

Finance Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

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

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Denise Kasper, John Callahan, Karen Connor

Dan Duffy stated that there were two topics for discussion, the Public Defender's request and the FY2010 budget for the Coroner's office.

JD Flood attended the meeting to further discuss the proposal to expand the Public Defender's office by adding an assistant, making his position full-time, a part-time secretary and making his current secretary a paralegal. He stated that the first two requests were for the FY2010 budget. JD entertained many questions from the committee in attempt to clarify the need for the requests due to current budget constraints. JD stated that he could not handle the current work load and anticipates it increasing in the future. A lengthy discussion was held and a motion was made by Gill, seconded by J Galloway to add \$10,000.00 to the new assistant line item and take the Public Defender to full-time(adding \$15,000.00 to his salary). Motion carried.

Dan Duffy reviewed the changes made to the Coroner's FY2010 budget. John Callahan discussed the Chief Deputy line item and explained the need for the position to be covered and requested the original amount requested for the position be reinstated to the FY2010 budget. Frank Halpin presented minutes/memo in regards to the county hiring freeze. Karen Connor explained how the position would be handled with two sharing the position. The committee discussed the original amount input into the line item when the budget was sent out to the department for review. Dan Duffy stated the budget was returned to him with the figure of \$16,364.00. A discussion was held and the committee decided to reinstate the original figure of \$16,364.00 and asked Callahan to return to the next Finance meeting with a decision as to how the funds would be split/allocated to one part-time Chief Deputy and one part-time contractual Chief Deputy. Also discussed was the allocation of grant funds. The committee later requested Callahan to provide the requested information prior to the next Finance meeting.

Dan Duffy reviewed the draft FY2010 budget and stated that the budget was balanced, however the committee will be sending out a memo to department heads and elected officials requesting any last cuts. Ann Gill added that she feels that the office supplies and conference line items should be areas to be looked at for reduction.

A motion to adjourn was made by J Galloway, seconded by Rodosky. Motion carried.