

APPROVED—MARCH 23, 2010



Finance Committee

Justice Center Community Room
Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Tim Neuhauser, Vice-Chairman James Carius, Dean Grimm, Michael Harris, Linc Hobson, Carroll Imig, Darrell Meisinger, Jerry Vanderheydt, Terry Von Boeckman

Committee Members Absent: Russ Crawford, Jan Donahue

Others: County Administrator David Jones; Supervisor of Assessments Gary Twist, Treasurer Duane Gray, Mary Burress

MOTION

MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY MEISINGER to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010, meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-01**

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY CARIUS to approve the transfer request for the Highway Department.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS &
COMMUNICATIONS**

Treasurer Gray gave the Treasurer's Report, Public Safety Sales Tax Report, as well as the investment policy and a year end illustration of the County's current investments.

Member Harris noticed that we are down \$45,000 for the first three months on the Public Safety Tax. Treasurer Gray said that there would not be a 13th month payment this year.

Administrator Jones said that the Public Safety Sales Tax revenue is down, but that sales taxes should be looked at in aggregate. Jones said that a decrease was planned for in all revenues and that we were down 3.9% on all three sales tax revenue sources, but that as a whole, we were in good shape with the \$9.1 million budgeted and that it was in good shape with the safety tax rebounding slightly.

Jones said that where the general regional economy is concerned, there seems to be more overall confidence in the economy, but until people get jobs again, there will not be a complete rebound

from the economic downturn. The income and abuse tax revenue source is a concern as it is down 10.3% and is a significant number to the General Fund. The Personal Property Replacement Tax was cut considerably in the 2010 budget, but it is all right from a budgetary standpoint because it was planned conservatively and is slightly ahead for the first six months.

Member Harris asked about a plan for a review in six months if it is found there is a downturn or would it go until the end of the year.

Administrator Jones said he would recommend looking at it again and that holiday sales are not a true barometer.

Administrator Jones said that there is an opportunity to refinance the jail debt and that he recommends an in-place meeting Board night to discuss this. Jones said there were a couple of ways the original debt was structured with a higher interest rate in the later months, but because of the cost of short term money and other factors now, we have the opportunity to refinance the debt with the same amortization period as the existing debt to capture the savings with different options. There are a couple of different options: we can take the savings spread out over the life of the amortization or we could facilitate the savings, which is a delayed savings. This could give us the opportunity to save \$100,000 and we hope to have more information by Board night.

Member Harris said that Health Services has hit a roadblock on the landfill issue. It is still moving forward, but slowly and in a different direction.

**MOTION
RC CB**

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY VANDERHEYDT
to recommend to the County Board to approve the bills.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Neuhauser recessed the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer

APPROVED—AUGUST 17, 2010



IN PLACE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Justice Center Community Room
Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – 6:11 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Tim Neuhauser, Vice-Chairman Jim Carius, Dean Grimm, Michael Harris, Linc Hobson,, Carroll Imig, Darrell Meisinger, Jerry Vanderheydt, Terry Von Boeckman

Committee Members Absent: Russ Crawford, Jan Donahue

**MOTION
RC CB**

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend to the County Board to approve BMO as underwriters for the refinancing of Tazewell County's Bond Debt Series 2001A and Bond Debt Series 2001B at a lower interest rate.

Neuhauser said that prior to the budget preparations, he had meetings with Administrator Jones to find areas of budget savings. Jones introduced the idea of a possible refinancing of the debt for the Justice Center as they are due to expire in 2012. Neuhauser said they are still looking at areas in which they can save and this is a proposal to refinance the debt to save interest. Neuhauser said no additional debts would be incurred and would not be extending the terms of the amortization period.

Administrator Jones said that we do not know what the bond market will be. Jones said that there are bonds for many units of government and BMO has done bonds for many units of government in the state. Jones said that the debt will not be issued unless we can save a certain amount of money, they will not sell the bond.

Jones said that \$84,192 in savings could be gained if the level savings approach is taken and this is his recommendation. The underwriting fee would be 9/10s of a percent of the total issuance. Another option would be to have a credit agency that would carry fees of about \$1,000. Jones said the amortization period would not be extended and bonds would be pre-sold.

Jones said his recommendation would be to establish the fund to realize \$75,000 in savings in order to issue the debt. There is no gain by waiting and the savings diminishes each month.

MOTION TO AMEND

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY HARRIS to amend the motion to include a \$75,000 minimum threshold to refinance the Justice Center debt.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting recessed at 6:22 p.m.

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