

FINANCE COMMITTEE
January 16, 2014

Chairman Ole Yttri called the Finance Committee to order at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in Room 309 of the Courthouse Annex. Members present were Ole Yttri, Geoffrey Banta, Will Beitlich, James Servais, and Brian Richardson. Others in attendance were Ron Hoff, Rachel Hanson, Phil Hewitt, Pat Peterson, Chad Buros, Michele Engh, Greg Lunde, John Spears, Greg Lawton, Nate Campbell, Herb Cornell, Pam Eitland, and Dennis Brault. Affirmation of proper public notice was given. **Motion by Servais, second by Beitlich to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting. Motion carried by all.**

Yttri moved to Item #4 on the agenda, Rachel Hanson, Treasurer, Treasurer's report.

Balance	\$11,242,666.91
Ho-Chunk Nation	<u>(\$2,163,141.79)</u>
	\$9,079,525.12

Current Taxes Collected	\$69,823.65
Balance to Collect	\$697,699.32

Redemption Taxes Collected	\$24,188.63
Balance to Collect	\$821,903.03

Summary of Income and Expenses

Receipts	
General Receipts	\$2,312,719.76
Delinquent Taxes	\$94,012.28
Interest-Delinquent	<u>\$15,023.58</u>
	Total \$2,421,755.62

Cash Flow and Expenses	
Beginning Balance	\$10,067,430.72
Receipts	\$2,421,755.62
A-Checks	(\$1,736,119.91)
C-Checks-Payroll	(\$613,958.64)
ACH Withdrawals	<u>(\$581,519.43)</u>
Ending Balance-December	\$9,557,588.36

Sales Tax Report	
This Month Sales Tax	\$107,606.35
Total	\$1,595,371.54

Rachel Hanson, County Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. **Motion by Richardson, second by Servais to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by all.**

Yttri moved to Item #5 on the agenda, Phil Hewitt, Highway Commissioner-Line Item Transfer Correction. Hewitt stated that he no longer needs the money that was approved at the December meeting so he would like the transfer reversed.

Yttri moved to Item #6 on the agenda, Phil Hewitt, Highway Commissioner-Ho-Chunk Infrastructure Request. Hewitt requested \$7,145.00 to continue updating the heating and air conditioning systems at the Courthouse Annex. The Buildings and Facilities Committee has approved replacing the 20 year old furnace with a new furnace, putting in different zone panels and zone dampers. Discussion on upcoming Ho-Chunk outgoing funds. Hewitt will withdraw a large portion of bridge

request from previous meeting. **Motion by Banta, second by Richardson to approve \$7,145.00 request for the heating systems. Motion carried by all.**

Yttri moved to Item #7 on the agenda, Pat Peterson, Aging Director-Discuss La Farge Senior Center. Peterson asked for comments on meals at La Farge meal site. Three committee members stated food was good. Peterson gave cost comparison for 2008, 2011, and 2014. Costs keep increasing; resources to cover costs keep going down. Lease fee of \$250.00 per month for use of Senior Center. This is the only site that has rent expense. This will be paid from \$6,500.00 donation received from Organic Valley. This would cover rent for two years. Greg Lawton stated Organic Valley wants it used for La Farge meal site. Banta suggested that Aging Committee, Peterson, Organic Valley and the village board meet to work on this problem. The committee agreed. Lawton stated seniors are confused about memorandum of understanding they signed.

Yttri moved to Item #8 on the agenda, Chad Buros, Emergency Management Director and Sheriff John Spears-Resolution Authorizing Match Funding. To update with the narrow bonding, Comelec suggested adding three new towers for total of nine to help alleviate dead spots. Apply with Stoddard-Bergen Fire for FEMA grant of \$550,000.00. There is a match to the grant. Spears stated cell phones are using so much air space and bandwidth. He stated this grant would help our communications. Right now, because of our structure and demographics, emergency personnel cannot communicate by radio across the entire county. **Motion by Banta, second by Beitlich to commit \$55,000.00 from Ho-Chunk Infrastructure. Money would need to go through Stoddard Fire Department. Motion carried by all.**

Yttri moved to Item #9 on the agenda, Chad Buros, Emergency Management Director and Michele Engh -Resolution Authorizing Vernon County Submission of a Hazard Mitigation Grant. Buros explained \$800,000.00 FEMA Grant was approved for land purchases of land in flood areas. Engh stated this is state and federal money. There is a 12.5% match to it. Need to finalize by end of January. Engh surveyed 23 land owners and stated 14 out of 23 land owners are interested in potentially selling their property to the county. About 8 acres total with the homes and about \$802,000.00 fair market value on the 14 interested land owners. There is a potential tax loss on properties of about \$4,600.00 per year. Beitlich stated LWCD does not want to be involved in this without reimbursement for any work they have to do. Yttri asked what the administration fee is. Engh stated that there is 10% for administration. Beitlich also stated land should not be retained by county because the county would be responsible for maintenance. Engh stated all houses would need to be removed from the breach route in order to lower the hazard rating of the dam. **Motion by Servais, second by Richardson to support resolution and bring it forward to January 21, 2014 board meeting. Motion carried by all.**

Yttri moved to Item #10 on the agenda, Review computer printout of monthly bills and authorize payment. Motion by Richardson, second by Banta to approve the monthly bills. Motion carried by all.

The next Finance meeting is Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. **Motion by Beitlich, second by Servais to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Minutes respectively submitted by,
Ronald Hoff, Vernon County Clerk