

## **Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**Monday, October 24, 2016**

Chair Heinrich called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Present:** Supervisors Jim Heinrich (Chair), Tim Dondlinger, Tom Michalski, Richard Morris, Duane Paulson, Ted Wysocki, and Bill Zaborowski.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Reverend Ralph Schultz of SOPHIA, Administration Director Norm Cummings, Budget Manager Linda Witkowski, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Benefits Administrator Andrea Mohr, Judge Jennifer Dorow, Chief of Staff Shawn Lundie, County Board Chair Paul Decker, and Senior Financial Analysts Mark Yatchak, Steve Trimborn, and Clara Daniels. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

### **Public Comment**

Schultz spoke in support of Paulson's amendment (see below).

### **Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)**

- November 2 and 16

### **Discuss and Consider 2017 Capital Projects, Debt Service, and Non-Departmental Budgets (General Fund, Health & Dental Insurance Fund, Contingency Fund)**

Cummings and Duckwitz were present to discuss the proposed 2017 Debt Service Fund which lists total debt at \$14,910,900 – an increase of \$257,283 from the 2016 budget. The County tax levy in this fund totals \$13,209,500 – an increase of \$100,000. Expenditures in the Capital Projects budget totals \$16,823,400 – a decrease of \$3,959,400. The County tax levy in this budget totals \$1,747,000 – a zero increase. Regarding the Non-Departmental Fund, both revenues and expenditures total \$2,081,600 – an increase of \$175,000 or 9.2%.

**MOTION:** Morris moved, second by Paulson to tentatively approve the proposed 2017 Capital Projects, Debt Service, and Non-Departmental budgets. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Discuss and Consider Amendments to the 2017 Waukesha County Operating Budget**

Heinrich referred to Amendment HHS-1, proposed by Paulson, to increase operating expense appropriations by \$60,000 for drug court or drug treatment programming. Dorow spoke to the need for more resources for drug court but said too many entities would be affected and without funding. While she fully supports the program, she asked for more time to determine how this will impact the staff and budgets of the many entities involved in the drug court process. Paulson stressed the need for additional services and said these funds are a start and the time is now. Zaborowski also spoke in support. Heinrich spoke in opposition to the amendment and felt budgeting this way would set bad precedent and he mentioned micromanaging. Wysocki also spoke in opposition. This amendment was discussed at length. Some committee members recommended that the evidence-based decision making group evaluate and indicate the best process and level of funding for drug treatment court.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Zaborowski to approve Amendment HHS-1. Motion defeated 2-5. Paulson and Zaborowski voted yes.

Heinrich referred to Amendment FIN-1, proposed by Supervisor Christine Howard, to increase operating expense appropriations by \$140,000 for the shortfall needed to cover the mandated Birth to Three Program in the Children & Special Needs Unit in Health & Human Services. Cummings gave history on budget shortfalls by the County's Birth to Three provider and Witkowski explained the amendment further.

MOTION: Wysocki moved, second by Dondlinger to approve Amendment FIN-1. Motion carried 7-0.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Report by the Economic Development Corporation on an annual basis (Heinrich)

MOTION: Dondlinger moved, second by Morris to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Zaborowski  
Secretary