

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: Poole, Rodosky, Gill, J. Galloway, Throneburg, Iverson

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Lana Phillips, Susan Bates, Tawnya Mack, Karen Connor, Gene Jenson, Richard Christensen, JD Flood, Denise Kasper

A motion was made by J Galloway, seconded by Rodosky to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rodosky, seconded by Iverson to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Throneburg, seconded by J Galloway to approve the FY 2010 budget meeting minutes from the meetings of July 15, 2009, July 17, 2009, July 24, 2009, August 14, 2009, August 21, 2009 and August 28, 2009. Motion carried.

Tawnya Mack, Echols, Mack and Associates, presented the FY2010 budget and reviewed the changes recommended at the last budget meeting. The committee discussed the salary stipend which will, in lieu of a percentage increase, give each county employee \$500.00. The sheriff department union employees and the re-evaluated positions will not be included. The sheriff department raises are locked into the sheriff's contract and the re-evaluated positions salaries were previously set for FY2010.

In addition to the monetary stipend, a motion was made by Iverson, seconded by Gill to give the county employees, with exception of the re-evaluated positions and sheriff contract employees, the days of December 24, 2009 and December 31, 2009 off with compensation. Motion carried.

Iverson, along with Throneburg, expressed concerns with the financial fate of the county in planning future budgets. The committee discussed the need to develop a long term plan to be proactive in planning for future balanced county budgets.

A motion was made by Rodosky, seconded by Iverson to recommend the FY2010 budget to the County Board to be placed on file. Upon roll call, one nay, five ayes. Motion carried.

Dan Duffy stated that there may be some changes to the FY2010 budget due to VACGC salary matters and the Public Defender's request still being reviewed.

Duffy spoke about the recommendation from the Tax Committee in regards to the resolution to approve a delinquent tax sale in Garfield Township. A motion was made by Throneburg, seconded by J Galloway to recommend the resolution to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Coroner John Callahan and staff attended the meeting to discuss the FY2010 budget for their office. The Coroner stated that he had not been made aware of cuts/changes made to his budget and a discussion was held in regards to the needs and salary for the Chief Deputy position and how grant monies would be used. Duffy stated that the need was questioned due to the longevity of the vacant position. Gill added that the attempt has been made to fill the position and feels that the funding is warranted for the position. The re-evaluated salary for the Administrative Deputy position is included in the salary stipend line item. The matter will be further discussed and be revisited at the next scheduled Finance meeting.

JD Flood attended the meeting to discuss the proposal for the Public Defender office expansion. Mr. Flood is requesting an additional assistant for FY2010 and feels that this will reduce the county's cost for outside court appointed attorneys. The budget currently reflects \$10,000.00 for the position, however Flood is requesting the position to pay \$35,000.00. Options for the requests were discussed and will be revisited at the next Finance meeting.

J Galloway and Iverson exited the meeting.

Under New Business, Duffy stated that the grant was approved for an additional transit bus for the county with an expected delivery date of February 2010. Due to the costs of maintaining the bus, there may be a small added expense to the county budget. Duffy also updated the committee on a new three year tax abatement for CB Richard Ellis, Inc that has been recommended to the County Board by the Tax Committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gill, seconded by Throneburg. Motion carried.