

Finance and Economic Development Committee

July 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

County Board Room

Present: Dick Pufall, Pat Daoust, Frank Kempf, Rick Korpela, Matt MacKenzie

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Russo, Sue Misun, Heather Schutte, Amber Erickson, Debra Medlin, Kathy Roper, Pete Herlevi

Pat Daoust called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken. Motion by Dick Pufall to approve the June 23, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

There were no public comments at this time.

Kathy Roper was present today regarding a donation for the New Day Shelter. Jeff Beirl stated that if a donation is made, it will need to come from the Contingency Fund; we have made a donation to the New Day Shelter for the past 2 years. Discussion followed. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to table the request until the November meeting. Seconded by Rick Korpela. Motion carried with Dick Pufall being opposed.

Debra Medlin reviewed the draft audit with the Committee and discussion followed. Motion by Frank Kempf, seconded by Matt MacKenzie to approve the draft audit. Motion carried.

A copy of the Ashland County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Revision Proposal was reviewed with the Committee. The proposal is with NWRPC and has to be done by the end of the year and also needs to go to the State. Larry Hildebrandt is unable to do the required work himself, hence the contract with NWRPC. The cost is \$13,000.⁰⁰. Motion by Frank Kempf to approve the contract with a second by Matt MacKenzie. Discussion. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl held discussion regarding the removal of asbestos in the attic and a contract with Superior Environmental Services. The work is not to exceed \$18,000. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to approve the contract with Superior Environmental Services and for the money to come from the capital projects fund. Seconded by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding health insurance benefit changes for 2017. Jeff Beirl is looking at raising deductibles and out of pocket expenses. Increase from \$600.⁰⁰ to \$750.⁰⁰ for single and from \$1,250.⁰⁰ to \$1,750.⁰⁰ for a family. Motion by Rick Korpela to approve the changes to the health insurance with a seconded by Dick Pufall. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding a new website design proposal from GovOffice. It is a 3 year agreement for \$5,075.⁰⁰/year. Years 2 and 3 can be worked into the budgets; however, the 1st year will need to come from the IT budget which has a non-lapsing account. Motion by Frank Kempf to approve the contract and for the 1st year's payment to come out of the computer budget. Seconded by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

The financial reports for June 2016 along with sales tax report were reviewed. Motion by Rick Korpela, seconded by Dick Pufall to approve the financials. Motion carried.

Vouchers were reviewed and discussed at this time. Motion by Rick Korpela to approve vouchers for payment with verification of a \$95.⁰⁰ expense for George Mika. Seconded by Matt MacKenzie. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl handed out copies of a public safety expense report that was created for budgeting purposes and discussion followed. Jeff stated that it will be on the next month's agenda

The next meeting was scheduled for August 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Motion by adjourn by Dick Pufall with a seconded by Frank Kempf. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Lori Schmidt
Administrative Assistant