

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND COMPUTER COMMITTEE MEETING

January 10, 2022

County Board Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Cottingham.

Present: Jerry Niles, Roy Granger, Steve Thomas, Alan Peterson, Denise Giebel, Katie Steinke and Lori Chipman and Jim Parrett.

The Personnel Committee members Terry Kleifgen, Ray Zipperer, Jim Ryczek, and Ken Schneider, were present for a joint meeting.

Dawn Buchholz, DHS Director, was present to discuss her family support workers. One has resigned due to low pay. These positions spend time in the homes of clients doing parenting training and supervising visits. The additional cost to raise their grade would be about \$8,500 per year which will be covered by grant funding. Motion Ryczek, second Niles to approve. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee left the meeting.

Motion Granger, second Parrett, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Al Manna sent a request to carryover maintenance funds from the 2021 budget to 2022 because his vendor who does annual maintenance was not able to get here until January due to COVID. Motion Granger, second Parrett to carry over the funds to 2022. Motion carried.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on Lynxx's proposal for broadband from ARPA funds. Motion Thomas, second Granger, to approve \$500,000 of ARPA funds for Lynxx, not the \$590,000 they requested, with the possibility of the other \$90,000 if LaValle Telephone Coop backs out and take it to the County Board in January. Motion carried.

Denise handed out the cash on hand report. They have also started the in rem process.

Lori told the Committee that the final ARPA rule has been published. It is over 400 pages, so it will take a little time to read it all.

Mike talked to the Committee about 2 factor authentication and different proposals he is receiving.

The Committee adjourned to Monday, February 7 at 8:30a.m. for their next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Chipman

cc: Committee, Co Board Chair, IT, Finance, Treasurer, County Clerk