

Minutes approved 02-18-14

Finance Committee

James Carius Community Room
Tuesday, January 21, 2014 – 3:41 p.m.



Committee Members Present: Chairman Timothy Neuhauser, Brett Grimm, Monica Connett Jim Donahue, Nick Graff, Mike Harris, Carroll Imig, Darrell Meisinger

Committee Members Absent: Dean Grimm, Terry Hillegonds

Others attending: Michael J. Freilinger, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting and the November 20, 2013 In-Place meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Neuhauser introduced Bruce Delashmit of Bellwether, LLC. Freilinger stated it had been quite a while since a fee study was completed and Bellwether had been contracted for an analysis.

Delashmit provided the Committee with a handout of information and used a power point show to explain how to use the information. This was a fee review and a cost allocation plan.

Delashmit stated that there are three areas which measure the labor cost, general equipment and cost allocation or overhead.

This study identified areas in departments that could have additional fees. He stressed that fee increases could be harmful and there had to be a balance in the fees and the outcomes.

Harris stated that some incidental fees are not being collected. Neuhauser stated that there is lots of detailed and thorough information. Freilinger stated the next step is to look at and perhaps adjust our fees. Fees generate revenue but is it better for consumers as users of the service. That balance is for the Board to address. He also suggested consideration for neighboring county costs.

Freilinger stated he will come back to the February meeting with recommendations and requests for specific information should be directed to him.

Donahue inquired why there was no information on the Courts in this study. Neuhauser stated that their fees are covered by state statutes and mandates. County Clerk, Christie Webb, wanted to point out that automation fees have not changed. Any increase would go to the General Fund. The biggest increase could be seen in the cost of birth and death certificates. Sheriff Huston stated that he is in favor of increasing fees on inmate medical. There are also revenues to be looked at in fingerprinting fees such as those for conceal and carry. He stated that for Eviction Standby the County has never collected a fee. He would welcome input and his officers did over 100 of those last year.

MOTION
F-14-01

MOTION BY CONNETT, SECOND BY GRAFF to recommend to County Board to approve the COBRA premiums.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
F-14-02-

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY DONAHUE to recommend to County Board to approve sharing a portion of the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds with I.C.C.

Freilinger explained he had been contacted by I.C.C. with a request to use the QECB. Each municipality and county were allocated funds and we have not used our allocation. The funds are for energy efficiency improvements. This was approved in 2007. The anticipated time frame for the program is not known, but, none has been used.

Graff stated he would abstain from the vote.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY MEISINGER to approve training requests for the Assessment Office and the Board of Review.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Neuhauser stated all of the normal monthly reports were distributed.

MOTION

MOTION BY GRAFF, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend to County Board to approve the bills as submitted.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Neuhauser recessed the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)