highway budget. There will be no new equipment purchased for 2020. The County N project is 1.4 million over budget. There is a shortfall of \$800,000 for County N. There is one million in the machinery fund and \$400,000 needs to be paid out of that for two trucks that had already been ordered. The problem came about when the County had planned to do the work itself but was unable to and had to hire it out instead.

911 Costs

Julie Cipra, 911 Coordinator, appeared to give an update on the 911 costs. She advised that the original amount for the new 911 system was \$225,000 but that prices have come down since then. The new figure on the high side is \$165,000. The grant could be up to \$100,000 and when money is received from the City for their portion of the costs it may not be necessary to pay for the new system out of the bonding money. This is the third year of the bonding so the money must be spent this year.

Julie also advised of problems at the Rolling Ground tower site and improvements that must be made which include security fencing and a gate. There also needs to be HVAC at all four tower sites at a cost of \$76,656.

Krachey moved, Russell seconded to approve spending \$76,656 out of the bonding money for the HVAC. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Next Meeting

September 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Rogers moved, Russell seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Janet Geisler, County Clerk