



FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes for July 17, 2014

Chairman Ole Yttri called the Finance Committee to order at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, July 17, 2014 in Room 309 of the Courthouse Annex. Members present were Ole Yttri, Will Beitlich, James Servais, and Brian Richardson. Kevin Larson was absent. Others in attendance were Ron Hoff, Rachel Hanson, Greg Lunde, Pam Eitland, Nancy McDowell, John Spears, Karen Dahl, Dan Meyer, Melanie Lendosky, Gail Muller, Herb Cornell, Dennis Brault and Linda Kica. Affirmation of proper public notice was given. Hanson stated that a correction in the Treasurer's report in the minutes should be made and explained the correction. Hanson stated available funds should be \$102,328.00 under Ho-Chunk funds for Uncommitted Funds and the balance in the account is \$192,434.00. **Motion by Beitlich, 2nd by Servais to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting with Hanson's correction. Motion carried by all.**

Motion by Servais, 2nd by Richardson to excuse Kevin Larson. Motion carried by all.

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

Balance	\$13,851,284.43		
Ho-Chunk Nation	<u>(\$2,858,766.37)</u>		
	\$10,992,518.06		
Sales Tax	\$113,899.47		
2013 Taxes Collected	\$635,998.61		
Balance to Collect	\$10,124,651.44		
Redemption Taxes Collected	\$45,564.72		
Balance to Collect	\$1,008,678.68		
Summary of Income and Expenses		2012 Building Repair Fund	\$74,736.83
Receipts		New Building Fund	\$866,605.78
General Receipts	\$1,088,569.98		
Current Taxes	\$636,015.62	2013 Building Infrastructure	\$200,000.00
Interest	\$3,421.90	Paid Out	<u>(\$16,422.00)</u>
Redemption Taxes	\$45,564.72	Balance in Account	\$183,578.00
Interest-Delinquent	<u>\$12,068.18</u>	Balance of Committed Funds	<u>(\$72,250.00)</u>
	Total \$1,785,640.40	Uncommitted Funds	\$111,328.00
Cash Flow and Expenses			
Beginning Balance	\$11,956,393.75		
Receipts	\$1,785,640.40		
A-Checks	(\$1,850,250.14)		
C-Checks-Payroll	(\$631,628.30)		
ACH Withdrawals	<u>(\$487,159.37)</u>		
Ending Balance-June	\$10,772,996.34		
Sales Tax Report			
This Month Sales Tax	\$113,899.47		
Balance in Pool Account	\$654,332.66		
Ho-Chunk Nations Funds			
Balance 2010	\$292,577.81		
Balance 2011	\$175,398.08		
Balance 2012	\$451,672.54		

Balance 2013		\$700,615.17
	2014 Funds	\$1,200,000.00
	Interest	<u>\$38,490.81</u>
		<u>\$2,858,754.41</u>
	Pool	\$79,220.42
	F&M Bank	\$1,578,248.51
	Riverbank	\$600,000.00
	Citizens 1 st Bank	\$600,000.00
	Interest	<u>\$1,285.48</u>
	Total	<u>\$2,858,754.41</u>

Rachel Hanson, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer’s report. Hanson stated that Dahl had some bills for approval under Ho-Chunk Funds. Dahl explained this would be from funds appropriated last year, but Tourism comes back to approve payment for specific bills. Dahl asked for approval of the following Tourism bills: Vernon County Tourism Council Mega Design for social media services for \$1,375.00, 2014 State Fair Co-op program for \$400.00, and the last one for 2014 Kickapoo Reserve Dam Challenge for \$500.00. It was stated it is ok to pay Tourism bills as funds were previously approved. **Motion by Beitlich, 2nd by Richardson to approve Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried by all.**

Yttri moved to Item #5 on the agenda, Melanie Lendosky, Johnson & Block-Audit Exit Report. Lendosky stated they had completed the audit for the year and it is in draft form. The audit will be issued at the end of July. General Fund received \$10.6 million in revenue, a little over \$11 million in expenditures and an overall increase to fund balance of \$54,153. Ending fund balance for the General Fund was \$7,156,067. There are LWCD grants that are outstanding which lowered the General Fund from 2011 high. The Unassigned category, basically reserves, is \$4,182,764. The industry benchmark is anywhere from 10-20% of expenditures, Vernon County is at 38%. This seems high, but is good because Vernon Manor and the landfill have negative cash, LWCD is using quite a bit of cash for dam projects, and Human Services had significant expenditures for 2014. Under governmental revenues, 48% comes in the form of Intergovernmental, \$9.4 million. Included in that are shared taxes of \$1,303,493, Human Services grants of \$3,070,295, and the Ho-Chunk money of approximately \$1.2 million. Property tax accounts for 44% of revenue, \$8,603,380. Another reason to set reserves a little higher is that 92% of revenue is beyond county control. The 48% of county revenue from state and federal grants can be cut at any time and as far as taxes, you are set to either net new construction or 0%. Looking at property taxes over an eight year period, they have gone up roughly 16.8% to \$9,813,524. The 2013 Equalized Value has been relatively constant over the last five years or so. Other counties do not have that same trend and are still on the downward. Sales tax is up slightly to \$1,451,018. Vernon Manor had \$5.7 million in operating revenues and \$6.9 million in operating expenses so overall operating loss in \$1.2 million. After the non-operating revenues and expenses, the ending fund balance was roughly \$1.1 million. Vernon Manor has \$1,136,310 in accounts receivable. Under Long-Term Debt Obligations, the General Fund had \$7,849,240 of outstanding debt. Of that, roughly \$7 million is General Obligation Debt, meaning it is bonds or loans. Debt limit for the county is \$89,188,750.00 so approximately 92% of debt capacity is remaining.

Yttri moved to Item #6 on the agenda, Review computer printout of monthly bills and authorize payment. It was recommended that all committee members must review bills even if

it is after bill is paid. **Motion by Servais, 2nd by Beitlich to approve the monthly bills. Motion carried by all.**

The next Finance meeting is Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. **Motion by Servais, 2nd by Richardson to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried by all.**

Minutes respectively submitted by,
Ronald Hoff
Vernon County Clerk