

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Polk County Finance Committee met in the Second Floor East Conference Room of the Polk County Government Center at 2:00 p.m. on November 7, 2007.

Present: Gerald Newville Larry Jepsen Mick Larsen
Gary Bergstrom Neil Johnson

Also Present: Tonya Weinert
Members of the Public
Members of the Press

Chair Gerald Newville called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Moved by Larsen/Bergstrom to strike Information Technology from the November 7, 2007 Amended Agenda and to move the item to the November 21, 2007 meeting and to accept the Amended Agenda as published. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Bergstrom/Larsen to approve the previous minutes of October 24, 2007. Motion carried by voice vote.

The committee discussed upcoming Finance Committee Meetings and pending Resolutions.

Pop Fund

The committee members discussed the pop fund. **Moved by Larsen/Bergstrom to create an advisory committee for the purpose of determining the use and amount of the pop fund monies on an annual basis and said advisory committee to include the Administrative Coordinator and a member of the Human Resources Department and additional advisory committee members per their discretion; and to provide recommendation/s to the Finance Director and Administrative Coordinator for expenditure of the pop fund monies and implementation of the expenditures. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Corporation Counsel/Child Support Agency

Corporate Counsel Jeff Fuge submitted "*Resolution - to Postpone Implementation of 2008 Child Support Agency Staffing Plan*" for the committee's review. Fuge reported that the Resolution had passed at the Personnel Committee level and that the Resolution would not affect levy dollars. Finance Director Tonya Weinert and Fuge discussed terminology and Weinert requested that the Resolution be amended at the full County Board Meeting. **Moved by Bergstrom/Jepsen to approve "*Resolution - to Postpone Implementation of 2008 Child Support Agency Staffing Plan.*" Motion carried by voice vote.**

Public Works Facility

Weinert reported on the status of the Public Works Campus Steering Committee's educational process/referendum. The committee members discussed the 1.5 million unbudgeted dollars which would be needed, and which would still not address the space need, if the Highway Facility were to remain at its present location for the next few years. **Moved by Bergstrom/Jepsen that \$5,000 be used from the Contingency Fund as a starting point for exploration of a professional way to get the facts out to the general public. Motion carried by voice vote.**

2008 Budget

Human Services Fiscal Manager Pat Kirkwood reported that she was able to find additional revenue for the 2008 proposed budget bringing the 2008 shortfall down to \$313,000. Weinert reported that the State was allowing Act 150 Libraries, roads and bridges to fall outside of the levy cap and provided that the full County Board was in agreement, that the 2008 Budget shortfall is presently in the amount of \$192,526. The committee members discussed the role of the Personnel Committee and Finance Committee in relationship to the full County Board. Weinert handed out "*2008 Levy Limit Calc as of October 29, 2007*" for the committee's review.

Department of Administration

Weinert reported she was working with Bond Counsel and Paul Patrie of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc. to restructure the Bonds that were amended at the October 2007 County Board Meeting. Weinert reported there would be an approximate savings of \$30,000 because of the negotiated sale versus a competitive sale. **Moved by Bergstrom/Larsen to amend the Agenda on the November 16, 2007 County Board Agenda for a Resolution to do a negotiated sale for 3.5 million instead of a competitive sale.** Discussion followed. Neville called for the question. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Moved by Larsen/Jepsen to approve Bills and Vouchers numbered 233025 - 233612.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Bergstrom and Finance Committee members thanked Supervisor/Finance Chairperson Gerald Neville for his hard work and service over the past nine years. Bergstrom reported that it had been a pleasure to work with Neville and that he would be missed.

Moved by Larsen/Bergstrom to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.
