

FINANCE
October 21, 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 Greg Russell. Wayne Jerrett was excused. Board Chairman Tom Cornford and County Clerk Janet Geisler were also present.

Verify posting The meeting was verified as being properly posted.

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

App of bills Krachey moved, Rogers seconded to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Roll Call Pro Clerk Janet Geisler was contacted by Roll Call Pro which is a voting system that can be used for Board meetings and committee meetings. The cost is \$16,782 which is supposed to be covered by Routes to Recovery money. Each supervisor would be issued a tablet to use.

Jim Hackett addressed the committee regarding the Routes to Recovery money. Municipalities who do not use all of the money that they were provided could turn over the excess money to the County. So far, \$19,161.99 has been turned over to the County. Other municipalities have voted to turn over funds in the amount of \$133,445.99. That would be a total of \$152,607.98 that would be turned over to the County along with the \$200,000 received.

Jim stated that the computer and i-pads would be covered but the subscription cost would end November 6th. However there are a lot of salaries that would qualify for reimbursement which would be over \$400,000 that would go into the General fund and there are no restrictions on those funds.

Jim Hackett will contact the vendor to answer the questions raised by the supervisors and report back to the committee at their next meeting.

Final pay period Robin Fisher reported that the last payroll in 2020 will have a date of January 1, 2021 but the money will be put into the employee's accounts on December 31, 2020. In 2021 there are 27 pay periods but because we accrue payroll it will not have an effect. The first payroll in 2021 has 13 days out of the first payroll is 2020 funds. A journal entry will be made so that the funds go back into 2020. This will not affect the County's budget.

Garrity Claim

There was discussion on the Traveler's claim that needs to be settled. Corporation Counsel was in Court and not available to answer questions. A claim has been filed by Garrity Funeral Home. The County has a \$5,000 deductible that needs to be paid. Corporation Counsel believes that the County should have the ability to go after the person who owes the money to Garrity Funeral Home. The matter will be put on the next Finance agenda.

JEM Grant

Eric Frydenlund addressed the committee. He has applied for a JEM grant and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$29,910. In 2021 he will be applying for another grant however in the second year the JEM grant requires a 50% cash/in-kind match. Two options were presented. The first option requires a \$5,000 investment from each county to fund a \$16,000 grant application and a \$32,000. The second option requires a \$8,000 investment from each county to fund a \$22,000 grant application and a \$44,000 campaign. Vernon County has indicated that they would try to come up with the \$5,000. Other counties are leaning towards the \$5,000 contribution.

The Industry and County promotion budget was reviewed. The same amounts will be included as last year with the addition of the \$5,000 JEM grant.

2021 Budget

The Clerk advised that the \$320,000 wheel tax revenue was included in the Highway budget. The Clerk had set up a revenue account under the Highway department so that the revenue could be tracked. Commissioner Kyle Kozelka believed that Highway had set up their account as the auditor told them too. There was much discussion back and forth on how the wheel tax revenue should be tracked. Supervisor Rogers will contact the auditor for a recommendation and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The budget right now is \$844,000 over the levy limit. The committee decided to take \$425,000 from the General Fund; borrow \$425,000 and include \$10,000 for interest and adjust the sales tax if necessary to be within the levy limit.

Next Meeting

October 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – final budget meeting.

Adjournment

Russell moved, Krachey seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Janet Geisler, County Clerk