

Finance & Economic Development Committee
December 29, 2014 @ 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: Matt MacKenzie, Jerry Teague, Pat Daoust, Frank Kempf and Rick Korpela

Others: Pete Russo, Jeff Beirl, Heather Schutte, Charlie Ortman and Dale Kupczyk

M. MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Motion by R. Korpela and second by P. Daoust to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Korpela and second by J. Teague to approve the November 25, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

County Board member Charlie Ortman was present at the meeting to discuss possible installation of solar panels at the Courthouse. He has been working with Tom Wojciechowski in the UW Extension office for a proposal. Presentation to be held at the March 2015 meeting. Discussion followed.

Dale Kupczyk was present with an update for the fourth quarter economic development. They are seeking 1st quarter (2015) funding in the amount of \$7,500 at this time. Discussion followed. Motion by F. Kempf, second by J. Teague to approve the 1st quarter request of AADA. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl discussed the tower lease agreement the County has with Penokee Iron Company. Mr. Beirl received an e-mail requesting the County to pay the taxes on the 2 acre parcel that the tower is located on in the amount of \$43.60. Motion by P. Daoust and second by J. Teague to pay the \$43.60 on the 2-acre parcel. There was further discussion about the possibility of purchasing the property from Penokee Iron Company. Motion carried.

Heather Schutte was present to discuss the increase of DMV license plate processing fees. Motion by P. Daoust and second by R. Korpela to increase the license plate processing fee to \$19.50. Motion carried.

Discussion followed to create a policy for organizations to submit annual reports for budget disbursements. Jeff Beirl will go through the budget and report back to the committee with a list of organizations.

M. MacKenzie suggested to put a hold on the social media issue. It was suggested Mary McPhetridge from the Ashland Chamber of Commerce be present at the next Finance meeting to discuss where they are at in social media. Discussion followed.

Discussion was held on website options. Heather Schutte will check into suggested options and report back to the Finance Committee.

Jeff Beirl discussed finance options for capital improvements. Discussion was held regarding hiring an architect and engineer to get designs and cost estimates. Finance requested to see the original list of the capital improvement list. Jeff Beirl to report back to the Finance Committee on the necessary steps to get started with capital improvements.

Financials were reviewed. Motion by J. Teague and second by R. Korpela to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers were reviewed. Motion by J. Teague and second by P. Daoust to approve the payment vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

There was further discussion on capital improvement list. Possible creation of an Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion on the length of the agenda.

Review of the meeting held in the Town of La Pointe which Pete Russo, Jeff Beirl and Matt MacKenzie recently attended.

Charlie Ortman to show a "blueprint" of proposed solar panel installation at the Courthouse.

Next meeting date for the Finance and Economic Development Committee has been set for Friday, January 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion by J. Teague and second by P. Daoust to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Schutte, Ashland County Clerk