

Finance/ Economic Development Committee Meeting
October 24, 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,

Matt MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Bob Blaszkowski to approve the October 7, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Mike Starck abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting. Motion carried.

There were no public comments at this time.

Jeff Beirl gave a review on the CDBG Regional housing grant. Consortium consists of Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Burnett Counties as per the State. They are looking for approval for the housing grant to be sent in. Discussion followed. Motion by Bob Blaszkowski, second by Mike Starck to approve and to move this forward to the full County Board for action. Motion carried. The Committee would like Sheldon Johnson and Denise Lutz to be present at the January Board meeting to give a presentation to them.

Jeff then proceeded to give an update on the proposed 2014 budget. Jeff stated that the Executive Committee did allow some merit increases which have been worked into the proposed budget as is the state aid computer aid. The equalized value had to be changed as they had the TIF district figures in the earlier amount. Jeff also appraised the Committee on the situation with the Town of LaPoint and their request regarding their Zoning contribution. Per agreement with the Town Administrator, this figure was reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000 due to lack of work and permits. The Town Board is stating that they want this figure put to \$10,000.00. Discussion followed. Jeff recommended keeping it at \$5,000 and to review it 6 mos. into the new year to see if they are doing more than the anticipated work and an additional \$5,000 can be taken from the Contingency Fund if necessary. The proposed budget before the Committee today is the one that will be presented to the full Board for action.

Financials for September and sales tax were reviewed and discussed at this time. Discussion followed regarding Corp Counsel and a procedure to be in place before anyone confers with him.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Mike Starck, second by Jerry Teague to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Jeff informed the Committee that on October 28, 2013 the Executive Committee will be discussing the Supervisors Handbook and that this Committee should review their handbook and bring in any changes that they would like to see. This Handbook will be going to the full Board on November 12, 2013 for action.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 21, 2013 at 9:00 am in the County Board Room.

Motion by Bob Blaszkowski second by Mike Starck to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Lori Schmidt,
Administrative Assistant