

Finance & Economic Development
February 26, 2020 at 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: William Metzinger, Matt MacKenzie, Clarence Campbell, Laura Nagro, Martin Vitek

Others: Clark Schroeder, Lori Schmidt, Mike Yankee

William Metzinger called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to approve the amended agenda, second by Clarence Campbell. Motion carried. There were no public comments at this time. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to approve the January 24, 2020 meeting minutes which were presented orally, second by Laura Nagro. Motion carried.

Clark Schroeder gave an update of the Lipka property (letter attached). They would now like to just give the County the 10 acres instead of the County placing a lien on the property. Discussion followed. Motion by Laura Nagro to accept the Lipka 10 acres in lieu of a lien as long as it has the easement and has a good/clear title. Second by Martin Vitek. Motion carried with Matt MacKenzie being opposed.

Clark Schroeder then reviewed a sales tax ordinance and an update as to what may happen in the future.

Clark Schroeder reviewed (list attached) possible uses of the money for the Mellen Quit Claim Deed. Discussion followed. Motion by Matt MacKenzie to set this money aside in a lapsing account (2 years from the date the money is received) to be used in the event of protests should this project develop with the money to be used for additional costs incurred by the Law Enforcement Agency. Second by Laura Nagro. Motion carried.

Clark Schroeder held discussion regarding the RLF (letter/explanation attached). There will be no decisions made today and the Committee will get updates later this year. Matt MacKenzie stated that he would not be in favor of the money being used for County Road N and would rather see it used for some type of housing projects. Clark Schroeder will talk to the Ashland County Housing Authority to see if they have any projects that this money could be used for.

Regarding the Opioid Lawsuit – Clark Schroeder gave a brief update and will continue to give updates to the Committee as they become available.

Discussion followed. The Finance Committee had set the mileage reimbursement at \$0.58/mile beginning 1/1/20, however, the IRS changed the rate on 12/31/19 to be effective 1/1/20 to \$0.57.5/mile. Motion by Martin Vitek to create a policy to follow the IRS rate versus the Finance Committee having to set it yearly, second by Clarence Campbell. Motion carried. Motion by Martin Vitek to move retroactively pay \$0.57.5/mile effective to 1/1/20. Second by Laura Nagro. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the Richard Pufall legal expenses that he is seeking reimbursement of. Motion by Martin Vitek to have the County reimburse Richard Pufall. There was no 2nd to the motion – motion died. Motion by William Metzinger to deny payment/reimbursement to Richard Pufall for legal expenses. There was no 2nd to the motion – motion died.

Clark Schroeder gave verbal updates on a purchasing policy, and the LCC building.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 24, 2020 at 9:00 am. in the County Board Room. Motion to adjourn by Matt MacKenzie with a second by Laura Nagro. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Lori Schmidt,
Administrative Assistant