

Finance & Economic Development Committee
August 25, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
County Board Room

Present: Pat Daoust, Dick Pufall, Frank Kempf, Rick Korpela and Matt Mac Kenzie

Other: Pete Russo, Jeff Beirl, Heather Schutte , Mick Brennan, Tony Jones, Bill Defoe, Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, Mike Starck, Lisa Potswald.

1. Call to Order

Pat Daoust called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Rick Korpela, second by Dick Pufall to approve the July 26, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

4. 2017 Budget Discussion

Town of La Pointe officials were present at the meeting to discuss the MOU between Ashland County and the Town of La Pointe. Summary sheets were disbursed to the Committee members from the Town of La Pointe and can be found on file in the County Clerk's office. Jim Patterson spoke on behalf of Town of La Pointe voicing concerns on the Law Enforcement budget. Town of La Pointe would like to amend the current contract (see proposed addendum on file). Chair Pat Daoust requested they return with exact numbers they are requesting from the County.

Town of La Pointe officials left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Pete Russo left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Discussion continued on the 2017 budget concerns. Jeff will look into having a referendum increasing taxes to support the increasing Law Enforcement budget. Mick Brennen was present to discuss the 2017 budget and issues they currently face at the jail.

5. Approval of Financial Reports

Motion by Frank Kempf, second by Rick Korpela to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Vouchers for Payment

Motion by Dick Pufall, second by Rick Korpela to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

Matt MacKenzie looking for interest in lobbying effort in Madison regarding our budget. Need to talk more directly to the legislature in Madison.

Matt MacKenzie also mentioned OEI will be moving out of Ashland County to Bayfield County.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 in the County Board Room.

Budget meetings were scheduled as follows:

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Friday, October 7, 2016

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Thursday, October 20, 2016

9. Adjournment

Motion by Matt MacKenzie, second by Rick Korpela to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Schutte, Ashland County Clerk