

Finance & Economic Development Committee
January 19, 2023 at 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: Mike Berlin, Laura Nagro, Blake Ellefson, Pat Kinney, Ron Sztynodor

Others: Dan Grady, Lori Schmidt, Dick Pufall, Steve Corbeille, Mike Konecny, Sue Misun, Chris Hoffman

Mike Berlin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and roll call was taken. Motion by Ron Sztynodor, 2nd by Pat Kinney to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Pat Kinney to approve the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes as presented with a 2nd by Ron Sztynodor. Motion carried.

Financial format: Dan Grady asked the Committee about the financial reports and if what was presented was what they were looking for or if they want something different. Discussion followed. The Committee feels that monthly reports are fine and then to have quarterly reports that dive deeper.

Contract with MWK: Mike Konecny and Steve Corbeille explained that they have worked for the County for the past 1.5 years and what they have accomplished in that time and what they would like to complete in the future. MWK would like to modify their present contract with the County and to also extend it for 6 months. Discussion followed. Motion by Pat Kinney to approve the revised contract with MWK, 2nd by Blake Ellefson. Motion carried.

Coroner Reimbursement: the request of the Coroner was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Laura Nagro to approve the request of the Coroner. 2nd by Blake Ellefson. Motion carried.

Motion by Laura Nagro, 2nd Pat Kinney to convene in closed session pursuant to §21.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, for conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried and the meeting convened in closed session at 9:50 am.

Motion by Ron Sztynodor, 2nd by Laura Nagro to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote. Motion carried and the meeting reconvened in open session at 10:18 am.

Motion by Laura Nagro to complete the purchase recommended by the Forestry Committee and doing it by securing a 1 year loan and to move this forward to the full Board for action. 2nd by Ron Sztynodor. Motion carried.

Dan Grady gave updates on the health insurance, investments and sales tax. In 2022 the County received more sales tax than projected in the budget. Dan also gave updates on the Joint Dispatch and the GIS grants. Dan will be heading to Madison next week to talk to State Legislators regarding several issues. Dan informed the Committee that the Town of LaPointe has filed a lawsuit against the County regarding law enforcement on the Island. The Executive Committee has authorized the hiring of Attolles Law Firm as the Corp Counsel for the County has a conflict of interest.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 23, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Motion to adjourn by Blake Ellefson, 2nd by Ron Sztynodor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Lori Schmidt,
Administrative Assistant