

FINANCE
January 21, 2015

Call to order The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Rogers at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Gerry Krachey, Tom Cornford, Elling Jones and Ron Leys. Clerk Janet Geisler was also present.

Verify posting The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

App of Minutes Cornford moved, Jones seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Assignment Agreement

Dale Klemme appeared regarding agreements with the Village of Gays Mills and Village of Steuben. The County had been awarded a Hazard Mitigation Grant to assist with the purchase of properties in each of the villages. The DNR has awarded funds to these municipalities to purchase properties which are in the floodway. The DNR grant must be applied for by the municipality and not the County. The Assignment Agreement spells out the conditions for the purchase and demolition of the property and the disbursement of grant dollars between the County and the Village. The agreements have already been signed by each of the Village Presidents. Corporation Counsel has reviewed the agreements.

Krachey moved, Leys seconded to authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the Assignment Agreements with the Village of Gays Mills and the Village of Steuben. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Vision Screening Gloria Wall and Deanna Wallin-Sander appeared before the committee to request a donation towards a vision machine. A machine is currently being borrowed from other schools to conduct the vision screenings. The Lions Club from Wauzeka, Seneca, Soldiers Grove and Gays Mills has each made a donation commitment. It is unsure about the donation from Prairie du Chien. It is possible that donations will also be received from other organizations. The machine would be owned and maintained by the County and stored at the Administration Building. The committee felt that the easiest thing to do would be to pay for the machine in full and then use the donations to offset the cost.

Leys moved, Cornford seconded to approve the purchase of vision screening equipment at a cost not to exceed \$8,000 with the funds to be taken from the Contingency Fund. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Wildlife damage Dave Troester, County Conservationist, appeared before the committee regarding staff reimbursement received through Trout Unlimited . A check will be received for the second half of the year and Dave is requesting that those funds be deposited into the cover crop account which could possibly be used in the future for purchasing a truck.

Krachey moved, Jones seconded to approve the funds from the second half of the year be deposited into the crop cover account. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Dave also advised of a bill that he has received for fencing around Sunrise Orchards in the amount of \$28,372. The DNR is supposed to be covering those costs however a check has not been received yet. The committee did not want any funds to come from the County to cover this cost and advised Dave that he would have to wait for the check from the DNR to pay the bill.

Paint deterioration Duane Rogers advised the committee of the discussion at the Public Property committee and the options presented and costs for the repair of the ceiling paint in the Courtroom. The County may need to pay for the costs upfront and then try to recoup those costs from the general contractor.

App of Bills Krachey moved, Cornford seconded to approve the 2014 and 2015 bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Treasurer Martin Sprosty presented monthly reports.

Next meeting February 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to prepare the February County Board agenda.

Adjourn Jones moved, Leys seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Janet Geisler, County Clerk

