

Finance & Economic Development Committee
April 20, 2023 at 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: Mike Berlin, Laura Nagro (9:05), Pat Kinney, Ron Sztynдор

Absent: Blake Ellefson

Others: Dan Grady, Lori Schmidt, Dick Pufall, Nate Delegan, Sue Misun, Mike Konecny, Steve Corbeille

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

There were no public comments at this time.

Motion by Pat Kinney to approve the January 19, 2023 meeting minutes as presented with a 2nd by Ron Sztynдор. Motion carried.

Mike Konecny and Steve Corbeille presented the 1st quarter review of the 2023 budget and where we are at with Springbrook at this time. Discussion followed.

Dan Grady updated the Committee on Joint Dispatch. They will be applying for a grant for equipment on May 1, 2023 in the amount of \$750,000.00. However, 2 dispatchers would need to be working at all times before this date in order to apply for the grant which would cost approximately \$30,000 and Bayfield County would like us to pay ½ of this cost. Implementation of Joint Dispatch would be January 2025. Both counties would contribute 50/50 of the costs to start, however this could change in the future (go per call) if necessary. All existing employees would be merged and become employees of Bayfield County. The end result would be better 911 service for both counties. Discussion followed.

Nate Delegan informed the Committee that they have been looking into Enterprise Lease/Loan for squad cars and admin vehicles. Nate explain that at this time they have 7 squad cars that are becoming costly in repairs and also possibly are safety issues. The cost of purchasing new squad cars has about doubled in price. Discussion followed. Motion by Pat Kinney to approve going with Enterprise leasing/loan with further information. 2nd by Laura Nagro. Motion carried.

Mike Berlin held discussion regarding the possibility of the County having a grant writer position.

Dan Grady recapped the meeting with the Bad River Tribe and stated that he felt it was a positive meeting as they have some of the same concerns as the County. Another meeting has been set up for June, 2023. Discussion followed.

Dan Grady then updated the Committee on health insurance, investments and sales tax.

As far as Administrator updates, Dan stated the he met with State Legislative last week regarding the Town of Sanborn and it is Dan's opinion the we will not get any help from the State. He also attended the hearing regarding the Town of LaPointe last week and feels that it went well for the County. DOR has until the end of June to come up with their decision regarding this.

Regarding the Kim Lavasseur hearing last week, Dan Grady stated that the hearing officer gave his decision on Tuesday of this week and sided with the County. Dan does feel the Kim will appeal it to the full Board.

RFP's for the repair of the Courthouse have been sent out at this time.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Sztynдор with a 2nd by Pat Kinney. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.

Lori Schmidt,
Administrative Assistant