Tax Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Greg Redford, John Almer, Ron Severson, Ken Iverson, Jeremy Ly
Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Darlene Cofoid, Susan Bates, Missy Durkin, Nancy Ammer, Tom Poole, Joe Phillips, Marcy Miller

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2010 meeting was made by Almer, seconded by Ly. Motion carried.

Joe Phillips attended the meeting to discuss the EWR property acquisition and to request that the county abate the back taxes and waive the fees for the county services. Dan Duffy stated that this option would remove the county from being involved and that Phillips would have to go through the steps with the County Clerk to get the tax deed to obtain the property. Phillips presented information in regards to the other taxing bodies involved that have already committed to waiving the back taxes.
The committee discussed the interest on the back taxes, which cannot be abated, and expressed concerns about the initial plan to "keep the county whole", however was in favor of getting the property back on the tax roll.
A motion was made by Ron Severson, seconded by Iverson to recommend to the Finance Committee to abate the back taxes for EWR property in the amount of $18,162.81 and waive the county fees totaling $885.72. Motion carried with one nay, one abstention, and three ayes.

A motion to approve the claims was made by Almer, seconded by Ly. Motion carried.

Nancy Ammer and Missy Durkin, GEDC, attended the meeting to discuss the monitoring of the tax abatements for BMW and ProLogis. Ammer presented information in regards to the Clorox Co., which is housed in the building owned by ProLogis, moving to a larger facility in University Park and that BMW has not met the April 1, 2010 deadline for proof of compliance.
Ammer also updated the committee on the HB3998, which amends the County Economic Development Project Area Property Tax Allocation Act.

Chairman Redford distributed the breakdown of the State and Federal county grants with the State totaling $247,735 and Federal $270,713.00.

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation was made by Almer, seconded by Ly. Upon roll call, the motion carried. Iverson left, did not return.

A motion to return to open session was made by Almer, seconded by Severson. Motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

County Treasurer, Marcy Miller told the committee that the Finance Committee was going to address the consideration of entering into an agreement with Joseph Meyer, a licensed collection agent, to undertake collection of delinquent mobile home taxes. A resolution has been prepared to be presented.

A motion to adjourn was made by Severson, seconded by Almer. Motion carried.

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