



MINUTES APPROVED JULY 20, 2010

Finance Committee

Justice Center Community Room
Tuesday, June 22, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Tim Neuhauser, Vice-Chairman James Carius, Russ Crawford, Jan Donahue, Dean Grimm, Linc Hobson, Carroll Imig, Darrell Meisinger, Jerry Vanderheydt and Terry Von Boeckman

Others: County Administrator David Jones, Deputy Treasurer Mary Burress, Vicki Clark, EDC

MOTION

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY CRAWFORD
to approve the minutes of the May 18 and May 26, 2010, meetings.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-17**

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY VANDERHEYDT
to recommend to the County Board to approve a transfer request for the Veterans Assistance Commission.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-18**

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY MEISINGER
to recommend to the County Board to approve transfer requests for Building Administration.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-19**

**MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY
VANDERHEYDT** to recommend to the County Board to approve a transfer request for County Highway.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-20**

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY MEISINGER
to recommend to the County Board to approve an agreement with Medical Horizons Consulting, LLC to assist in the development of a Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) for Tazewell County LEPC.

Dawn Cook, EMA Manager, said that IEMA has given the money to write this 16 plan for the County. Cook said that she had interviewed three different agencies and this was the one selected and was the low bidder.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-21**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to the County Board to approve an agreement with Comcast for Internet Services.

Administrator Jones said the County has had some band width issues but first wanted to get the technology policy in place and then address those issues. Jones said the County will stay with the current provider for internal and external e-mail with Comcast providing internet service with additional firewall protection being purchased.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS &
COMMUNICATIONS**

Vicki Clark provided an update on the handouts she gave out which showed three different studies and updates and gives updates on three different studies that were conducted.

Clark said there is a chapter in the book written on growing economic developments and explained the labor study showing three components. The labor study is one that was requested in the contract and consists of: a profile of the area, a labor quality study, and a labor study showing the traffic pattern of the labor force that shows the educational pattern of employed persons, including the underemployed.

Member Crawford suggested that cities in Tazewell County receive a copy of the 2009 updates.

Chairman Neuhauser said that this is a very nice presentation booklet and agrees that it will be beneficial to all.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mary Burress gave an update on the tax disbursements. Burress said that the Public Safety Sales Tax was up 11% in June.

Administrator Jones gave an update on revenues. Jones said that the Sales Tax was up 11% and that there was a 1½% increase in fiscal revenues with local revenues doing better than the state wide average. Jones said that the County remains in good shape and

that the trend is going in the right direction but that there are some things that could use some cleaning up to prepare for next year. The income use tax revenue is coming in at around 12% which is below last year with Property Tax being behind 4-5% from last year. Jones said that the Bass Pro project will be a good sales tax revenue for the county.

FY 11 BUDGET

Administrator Jones said that the auditor has been working on the FY11 Budget creating a head start in planning the FY11 Budget this year. Jones has been meeting with Department Heads and that his plan is that at the July Finance Committee meeting, he will have some very specific recommendations regarding restoring Capital Funds that was cut from this year's budget and regarding what priorities should come before the Finance Committee regarding funding services for next year. There is both good and bad news in terms of weighing our options and making decisions now that will enable the FY11 Budget planning to operate more smoothly and be in a better position for when the economy does rebound. Jones said that he does believe there will be a need to make some reductions in the current budget in order to be in a better position for FY11.

Member Ackerman asked if it would be possible for the Extension Committee to come before the committee to explain their budget.

Administrator Jones said that he and Chairman Zimmerman had met with the Executive Director of the Extension Service recently and they asked for more information so that they could be better informed.

JAIL PRIVATIZATION

Chairman Neuhauser said this will involve a Sub-Committee coming from the Finance Committee with members being Lincoln Hobson, Mike Harris, Dean Grimm, Darrell Meisinger as well as himself and Sheriff Huston. Neuhauser said they will hopefully hold a meeting after July 1 and that if anyone has any input into the matter, to please let a committee member know.

**APPROVE BILLS
RC CB**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY IMIG to recommend to the County Board to approve the bills as presented.

Member Crawford said that on pages 13-17, there is a list of Per Diems for the Merit Commission. Crawford said that he would not do so as it would be inappropriate, but that he felt like striking those as the inappropriateness of that act would be a lot less appropriate than the inappropriate decisions that our Tazewell County Sheriff's Merit Commission has made, which is costing

and will continue to cost the Tazewell County taxpayers a lot of money.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Neuhauser recessed the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer