

FINANCE
December 1st, 2021

- Call to order** The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Koch at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Geri Kozelka, Wayne Jerrett, Greg Russell and Gerry Krachey. Also present were Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman; Dale Klemme, CDA Inc.; Kyle Kozelka, Hwy Commissioner and Roberta Fisher, County Clerk.
- Verify posting** The meeting was verified as being properly posted.
- Approval of Minutes** Krachey moved; Kozelka second to approve the minutes from the November 17th Finance Meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- CDA, Inc.** At the October 6th Finance meeting, the committee agreed to consider the \$17,000 request of funds for Community Development Alternatives, Inc in the 2022 Budget.
- Koch moved; Krachey second to approve the \$17,000 request of ARPA funds for CDA, Inc. for 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
- Dale Klemme, CDA Inc., also appeared before the committee today to request a couple of items be added to the county board agenda for December.
- The Crawford County Broadband Committee will be giving their final report on the broadband expansion projects that were approved.
- The County Board Chairman will establish and appoint 5 members to a Broadband Implementation Committee.
- The County Board Chairman will appoint one member to the Crawford County Housing Loan Committee.
- 2021/2022
Borrowing of
Funds Update** The Clerk informed the Finance Committee that she and the County Board Chairman signed the loan documents for the borrowing of the \$425,000. The funds have been disbursed.

The Clerk also informed the Committee that the loan documents for the borrowing of the \$500,000 will be signed in December, with disbursement to take place in January of 2022, as per auditor's recommendation.

**Ho-Chunk
Allocation of
Dollars**

The county receives \$80,000 every year from the Ho-Chunk Nation to disburse the funds to promote economic growth in Crawford County. In addition to these funds, the County also budgets around \$25,000 for Industry and County promotion.

The committee is questioning why the county includes an additional \$25,000 for county promotion against the levy, when the Ho-Chunk funds could be distributed differently.

The Prairie du Chien Historical Society is requesting an additional \$3500 contribution for 2022 from the Ho-Chunk funds. The county's usual contribution is \$1500. The Historical Society is planning an exhibit to showcase the four treaties negotiated at Prairie du Chien between the United States and the Native Nations of Wisconsin, in which the Ho-Chunk participated.

Krachey moved; Jerrett second to approve the additional \$3500 fund request to the Prairie du Chien Historical Society for 2022 from the Ho-Chunk funds. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

There was discussion regarding the contribution amount to Driftless Development for 2022. For the past five years, the county contributed \$70,000 to Driftless Development to promote business growth and development throughout Crawford County.

The Finance Committee previously agreed to review the amount of this contribution for future allocation of Ho-Chunk funds.

Cornford moved; Russell second to contribute \$35,000 of the Ho-Chunk funds to Driftless Development in 2022, provided the county receives the usual \$80,000. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Wisconsin
MRPC**

The Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission is requesting \$1500 for 2022 to continue promoting tourism with expansion in social media.

This commission also continues to support the Great River Road National Scenic Byway.

Motion by Russell, second by Jerrett to approve the contribution of \$1500 to the WMRPC for 2022. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**ARPA funds-
Voting
Machines**

The Clerk was asked by some municipalities if they could be reimbursed with the County ARPA funds for the purchase of the new voting machines.

This item will be postponed until the December 15th Finance Meeting, as the ARPA sub-committee will review this request first.

**County Board
Agenda**

Chairman Cornford will establish and appoint five members to a Broadband Implementation Committee. Cornford will also make an appointment to the Crawford County Housing Loan Committee, as three members have recently resigned.

Lori Bekkum will appear to announce the Community Fund grant recipients.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th at 9:00 a.m. joint meeting with Personnel.

Adjournment

Jerrett moved, Russell second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk