

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND COMPUTER COMMITTEE MEETING

October 7, 2022

County Board Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Roy Granger.

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

Motion Thomas, second McGinley to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion McGinley, second Thomas to nominate Mike Keichinger as vice chairman. Motion carried.

Denise Giebel presented the cash on hand report.

Kevin Lunog, Clinic Manager, was present to request to upgrade a basic cell phone to a smart phone in the APS and crisis unit. This employee is in need of having internet access when in the field and away from the office. Motion Dannenberg, second Thomas to approve the upgrade to a smart phone. Motion carried.

Gary Pedersen, Traffic Captain, was present to request ARPA funds for an Axon Body Camera Grant of \$46,000 and 2 mobile radios at \$5,500 each. These items were included in the ARPA allocation set aside by the Committee. Pedersen also requested to purchase Flock Safety Cameras from the Drug Forfeiture funds for \$11,550. Motion Keichinger, second Dannenberg to approve and take \$57,000 request of ARPA funds to County Board for resolution. Motion carried.

Gina Laack, ADRC Director, was present to request 2 overhead hutches for the front office. There is ADRC funds available to cover the cost of this in full. She received a quote for \$2,916 that includes shipping and installation. The hutches will not block any of the windows and was approved by Al Manna, Maintenance Director. Motion Dannenberg, second Thomas to approve. Motion carried.

Discussion on website committee funding was tabled until next meeting.

Terry Kleifgen, HR Director, was present to request a new badge printer. The existing printer is no longer working and is 10 years old so it needs to be fully replaced. Approximate cost is \$3,200 and can be funded through IT non lapsing funds. Motion Keichinger, second McGinley to approve. Motion carried.

Mike Hunkins, IT Director, gave the committee an update on FirstNet. Revised pricing was requested from both FirstNet and US Cellular. Field testing is complete and 50 different locations throughout the County were tested and FirstNet did perform better overall than US Cellular. Mike will bring back pricing and further updates to the next committee meeting.

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Lori Chipman, Finance Director, advised the committee of the status of the 2023 budget requests. The operating budget is still \$1,518,487 over allowed levy. The committee reviewed budgets and made the following changes:

- Apply \$300,000 from the land sales fund
- Apply \$50,000 from Aging fund balance carryover
- Apply \$153,651 from the tower project
- Apply \$250,000 from the forestry fund
- Decrease mental health crisis contract for on call within DHS budget from \$250,000 to \$50,000
- Remove \$42,000 from squad changeovers to capital outlay
- Various cuts from Sheriff's Department budgets totalling approximately \$46,600
- Request to not fill the vacant Highway Maintenance Worker position for approximately \$75,000
- Decrease the Emergency Management budget overall by \$28,100
- Decrease JCEDC within the IRC budget levy by \$75,000 to still staff 1 FTE

The committee reviewed capital requests and made the following changes:

- Remove County I road project & fees from 2023 capital for \$1,004,000

The committee requested that all department heads go through their budgets and come up with proposed cuts for next meeting.

The Committee adjourned to October 13, 2022 at 8:30am for finalization of the 2023 budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Steinke

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