

Finance Committee Minutes of November 17, 2009

Members present: Chair person Supervisor Mary Muench, Supervisors Greg Dufek, Paul Tittl, and Art Diedrich, Supervisor Paul Hansen was excused.

Also present: Todd Reckelberg Comptroller, Steve Rollins Corporation Counsel, Jim Brey County Board Chair, Supervisors Kevin Behnke, Susie Maresh, and David Korinek. Also present were members of the public, Gaye Lewin, Beckey Novitski, Joan Luchsinger, Andrew Luchsinger, Tracy Becker, Marcia Dymerski, Brenda Meverden, Alan Liner, Lori Stueck, Alice Haen, Gloria Wallace, Bonnie Shimulumen, Katna Miller, Kelly Koepke, Carla Halvorson, Tammy Szczesny, and Charlie Mathews Herald Times Reporter.

The meeting was called to order by Chair person Supervisor Mary Muench at 6:15 PM. Public Input. Tammy Szczesny President of the Lake Shore Humane Society (LSHS) read a letter that was emailed and received by Corporation Counsel Steve Rollins on November 17th by Gary Bendix, attorney for the Humane Society, that stated the LSHS voted to retract the letter of August 24 and to continue the arrangement with the county while discussions move forward to resolve the long-term financial problems that created the issuance of the letter in August.

Joan Luchsinger spoke to the committee regarding the LSHS number of cats and dogs available at the center. She gave some statistics about the number of cats in particular that have been dropped off at the center in just the past few weeks.

County Board Chair Jim Brey updated the committee on his recent meetings with the LSHS Board and that his recommendation to the Finance Committee is to take no action at this time on the resolutions that are on tonight's County Board agenda since LSHS has withdrawn their previous letter and will continue on as is while negotiations take place.

Steve Rollins commented on the financial information that LSHS has provided us so far, and that further information will be coming as the new LSHS board understands what information they currently have accumulated and what the county was requesting.

Supervisor Kevin Behnke requested that Steve Rollins keep all the municipalities informed of the status of negotiations as they move forward with LSHS and establish some time line to accomplish it. Mr. Rollins said he established an email group on his system to do just that.

Motion made by Supervisor Mary Muench seconded by Supervisor Art Diedrich to pull the resolutions that were on the county board agenda for action tonight. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Art Diedrich seconded by Supervisor Paul Tittl to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd H. Reckelberg, Comptroller
Temporary Recording Secretary