

FINANCE
October 18, 2017

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Rogers at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Geri Kozelka, Wayne Jerrett, Greg Russell and Gerry Krachey. Board Chairman Tom Cornford and Clerk Janet Geisler were also present.
- Verify posting** The meeting was verified as being properly posted.
- App of Minutes** Russell moved, Jerrett seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Bob Moses**
Building proj Bob Moses appeared to give an update on the building project at The Welcome Center. Fund raising continues for the project and grants are being written. The amount collected so far for the project is \$120,000 and \$160,000 is needed. Some of the delay on the project is also due to receiving approval from the DOT.
- Dale Klemme** Dale Klemme appeared regarding the 2018 Budget. Some of the DOT grants that had been applied for are no longer available. The Driftless Art Festival in Soldiers Grove is in need of additional funds. Their current budget is \$45,000. Dale is requesting that the County contribute an additional \$5,000 towards this festival.
- Dale is also requesting that the County set aside \$10,000 to \$15,000 to apply for grants where there are costs involved but no funds are available. The County could then decide if the grants are worth pursuing.
- Lastly, Dale is asking that the County put aside \$15,000 towards the Prairie du Chien Main Street program.
- Eric Frydenlund gave an update on the driftless Wisconsin activities.
- Dan McWilliams** Dan McWilliams, Human Services Director, appeared regarding the recording system for the interview room. Child protective cases must be recorded and the equipment needs to be replaced. The Public Property Committee had referred this matter to the Finance Committee. The cost is around \$10,000.

Rogers moved, Kozelka seconded to approve the \$10,000 requested for the replacement of the recording system. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

App of bills

Russell moved, Jerrett seconded to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

AC system

John Poots appeared regarding the ductless air conditioning system at the law center that needs to be replaced. A quote from H&N was received in the amount of \$7,500. There is no money in the budget for this. The City would need to pay their portion of this.

Rogers moved, Jerrett seconded to approve spending the \$7,500 for the ductless air conditioning system. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

2018 Budget

The Clerk advised that the County needs to cut \$661,989 to be within the levy limit set by the State. The committee discussed the following changes be made to the budget:

- Remove \$ 64,000 from the Sheriff's budget for new vehicles. Money for new vehicles will be taken from the bonding funds.
- Transfer \$250,000 from the Highway Department
- Add \$5,000 to the County Promotion budget
- Increase sales tax to \$1,800,000

Other revisions may be necessary at the next meeting.

Next meeting

November 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. for a final budget review.

Adjourn

Krachey moved, Russell seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Janet Geisler, County Clerk

