

Minutes approved 08-19-14

Finance Committee

James Carius Conference Room
Tuesday, July 22, 2014 – 3:51 p.m.



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

Committee Members Absent: Nick Graff, Dean Grimm, Terry Hillegonds

MOTION **MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY WOLFE** to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting and the June 25, 2014 In-Place meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
F-14-39 **MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY MEISINGER** to recommend to County Board to approve a transfer request for Animal Control.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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F-14-40 **MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY MEISINGER** to recommend to County Board to approve a transfer request for Animal Control.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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F-14-41 **MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY MEISINGER** to recommend to County Board to approve a transfer request for Court Services.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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F-14-45 **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY WOLFE** to recommend to County Board to approve a transfer request for County Administration.

Chairman Neuhauser advised the Committee this was a transfer of funds that was pledged to TCRPC.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

F-14-44

MOTION BY WOLFE, SECOND BY IMIG to recommend to County Board to approve the annual purchase of network and email licensing.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

F-14-46

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY WOLFE to recommend to County Board to approve contract with Cloudpoint Geographics for GIS Website Migration.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

F-14-43

MOTION BY MEISINGER, SECOND BY GRIMM to recommend to County Board to approve the Environmental Health Food Plan Review.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**
Opposed by Harris.

MOTION

F-14-42

MOTION BY WOLFE, SECOND BY GRIMM to recommend to County Board to approve the Environmental Health Temporary food permit fees.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**
Opposed by Harris.

MOTION

F-14-

MOTION BY MEISINGER, SECOND BY DONAHUE to recommend to County Board to approve a finance option for the Pekin Landfill Cap project.

Chairman Neuhauser stated this has been discussed for many years. It will be decided as a group to move forward or not and how to finance. There are no other financing resources. This meeting will be used to discuss the financing options only. Treasurer Burress was asked to present financing options for discussion purposes. There will not be a decision at this meeting.

Burress stated she was asked to research options and provided information at the Health Services Committee meeting. One option if approved is to take the money from reserves and pay for the project. The County could finance using a municipal bond. That has been done before. A third option is a business loan. Handouts were provided.

Chairman Neuhauser stated there are ways to pay for this if the group agrees to move forward. Other revenue streams have been mentioned, such as tipping fees. The revenue from that is \$450,000 to \$500,000 per year depending on volume and consumer price index. Another consideration is there have been monies budgeted annually for the landfill, however, it has not been used. That amount has been \$250,000 yearly. The money is there without putting the County into a negative position. We still do not know what the State will do in financial take backs and there are other expenditures that are pending, such as the salary study.

Harris stated if the bond option is used the payments will be stretched out. If it comes from reserves it will be a big hit. Chairman Neuhauser stated there are upfront costs to obtain a bond. Traditional loans have interest. Harris stated that in the last 4 ½ years the County has collected 2.5 million in tipping fees from the Indian Creek Landfill.

Connett inquired if the tipping fees were earmarked. Harris stated they go into the General Fund.

Grimm stated this is not the County's responsibility. In closure there were bonds put aside but the State lost them. We need to go back to the State and tell them they lost the money and what can they do for us now. We need to make sure the State is still willing to pay for the gas vent system. Chairman Neuhauser asked if we have made an official request of the State to a legal remedy as there was money held in trust. Harris stated they have tried to track it several times.

Ackerman reminded the Committee that when the capping is complete there is still perpetual care. It was capped once and then eroded away. This is starting down a new path as there are many districts that have dumps that need care. He also stated Heritage Lake was told no because it was private property. Now we are getting in private property outside of our jurisdiction. Harris stated that the Heritage Lake issue was asking for a process to add to their taxes and they will pay for their roads. It was no money from the County. The annual budget amount of \$250,000 for the Landfill can be used for maintenance. Ackerman stated that this was a dump used by Pekin. We are breaking precedence.

Chairman Neuhauser stated there were still many things to discuss. It was imperative this Committee knew what was available to finance.

**MOTION
TO TABLE**

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY GRIMM to table until In-Place.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION **MOTION BY WOLFE, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to approve seminar request for Community Development.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS Chairman Neuhauser advised all received their reports electronically.

MOTION **MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY IMIG** to recommend to approve the bills as presented.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

(transcribed by S. Beeney)