

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Chair Haukohl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Pat Haukohl (Chair), Bill Zaborowski, Ted Rolfs, Pamela Meyer. Jim Heinrich and Rob Hutton arrived at 8:50 a.m. **Absent:** Dave Falstad.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Medical Examiner Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski, Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, Budget Manager Keith Swartz, and Legislative Associate Mary Pedersen.

Tour of the Medical Examiner's Office

The committee toured the newly remodeled and expanded work space in the Medical Examiner's Office.

Approve Minutes of 7-21-10

MOTION: Hutton moved, second by Zaborowski to approve the minutes of July 21. Motion carried 6-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

- August 18 (Absent: Rolfs and Hutton).

State Legislative Update

Spaeth advised the governor has not yet decided which juvenile correctional facility will close. The Legislative Council's Special Committee on Local Service Consolidation will hold its first meeting on August 31. The 2010 Wisconsin Economic Summit Series held their first meeting on Monday and they will be looking at new strategies to spur economic growth in Wisconsin. The next meeting will be in La Crosse where they will discuss ways to control the State deficit. A recommendation is expected in October.

Zaborowski asked Spaeth for information on operational costs related to a proposed high speed rail line.

Capital Projects Status Report for Six Months Ended

Witkowski discussed her report which included information on project title, current appropriations, expenditures, balance, percentage complete, etc. With the exception of water problems at the Medical Examiner's Office, no major issues or concerns were raised.

MOTION: Heinrich moved, second by Zaborowski to accept the capital projects status report for six months ended. Motion carried 6-0.

Special Revenue Funds Report for Six Months Ended

Swartz and Duckwitz reviewed their report entitled "6 Months – 2010 Budget Monitoring Summary Report – Special Revenue Fund Operations" which included information on agency, six months

actual, total year estimate, 2010 budget figures, and variances from the prior year. It was noted in the report that year-to-date spending levels were impacted by including one more pay period paid out during the first six months of 2010 than the first six months of 2009.

For six months of 2010, Special Revenue Fund actual operating expenditures were at \$35.1 million or 45.9% of the total modified expenditure budget versus expenditures for the same period in 2009 at \$33.2 million or about 46% of total 2009 actual expenditures. The 2009 six-month actual and total year 2009 actuals have been restated to reflect the following programmatic shifts in the 2010 budget: 1) the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council from the Health & Human Services Fund to the HHS – ADRC Division General Fund, and 2) the Adult Protective Services Program from the Long Term Care Fund to the HHS – ADRC Division General Fund.

Operating revenues achieved during the first six months of 2010 were at \$19.6 million or about 38% of the modified revenue budget. This compares to the first six months of 2009 when revenues of \$22.3 million were approximately 42% of the revenues earned for 2009. The lower revenue levels in 2010 are mainly due to the State Department of Children and Families/Health Services changing the timing of Community Aid payments, with more dollars moved into the second half of the year and less State Highway Maintenance Funding from the Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Heinrich to accept the Special Revenue Funds report for six months ended. Motion carried 6-0.

Status Report on the Contingency Fund for Six Months Ended

Swartz said there have been no draws from the Contingency Fund so far in 2010 and the balance remains at \$1,250,000.

MOTION: Rolfs moved, second by Hutton to accept the Contingency Fund status report for six months ended. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Rolfs to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Meyer
Secretary