

Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting
August 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
County Board Room

Present: Matthew MacKenzie, Jerry Teague, Patrick Daoust, Frank Kempf and Richard Korpela

Others: Jeff Beirl, Heather Schutte, Pete Russo, Cindy Evenson and Dan Kluskey

MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Motion by Daoust, second by Russo to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Teague to approve the July 23, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Russo. MacKenzie requested changes to the July 23, 2015 minutes as follows:

Paragraph 1 – change addenda to agenda

Paragraph 2 – add New Day Shelter performing in the black and now they are doing well this year.

Paragraph 8 – add motion to fulfill County Board member Kathy Schutte's claim to date. Future claims would need to be reviewed by the Finance and Economic Development Committee. Motion carried.

There were no public comments at this time.

Cindy Evenson and Dan Kluskey from Benefit Plan Administrators (BPA) were present at today's meeting. Beirl discussed some issues regarding the health insurance due to several high claims. Evenson spoke to the committee with several options/recommendations to consider. Motion by Kempf and second by Teague to have Beirl compile a list of changes and bring to the next meeting, including updating the existing health insurance plan/policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Daoust and second by Russo to transfer \$2,264.43 from the contingency fund to cover the 100th Anniversary Celebration fees. Motion carried.

Beirl discussed the letter received from the Ashland County Housing Authority regarding CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Loan on property located at 121 Bennett Street in Mellen. After discussion, motion by Kempf, second by Teague to table until further details be brought forward. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the credit card policy for the County. Motion by MacKenzie, second by Kempf to approve the credit card policy adding language to the policy spelling out how to recover monies from purchases not authorized (personal use). Also, Beirl to check with Corporation Counsel, Matthew Anich regarding the policy. Motion carried.

July financials were reviewed and discussed at this time.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Daoust and second by Korpela to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Motion carried.

In other business, MacKenzie commented on campground closures within Ashland County. Discussion followed.

Daoust recommended photos submitted to the Land Description Office for the plat book photo contest, scanned and sent to Ashland County Chamber of Commerce to post on their website (tourism).

Beirl briefly discussed the letter he sent to the City of Ashland requesting contributions for dispatch services.

Beirl gave a brief update on TIF districts.

Beirl updated the Committee on the fiber optic project.

Beirl discussed implementing an Employee Assistant program for personal and mental health issues for the County. He will bring this to the next Executive Meeting.

Kempf asked if the auditors will be giving a presentation. Beirl commented that the auditors have already given their final presentation. Beirl will look into having the auditors give their final presentation before the Finance Committee next year.

Next meeting date has been scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Teague and second by Korpela. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather W. Schutte
Ashland County Clerk