

Finance Committee
Administration Building, 1110 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, WI
January 11, 2010

Attendance: Chairperson Mary Muench, Supervisor Art Diedrich, Supervisor Paul Tittl, and Supervisor Greg Dufek.

Supervisor Biff Hansen was excused.

Also Present: County Board Chairperson Jim Brey, County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Information Systems Director Bob Blashe, Comptroller Todd Reckelberg, Public Works Director Jeff Beyer, Treasurer Cheryl Duchow, Coroner Curt Green, and County Clerk Jamie Aulik.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Public Input: No one present wished to speak; therefore public input was closed at 4:31 p.m.

Minutes: Supervisor Tittl moved, seconded by Supervisor Diedrich to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 Finance Committee meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Information Systems Department Report: IS Director Bob Blashe had a handout and reported on various ongoing projects in the IS Department. Director Blashe specifically mentioned that they will be working to make County Board videos on the website easier to view. Also, attaching names to searching tax parcel information on the County Website has been put on hold due to the introduction of AB-439, which would outlaw the use of names. Discussion followed.

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property (900 Hancock Street, City of Manitowoc): Public Works Director Beyer explained that with the driving of pilings into the ground, the nearby house may be damaged. The estimated cost of the house was part of the cost estimates for the building project. \$131,000 was the price negotiated between the Manitowoc County, a 3rd party attorney, and the home owner. The residents will be able to stay in the home until May 31, 2010 at which time they must vacate. The following two weeks, with the approval of the County, an individual or organization may move the structure. If it is not moved, it is slated for demolition. Discussion followed. On a motion by Supervisor Tittl, seconded by Supervisor Diedrich, the resolution was approved 4-0.

Update committee on status of Radio, Tower, and Communication & Technology building projects: Public Works Director Beyer gave an update on the Radio Tower project. The Thursday prior, he met with various stakeholders to discuss the project. He said that he was meeting with them on January 28th discuss again some items from the previous meeting. Discussion followed.

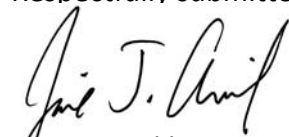
Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) – Update committee and request retroactive approval of the change: County Clerk Aulik had a handout which gave a brief history on the SVRS and its connection with the Manitowoc County Clerk’s office. He said that the 2010 budget did not include funding for a separate position to provide SVRS services to 15 towns and villages and that the workload was to be absorbed by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. When he was approached in early December by a Village Clerk who requested to provide the service, Clerk Aulik terminated agreements with the Towns and Villages so that they could contract with the Village Clerk. Comptroller Reckelberg informed the committee that it will have an adverse budgetary impact, and wanted to make sure that committee members understood that. Discussion followed. Supervisor Dufek made a motion to retroactively approve the termination of the MOUs with the Towns and Villages and that the committee understood the subsequent budgetary impact, seconded by Supervisor Tittl. Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Cremation Fee for Indigent Burials – Update committee and request approval for the cremation fee for indigent burials to be paid by Manitowoc County: If a body is unclaimed, it is considered indigent and the cremation fee must be paid by the county. Discussion followed. Supervisor Tittl made a motion to support a \$500 maximum fee for indigent cremations and have the Comptroller and Coroner propose that fee structure on a “take it, or leave it” basis to local crematories, seconded by Supervisor Dufek. The motion passed 4-0.

Vouchers in the amount of \$5,085,092.33 for the month of December, 2009: Supervisor Dufek asked if he and the other committee members could receive the voucher payment summary earlier than the start of the committee meeting. Comptroller Reckelberg said that it is available at the beginning of each month and that it is open for their inspection. On a motion by Chairperson Muench, seconded by Supervisor Tittl, the vouchers passed 4-0.

Chairperson Muench moved, seconded by Supervisor Diedrich to adjourn. On a vote of 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie J. Aulik
Manitowoc County Clerk