

## Finance and Economic Development Committee

September 27, 2016 at 9:00 am  
County Board Room

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

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Russo, Charles Ortman, Mike Starck, Dale Kupczyk, Linda Weber

Pat Daoust called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken. Motion by Dick Pufall to approve the September 15, 2016 meeting minutes as presented with a second by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

Charles Ortman spoke regarding the jail budget for 2017. Charles stated that he is attending a meeting on October 5, 2016 regarding alternatives to jail. Charles wants to look into the history of the old jail thru the present time to find out why and how we got to this point and would like to be able to look at this data before we go ahead and approve a 2017 jail budget.

The 3rd quarter economic development report was reviewed by Dale Kupczyk, discussion followed. The 4th quarter economic request was also presented at this time. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to approve the request with a second by Frank Kempf. Motion carried.

Linda Weber handed out an auction agreement for EcoWood and discussion followed. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to table the request until the October 7, 2016 meeting so that everything can get figured out on this. Seconded by Dick Pufall. Motion carried.

Linda Weber also presented a resolution to write off a loan balance for B&N Powersports and discussion followed. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to approve the resolution and to forward it on to the full Board for action. Second by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl held discussion regarding a 2 year budget amount with the Town of La Pointe Law Enforcement. Jeff explained that no agreement has been reached but they are currently negotiating it. By having a 2 year budget amount it will make it easier for budgeting purposes for both the County and the Town and by the end of the 2 years an actual agreement should be reached. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to approve a 2 year budget amount with the Town of La Pointe for \$134,000 for each year. Second by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding a possible jail expansion project. The Committee feels we need to keep looking into this project.

Jeff Beirl held a discussion regarding having a workers comp. audit done by Corporate Costs Solution. Motion by Dick Pufall, seconded by Rick Korpela to approve going forward with the audit. Motion carried.

Review of the August financials followed. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to accept the financials as given today. Second by Dick Pufall. Motion carried.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Frank Kempf to approve vouchers for payment. Seconded by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl held discussion regarding the new animal shelter and the 2017 budget.

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

The next budget meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Motion to adjourn by Dick Pufall with a second by Rick Korpela. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Lori Schmidt  
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