

**FINANCE**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**Call to order**           The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Koch at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Gerry Krachey, Geri Kozelka and Greg Russell. Wayne Jerrett was absent. Also present were Dee Lutz, County Treasurer; Melissa Tairi, Treatment Court Coordinator; Jim Hackett, Emergency Management and Roberta Fisher, County Clerk. Carol Roth, Tammie Katzung and Artie Johnson from Driftless Development Inc were in attendance, along with various business owners and community members in support of DDI.

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

**Approval of Minutes**       Kozelka moved; Krachey second to approve the minutes from the January 19<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Approval of Bills**       The Clerk presented the bills.

Chamber of Commerce Contribution	\$ 6,000
Fort Crawford Museum Contribution	\$ 5,000
Wi County Mutual WC-2022	\$ 122,621
Wi Co. Mutual Gen Liability/Auto (1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$ 80,238

Krachey moved; Koch second to approve payment of the distributed bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Koch encouraged the Department Heads that were present to utilize the risk management services that Wisconsin County Mutual has to offer at no extra cost to the county.

**DDI Contribution**

Artie Johnson, Driftless Development Inc., addressed the Finance Committee to share a little bit about what they have been up to in the recent months. Artie announced that there are several area business owners and members of the community at the meeting today to show their support and share information of the profound positive impact to the businesses because of DDI.

Carol Roth, Executive Director DDI, gave a PowerPoint presentation today to the Finance Committee. Included in the presentation was the 2021 DDI/MS Report, 2022 Program of Work Mission, success stories and goals, and the PdC Main Street Workplan for 2022.

Sasha Dull, Chief Development Officer at Crossing Rivers Health addressed the committee showing support for DDI. Sasha explained the positive impact of DDI on the wellbeing of all community members.

Pete Flesch, former County Board Chairman, reminded committee members that in April of 2010 as county board chairman, he signed an intergovernmental agreement with the Ho-Chunk Nation. It was the consensus of the full county board at that time that the Ho-Chunk funds should be spent by investing in economic development and business growth throughout the county.

Various business owners and community members spoke in support of Driftless Development Inc.

Crawford County has contributed \$70,000 annually to Driftless Development, Inc. for several years to promote Economic Development and business growth in Crawford County. The county has received \$80,000 every year since 2010 from the Ho-Chunk Nation. However, these funds are not guaranteed.

In 2020, the Finance Committee agreed to review the amount of future contributions to DDI. At the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Finance meeting, the committee approved a contribution of \$35,000 to DDI for 2022, provided the county receives the \$80,000 from Ho-Chunk Nation. There was also discussion that the remaining \$35,000 could be allocated by use of ARPA funds.

Driftless Development Inc. is requesting the Finance Committee to reconsider their initial motion to contribute the amount of \$35,000 for 2022, and to contribute an additional amount of \$35,000 from Ho-Chunk funds for 2022. The request is for a total contribution of \$70,000 for 2022.

Kozelka moved; Russell second to revisit the above request from DDI at the March Finance meeting. ARPA request of funds could be considered also at that time. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**CDA, Inc.-  
Broadband**

Dale Klemme, CDA, Inc., was not able to make the meeting today.

Gary Koch, Finance Chairman, informed the committee that the Northeast Iowa Telephone company is looking to provide broadband fiber to the Prairie du Chien area. The Broadband committee meets on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and will get more information then.

Richland Grant is also making another presentation to the same committee on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Koch will be attending that meeting, and asked if anyone else wanted to attend, they are encouraged to do so.

**Fund Balance  
Policy**

Gary Koch would like to propose a Fund Balance Policy for the county. Currently, the county's fund balance is at 21.6%. The auditors suggest not falling below 20%.

Other county fund balance policies were reviewed, and Gary suggested one like what Polk County has in place. The committee agreed.

Russell moved; Koch second to have corporation counsel review the new policy parameters presented, and to create a resolution to be approved by Finance Committee and full County Board. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Allpaid Credit  
Card Service**

Donna Steger, Child Support Director, is asking for approval to use Allpaid Credit Card service in the Child Support Agency.

Currently, the Child Support Agency cannot accept payments by debit or credit card. Allpaid Service is no charge to the county. They will provide the training, the swiper and they will be responsible for any technical issues that may arise. There is a small fee to the customer based on the payment amount.

Russell moved; Kozelka second to approve the request for Child Support to use Allpaid Credit Card Service in their agency. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Greeting Table  
at Admin Bldg**

The clerk was requested by supervisor Wayne Jerrett to ask the Finance Committee to allocate a small amount of money towards the setting up of a greeting table at the Admin Building main entrance.

The greeting table has small trinkets and treats for anyone to enjoy as they come into the building. There has been a lot of positive feedback from employees, supervisors, and members of the community. Currently, an employee sets this table up and uses her own money.

Krachey moved; Russell second to allocate no more than \$100 per month from the Admin Bldg Supplies and Expense account to supply the welcoming/greeting table with small trinkets and treats. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**County Board  
Agenda**

Tom Cornford will re-appoint Brad Steiner to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

There will be two resolutions to present. Resolution Approving Accounts to be Carried Forward into 2022 and Resolution Relating to Tax Delinquent Lands.

One Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Recreating Portions of Chapter 4 – Crawford County Code of Ordinances Related to Section 4.02-Hiring.

Dee Lutz will discuss the status of the Assessor's Errors/Chargebacks. Lutz will also be giving an update on the DOA Wisconsin Help for Homeowners.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 9 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Russell moved, Kozelka second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast, and the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk