

Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting
May 24, 2013 at 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: Frank Kempf, Jerry Teague, Bob Blaszkowski, Mike Starck, Matt MacKenzie (9:39)

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Clark, Charles Ortman, Donna Williamson, Heather Schutte

Jerry Teague called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Motion by Bob Blaszkowski second by Frank Kempf to approve the April 29, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

There was no public input at this time.

A resolution for county property tax exemption application for Madeline and Washington Islands was presented for review and discussion. Pete Clark gave an overview of the resolution stating that it stems from that State Statute for library exemption. Pete stated that it would exempt them from public health, economic development and any other services that may be duplicated. Pete feels that the level of exposure is minor to the County, however he cannot give a dollar amount at this time. Pete stated that 23% of the county taxes are from the Island alone. Jeff Beirl felt that the exposure to the County could be as high as \$164,000. Discussion followed that perhaps instead of the resolution, that the County and the Town could come together such as was done for Zoning on the Island instead of having to make it a law.

Motion by Bob Blaszkowski to not support the resolution but to work together to put forward and adopt a MOU to work together cooperatively to meet the needs of the Island. Second by Jerry Teague. Discussion followed. Motion passed 3 – 2 with Matt MacKenzie and Frank Kempf being opposed.

Financials were reviewed and discussed at this time.

Jeff Beirl informed the Committee that the Veterans Service Officer stated that the van that they use for transporting VETS is too big of a vehicle and that they would like a smaller all wheel drive SUV. They were wondering if the County would have any interest in keeping the van to meet any needs that they may have. Discussion followed. It was stated that if there is an interest from UW Extension and they can put it in their budget that that would be acceptable otherwise they should trade it in.

The sales tax report was reviewed and discussed at this time.

Jeff Beirl stated that he did put together a MOU for gaming funds and is hoping that Bad River will approve it at their upcoming meeting.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Mike Starck, second by Jerry Teague to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2013 at 9:00 am in the County Board Room.

Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Bob Blaszkowski to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Lori Schmidt
Administrative Assistant