

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND COMPUTER COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2022

County Board Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Roy Granger.

Present: Steven Thomas, Herb Dannenberg, John McGinley, Mike Keichinger, Mike Hunkins, Katie Steinke, Denise Giebel, and Lori Chipman.

Motion Keichinger, second Dannenberg, to approve the minutes of August 8 and August 25. Motion carried.

Lori updated the Committee on the status of the ARPA funds.

Dustin Ladd, Land and Water Administrator, was present to request ARPA funds for water treatment systems and a no till drill. These items were included in the ARPA money set aside allocation approved earlier this year by the Committee. Dustin provided a handout explaining the water treatment system program. Motion Keichinger, second Thomas to approve \$100,000 for the water treatment system program from ARPA funds and take a resolution to the September County Board meeting for approval. Motion carried.

Dustin also presented a quote to the Committee to purchase a no till drill to be rented out to farmers. The County previously was renting one out to farmers on behalf of another entity. Bids will have to be solicited for the equipment per the County's purchasing policy. Motion Keichinger, second Thomas, to approve the purchase of a no till drill by the Land and Water Resources Department to rent to farmers for \$50,000 to come from ARPA funds and the balance from donations received and creating a non lapsing account with remaining donations to cover the cost of future maintenance and to take the resolution to the September County Board meeting. Motion carried.

Brian Loyd, Forestry and Parks Administrator, was present to ARPA funds that were set aside for the re-do of Area A of Castle Rock Park. Brian received notice that his application for State Stewardship funds to re-do Area A has been tentatively approved pending Joint Finance approval at the state level in the amount of \$490,000. There are 95 campsites in Area A that need new electric lines and new electric pedestals, along with 2 new outhouses, a new showerhouse and improvements to the roads in that area. This is a 50% match grant, so the County needs to match \$490,000. The Committee set aside \$450,000 in ARPA funds previously. Motion Dannenberg, second Keichinger, to allocate \$490,000 of ARPA funds as match to the State Stewardship Grant and take the resolution to the September County Board meeting. Motion carried.

Howard Fischer, 2nd Vice Chair of the County Board, was present to discuss funding for a new County website. Motion Keichinger, second Thomas, to set aside \$30,000 of unallocated ARPA funds to the website project. Motion carried.

Mike H explained the First Net is a new cell phone vendor that the County is looking at. They did a side-by-side ride along with Sheriff deputies, but there was not a large difference in coverage. Mike is requesting to get one squad and 2 cellphones to test side-by-side for 30 days from First Net for no cost to do our own test.

Mike presented his 2023 IT budget request to the Committee. Motion Thomas, second McGinley to take it to the budget hearings. Motion carried.

Denise presented the Cash on Hand Report.

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Denise presented her 2023 Treasurer budget request to the Committee. Motion Thomas, second Dannenberg to take it to the budget hearings. Motion carried.

Lori presented her 2023 Finance Department budget request to the Committee. Motion Thomas, second McGinley, to take it to the budget hearings. Motion carried.

The Committee adjourned to Tuesday, October 4 thru Thursday October 6 at 8:00 a.m. for budget hearings and Friday October 7 at 8:00 a.m. for the next regular meeting and finalization of the 2023 budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Chipman

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