

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Monday, October 23, 2017

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

Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson, Tom Michalski, Tim Dondlinger, Richard Morris, Ted Wysocki, and Steve Whittow. **Absent:** Chair Jim Heinrich.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Administration Director Norm Cummings, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Budget Manager Linda Witkowski, Human Resources Manager Jim Richter, County Board Supervisor Jennifer Grant, Chief of Staff Shawn Lundie, Corporation Counsel Erik Weidig, Sheriff Eric Severson, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Jail Administrator Mike Giese, Inspector Jim Gumm, Deputy Inspector Torin Misko, Financial Analyst Josh Joost, and Senior Financial Analysts Mark Yatchak, Steve Trimborn, and Clara Daniels. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)

- November 8

Discuss and Consider 2018 Capital Projects, Debt Service, and Non-Departmental Budgets (General Fund, Health & Dental Insurance Fund, Contingency Fund)

Cummings and Duckwitz discussed the proposed 2018 Debt Service Fund which lists total debt at \$14,892,840 – a decrease of \$18,060 from the adopted 2017 budget. The County tax levy in the Debt Service Fund totals \$13,554,500 – an increase of \$345,000. Expenditures in the Capital Projects budget total \$17,629,300 – an increase of \$2,747,300. The County tax levy in the Capital Projects budget totals \$1,747,000 – a zero increase. Regarding the Non-Departmental Fund, both revenues and expenditures total \$2,005,900 – a decrease of \$75,700 or 3.6%. The County tax levy in Non-Departmental totals \$46,200 – a zero increase. Duckwitz distributed copies of “Major Items in the 2018 Health Insurance Fund Budget” which Cummings and Richter discussed in detail. No major concerns were voiced.

MOTION: Dondlinger moved, second by Michalski to tentatively approve the Debt Service budget. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Wysocki moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the Capital Projects budget. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Dondlinger moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the Health & Dental Insurance Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Dondlinger moved, second by Whittow to tentatively approve the Contingency Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Michalski moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the remainder of the Non-Departmental budget. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Amendments to the 2018 Waukesha County Operating Budget

Grant discussed her amendment to increase personnel costs \$50,000 in the Sheriff's Department to fund a partial correctional officer position. The funds would come from the Corporation Counsel's Office as actual spending levels there have been less than what is budgeted for in 2018. Weidig discussed his budgeting process and defended the amount of money, reduced from last year, which funds outside legal counsel, arbitration, etc. Cummings spoke against the amendment. Severson thanked Grant, and other County Board Supervisors, for their support and he discussed the department's dire and ongoing need to fund multiple positions. This amendment was discussed and debated at length.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Whittow to approve Grant's proposed amendment to the 2018 budget. Motion defeated 3-3. Michalski, Paulson and Wysocki voted no.

Cummings discussed the amendment originated by Wysocki now referred to as Heinrich's Finance Committee amendment to decrease investment income by \$250,000 and appropriate \$250,000 into General Fund balance to add to the hedge in case interest rates do not continue to increase. If not needed, it will go back into fund balance after year-end 2018.

MOTION: Dondlinger moved, second by Michalski to approve Heinrich's proposed amendment to the 2018 budget. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTON: Morris moved, second by Whittow to adjourn at 11:39 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Michalski
Secretary