

**FINANCE**  
**November 18, 2020**

- Call to order**           The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Rogers at 9:00 a.m. Committee member present was Geri Kozelka, Gerry Krachey and Wayne Jerrett. Greg Russell was excused. Board Chairman Tom Cornford, County Clerk Janet Geisler and Chief Deputy Robin Fisher were also present.
- Verify posting**       The meeting was verified as being properly posted.
- App of Minutes**       Krachey moved, Kozelka seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- App of bills**           Rogers moved, Jerrett seconded to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- HR Budget**            The Clerk advised that she neglected to add \$2,000 to the HR 2021 budget for training that was requested.
- Krachey moved, Jerrett seconded to allocate \$2,000 from the 2021 Contingency Fund for the Human Resources training budget. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Roll Call Pro**         A demonstration had been presented to the Public Property Committee. The committee felt that the system was too expensive. This matter will be looked into another time. The committee felt that Zoom meetings may be the way that meetings will be held going forward.
- Clerk report**         Clerk Janet Geisler reported that she had been contacted by the voting machine vendor and advised that municipalities could apply for reimbursement of their voting machine cost through Routes to Recovery money. The machines would have to be paid in full first. It is not guaranteed that municipalities will be reimbursed. The following municipalities have submitted checks in the amount of \$7,550: Town of Freeman; Town of Marietta; Town of Prairie du Chien and Town of Seneca. This is money that would have been turned over to the County.
- A grant has been applied for in the amount of \$3,229. This would be through a CARES grant. The costs are a result of extra ballots and absentee envelopes that needed to be purchased.
- Garrity Claim**        Corporation Counsel Mark Peterson advised that he had been contacted by a Travelers Insurance representative. The County has a \$5,000 deductible. The insurance company would pay any amount after the deductible. The County could go after the individual who owes the money through a subrogation claim.

Travelers would write the \$5,000 check and the County would reimburse them. This matter will come back to the committee for payment once Mark hears back from Travelers and an invoice is received.

**River of the Valley  
Bankruptcy**

Treasurer Deanne Lutz reported that she normally gets monthly payments through the Court for bankruptcies. The interest rate is 12% instead of 18%. She has been contacted by an attorney for the River of the Valley who wants to pay the County once the house has been sold since there aren't sufficient funds available for monthly payments. The taxes have been delinquent for two year with \$33,000 being owed. Deanne is looking for guidance from the committee on how to proceed. Corporation Counsel feels that the County should move forward with bankruptcy and that the County should not get into any type of negotiations. The Committee agrees to go with Corporation Counsel's guidance in this matter.

**R2R update**

Jim Hackett updated the committee. The County will be receiving \$117,601 back from municipalities which would bring the total money that the County would be receiving at \$388,598. These funds will go into a general account that the County will set up with distribution being as follows: 1. County expenses; 2. People who worked against COVID; 3. Supervisors of other departments. It is unsure when the funds will be received however if it is in January, 2021, the funds can be put back into 2020 funds since the County doesn't close the books until the end of January.

**Fair update**

Supervisor Wayne Jerrett advised that the Fair committee has voted to hire another Fair Coordinator. The carnival and demolition derby have been booked for 2021. It is unknown at this time if there will be a Fair in 2021 depending on COVID. Human Resources will redo the job description for this position since the new Coordinator will be doing a lot more financially.

**Next Meeting**

December 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to prepare the December County Board agenda.

**Adjournment**

Rogers moved, Krachey seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

**Janet Geisler, County Clerk**