

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Polk County Government Center
Second Floor East Conference Room
100 Polk County Plaza
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
October 11th, 2010 2:00 p.m.
Open Session

(A quorum of the County Board or Governing Committees may be present.)

Call to order
Accept Agenda
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Public Comments
Committee Calendar/Agenda/s

The Committee may take up any matter on this agenda at any time during the meeting regardless of the location of such item on the agenda.

County Administrator- Dana Frey
2011 Budget
Department Update/Status

Finance – Maggie Wickre
Office Update

Committee Observations

Adjournment (Agenda not necessarily presented in this order.)
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Minutes of October 11th, 2010 Meeting

Vice Chairman Brian Masters called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Present for finance committee: Gary Bergstrom (arrived at 2:06 p.m.)
Neil Johnson
William Johnson
Brian Masters
Kathy Kienholz

Also present: Dana Frey, county administrator Maggie Wickre, interim finance director
Deb Peterson, director of parks & buildings Amanda Nissen, treasurer
Steve Moe, chief deputy Members of the press
Steve Warndahl, highway commissioner Todd Demers, IT director
Andrea Jerrick, employee relations director Sara McCurdy, land information director
Kari Flom, aging director

Motion by Kienholz / W Johnson to accept the agenda; carried by voice vote.

Motion by N Johnson / Kienholz to approve the minutes of October 6th, 2010 meeting; carried by voice vote.

Public comment None.

Committee calendar / agenda(s). County board meeting is October 12th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Next finance committee meeting is October 27th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

County Administrator.

County Administrator Dana Frey handed out and discussed information on:

- Additional expenses, revenues, and other adjustments that have come up since the proposed budget was presented to the committee in September;
- Current staffing ratios;
- Costs of unemployment based on proposed 2010 budget staffing reductions;
- Sheriff's, human services, and hwy staffing impacts;
- Health care revenues and expenditures;
- Table showing when various state pension funds are projected to run dry if current funding and payment levels continue; Wisconsin state pension fund will run dry in 2030).

Motion by Kienholz / W Johnson to incorporate changes to proposed 2011 budget that were presented to the committee by Mr. Frey at today's meeting and to recommend the changed budget to the county board; carried by voice vote.

Mr. Frey spoke on health insurance costs. Claims on the county's health insurance fund had been low for two previous years but have increased substantially in 2010, so much so that premium rates must rise in order to keep the fund at an adequate level. Currently, the total monthly premium for family coverage (employer and employee portions) is \$1,195 and for single coverage, \$465. The personnel committee voted last week to increase employee health premiums as soon as possible, which will be in December, and again in mid-year.

Mr. Frey spoke on a proposed multi-year plan to increase undesignated fund balance up to 20% of total annual county expenditures as required by county policy. His analysis had shown that three factors will cure the shortfall in the undesignated fund:

- Closing out projects accounts in the amount of \$700,000 to \$750,000 and rolling those balances into the undesignated fund;
- Closing certain, no-longer-required nonlapsing accounts totalling approximately \$300,000 and rolling those balances into the undesignated fund;
- An anticipated decline in delinquent taxes of approximately \$250,000 per year

Based on the above analysis, the undesignated fund balance – now at 16% – was projected to be at 20% by the end of 2013; however, the analysis was done before the discovery of increased health insurance and other costs discussed earlier. Because of that it will take longer to restore the fund to a level of 20% of annual expenditures

Motion by N Johnson/ W Johnson to adjourn; carried by voice vote.

Adjourned at 3:36 pm.