

Minutes approved 03-18-14

Finance Committee

James Carius Community Room
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 3:49 p.m.



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

Committee Members Absent: Jim Donahue

Others attending: Michael J. Freiling, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY BRETT GRIMM, SECOND BY GRAFF** to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION **MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY MEISINGER** to
F-14-01 recommend to County Board to approve the 2014 Fee Scheudle.

Freiling stated this was for discussion purposes. Last month there was a fee study presentation. A handout was provided to the Committee as he asked for all Departments to provide information. He also reported that Bellwether had not done GIS initially but they have completed at our request.

Harris stated the study provided cost and compared to existing fees. Now comparing with the general fund. There is no presentation for justification for the general fund. He questions the affect on future PTEL levels. The County Board has fiscal responsibility. He questions why accumulate money and overcharge. He stated there is no financial analysis and more work and more review is needed

MOTION **MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY GRAFF** to table.
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Dean Grimm agreed with Harris. We provide services for a user fee and it should be addressed that way. It is the cost of doing business. Neuhauser stated the key is raw cost. The guideline for a base cost has been identified. It is prudent to investigate revenue sources and make a decision. He stated we can ask the County Administrator to do more research and come back to address within six months.

Hillegonds stated that we need to look at this on the basis of who pays for services rendered. Where the money goes needs to be looked at. Brett Grimm questioned if there was a plan in place to analyze the cost. Freilinger stated that maintenance is an option and should be reviewed at least every five years. He stated a spending plan for the revenue will come back with a detailed plan and a decision requested by May 01 in order to incorporate any new fees into the budget.

On voice vote, **MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED.**

MOTION
F-14-06

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY DEAN GRIMM to recommend to County Board to approve the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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F-14-05

MOTION BY BRETT GRIMM, SECOND BY MEISINGER to recommend to County Board to approve a stipend for volunteers for tornado related activity.

Freilinger reported that EMA Director, Dawn Cook, has requested a stipend for three key individuals who were key to the EOC activation.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
F-14-07

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY BRETT GRIMM to recommend to County Board to approve a transfer request for E.M.A. Disaster Recovery.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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F-14-08

MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY BRETT GRIMM to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for Building Administration.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
F-14-03

MOTION BY DEAN GRIMM, SECOND BY CONNETT to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for County Board.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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F-14-09

MOTION BY MEISINGER, SECOND BY DEAN GRIMM to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for Highway.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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F-14-11

MOTION BY IMIG, SEOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for Community Development.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECONND BY CONNETT to approve training request for Community Development.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Neuhauser reported that the usual reports had been sent via email and there will always be a few hard copies available.

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MOTION BY BRETT GRIMM, SECOND BY GRAFF to recommend to County Board to approve the bills as presented.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Neuhauser commented there was a recent article in the Pekin Daily Times regarding overtime use and the Highway Department. He just wanted to state that no one on this Committee questions the use of resources. Our Highway Departmtne goes above and beyond and he wanted to affirm the job that they do for us,

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

(transcribed by S. Beeney)