

**FINANCE**  
**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Greg Russell and Wayne Jerrett. Gerry Krachey was absent. Also present were Deanne Lutz, Treasurer; Kyle Kozelka, Hwy Commissioner; Roby Fuller, ADRC Director; Dale Klemme, CDA; Randy Peterson, Tricor; Dave Fritz, Tricor; Kyle Christianson, WCA; Karen Flynn, Wisconsin County Mutual; Sherry Quamme, WIMRPC and Roberta Fisher, County Clerk. Attending via zoom were Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman; Josh Dirkse, Wisconsin County Mutual; and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA.
- Verify posting**       The meeting was verified as being properly posted.
- Approval of Minutes**     Kozelka moved; Russell second to approve the minutes from the September 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Approval of Bills**       There were no bills to present at this time.
- CDA Contribution Request** Dale Klemme, Community Development Alternatives, Inc. appeared before the committee regarding funding for Tourism and the Art Fest. Klemme reminded the committee that there was no request for funds in 2020 due to the lack of tourism in the area and the cancellation of the Art Fest last year. After much deliberation and 45 days before this year's event, the decision was made to cancel again. There was approximately \$12,000 in unrecoverable costs incurred.
- Typically, the county contributes between \$14,000 and \$16,000 annually. Klemme is requesting \$17,000 to be put into the 2022 Budget; \$8500 to support the Driftless Art Fest and \$8500 to support tourism promotion in Crawford County.
- The committee agreed to consider the request when preparing the 2022 Budget.

**Tricor Ins  
Proposal**

Randy Peterson and Dave Fritz appeared before the committee to present their insurance proposal.

Currently, Crawford County uses two different brokers for their insurance needs. The county is looking to combine all of the insurance policies with one broker, and to also have them all up for renewal the same time, coinciding with the financial fiscal year.

Tricor currently provides the General Liability and Auto coverage for the county, however, a different broker provides the property and workman's comp coverage.

Randy Peterson is asking the committee to consider having Tricor provide all of the insurance coverages for Crawford County.

Wisconsin County Mutual also provided a combined insurance proposal for the committee to consider last month. Kyle Christianson of the Wisconsin Counties Association informed the committee that there is a lot of misinformation regarding the financial status of the Wisconsin County Mutual, and would like to give the committee accurate and truthful information.

Chairman Koch would like both Tricor and Wisconsin County Mutual to prepare a side by side comparison of all coverages, and present them at the next Finance meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> before a final decision is made. The committee agreed with this request.

**Wi Mississippi  
River Parkway  
Commission**

Sherry Quamme, chairperson for the WMRPC appeared before the committee with a tourism report for Crawford County. In 2020, Crawford County lost Tourism Market share due to COVID-19.

The county's annual investment helps to promote tourism to bring visitors and a positive financial impact to Crawford County. Ad sales and production for 2022 will begin in October. Sherry thanked the county for their ongoing support, and is asking for the continued \$1500 contribution for 2022.

**PdC Chamber  
of Commerce  
Contribution**

The clerk presented a request from the Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce for the continued financial support in the amount of \$6000 for 2022. The annual contribution will be considered in the 2022 Budget.

**Co Treasurer  
SB254 & AB247**

Deanne Lutz, County Treasurer updated the committee of two new legislative bills. If the Governor signs these bills, the county could potentially be responsible for refunding any penalty and interest collections that were received between February 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021 due to hardship created by COVID.

Lutz is proposing the county to consider not adopting the qualifying resolution, which could be an option. This was also the recommendation of the WCTA. This item will be placed on the full county board agenda.

**LC/Zoning  
Budget Request**

Dave Troester, Conservationist, informed the committee that the county is currently without a Zoning Administrator. Dave is actively searching for someone that is certified to come in and sign off on sanitation permits, so that systems can go in.

Dave is following up with trying to get another person in the Zoning department to help catch up the excess workload that has been created. A newly created job description for a Zoning Tech/Resource Conservationist was prepared, and Dave is asking the committee to consider increasing the Zoning budget to allow for the extra full time person.

Chairman Koch is requesting to have a discussion regarding this new position postponed to a future finance meeting. The immediate need is to replace the outgoing Zoning Administrator before a decision can be made to hire an additional employee.

Dave was given permission by the county board chairman to hire a limited term employee with the proper certification right away to get the sanitation and zoning permits caught up.

**Co Board  
Agenda**

The County Board chairman will make appointments to the Board of Adjustment, Public Health Officer and the unexpired term in Supervisory District #12. The Resolution approving Budget Appropriation for County Aid Bridge Construction will be presented.

There are two ordinances being presented to amend, repeal and recreate portions of Chapter 4, Crawford County Code of Ordinances.

Deanne Lutz, County Treasurer will address the county board with information regarding the assembly and senate bills that were discussed earlier this meeting.

The finance committee will decide if the county will be borrowing funds in 2022 and the amount. Once an amount is agreed upon, the county treasurer will put out to local financial institutions for bids. A resolution will then need to be drafted and approved before the 2022 Budget is complete.

**Next Meeting** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment** Russell moved, Jerrett second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast, and the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk