

Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting
July 25, 2013 at 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: Frank Kempf, Jerry Teague, Bob Blaszkowski, Matt MacKenzie, Mike Starck

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Russo, Heather Schutte, Donna Williamson, Emmer Shields

Matt MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Motion by Bob Blaszkowski, second by Mike Starck to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Jerry Teague to approve the June 24, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Bob Blaszkowski. Motion carried.

Heather Schutte talked about the payment of bills and how they are currently paid – 1 time per month. Heather would like to change this procedure to 2 times per month. Jeff Beirl would be signing off for approval and paid bills would still be brought before the Committee for review. Discussion followed. Motion by Jerry Teague to amend the bill payment procedure from 1 time per month to 2 times per month with Jeff Beirl signing the vouchers for payment. Second by Mike Starck. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl held discussion regarding the unfunded pension liability. Jeff was unaware of the balloon payment coming due, otherwise he would have brought it to the full Board for review. A balloon payment for the liability comes due with NSB on August 13, 2013 in the amount of \$600,000+. Jeff stated that he believes he can get the rate reduced and renewed for another 5 years with NSB. Discussion followed. Motion by Mike Starck, second by Jerry Teague to allow Jeff Beirl to refinance the unfunded pension liability with NSB for 5 years. Motion carried with no one being opposed.

Jeff Beirl then gave an update on the 2014 budget process. We will be looking at September to start budget meetings.

Regarding the Lauri Jean Zach Center and the resolution that was passed at the last Board meeting – Jeff questioned the Committee as to where they would like the \$3,900+ to come from. Discussion followed. Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Mike Starck to take the money out of the capital improvement fund. Motion carried.

June financials were reviewed and discussed.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Bob Blaszkowski to approve vouchers for payment. Second by Jerry Teague. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding issues with the Highway funds and audits going back to 2000. In 2000 the auditors booked \$229,932 from the Highway Fund to the General Fund for a resolution regarding \$650,000 from the General Fund to the Highway Dept. There is no paper trail as to why this was done when there was actually no transfer of the \$650,000.00. Emmer Shields feels that money was taken from his budget/accounts when there was no transfer of funds to begin with and he cannot get any explanations for it. This will be placed on the next agenda and the auditor will be requested to be there.

Discussion followed regarding a library bill that was received from Chippewa Valley library. The statutes says for “adjacent” counties to be responsible and Jeff does not feel that Chippewa is adjacent. It was the decision of the Committee to have Jeff Beirl send a letter to the Chippewa Valley library stating that we do not agree that they are adjacent and therefore will not be paying their invoice.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 29, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Motion by Bob Blaszkowski, second by Jerry Teague to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Lori Schmidt,
Administrative Assistant