



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020 – 8:00 AM

Barron County Government Center – Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, Wisconsin 54812

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louie Okey, Karolyn Bartlett, Dale Heinecke, Jerry McRobert, Russell Rindsig, Burnell Hanson. Marv Thompson, Gary Nelson (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Buchanan, Don Horstman

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Jeff French, HR Director Rachael Richie, Treasurer Vonnie Ritchie, Corp Counsel John Muench, Finance Director Jodi Busch, Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, County Clerk DeeAnn Cook.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Gary Taxdahl, Dave Armstrong, Ruth Erickson, Bob Zientara

CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Compliance with public notification was stated.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - French mentioned WPPA negotiations on Friday

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (McRoberts / Heinecke) to approve the agenda. Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Taxdahl 1503 2 2 ½ St Turtle Lake spoke regarding the position being requested by the Sheriff's Department. Bob Rogers 2564 8 ¼ Ave Chetek spoke regarding virtual attendance and Sheriff's Department position request.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING: Motion: (Rindsig / Hanson) to approve as presented. Carried

APPROVE 2021 BUDGET FOR PUBLICATION - French and Busch presented proposed budget. The only September changes were in the Personal Property tax budget amount - increased by \$75,000; dog fund was decreased from \$30,000 to \$22,000. Tax levy will not change. Discussion regarding the request for additional funds for the Museum due to the effects of Covid on their revenue this year. **Motion: (Hanson / Thompson)** to give Museum a one time increase of \$4,000 out of unassigned fund balance. Carried. Discussion on WTE and Sheriff's Department positions that are being requested. **Motion: (Bartlett / Hanson)** to recommend publishing the budget with the 1.11% levy increase which includes new position requests. Carried.

VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE TAX DEED PROPERTY - V. Ritchie provided information. The property was on the Wisconsin Surplus Site Auction but did not sell. Options are to put it back on auction or list it with a realtor. Discussion. **Motion: (Bartlett / Rindsig)** to list the property with a realtor with the stipulation that the county ends up with a minimum of \$100,000 after fees. Carried

LOAN TO SNOWMOBILE / ATV CLUB Property Committee approved loans and French recommends approval. Loan balances would be \$149,088.09 for Chetek Snow Flyers and \$158,397.46 for Rice Lake Snow and Dirt. Discussion. **Motion: (Rindsig / Heinecke)** to approve loans and send on to the County Board. Carried.

AUDITORIUM UPGRADES - French provided details on options for upgrade. Proposed are fixed stations in a U design. Each station would have a microphone and speaker. The upgrade would also better allow for virtual meetings.

Motion: (Hanson / Thompson) to continue working with CBS Squared and Audio Architects on the auditorium upgrade. Carried.

MOSAIC EDA GRANT APPLICATION - Armstrong provided details about this unusual tool predominately used for infrastructure. This will allow Mosaic to put in fiber highway that will enable more broadband locally. It is an 80/20 grant (Fed/Mosaic) **Motion: (Bartlett / Heinecke)** to pass resolution in support of EDA Grant. Carried.

TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TELECOMMUTER FORWARD CERTIFICATION Armstrong provided information on this opportunity to increase broadband. **Motion: (Rindsig / McRoberts)** to approve resolution. Carried.

CHILD SUPPORT WALK IN'S & APPOINTMENTS French asking to approve policy limiting walk in's similar to ADRC and Veterans. **Motion: (Hanson / Nelson)** to approve policy to 1/1/2021. Carried.

MEETING PROTOCOLS: LIMIT DEBATE / CALL QUESTION- Question was raised about the Chair's handling of the Resolution Clarifying 2019-18 Corrective Action Plan for the Sheriff's Department at the last County Board meeting. French provided a detailed timeline leading up to the vote. General consensus was that there was adequate time allowed for debate.

STAFF REPORT / UPDATES -

- WCA Green Book Comparisons - not addressed
- Routes to Recovery Funds - we were awarded \$755,520 that needs to be used by Nov 6 unless there is an extension. To date we have spent approximately \$424,000 and have approximately \$331,000 remaining. Any excess money will be spent on equipment and PPE
- Mosaic PSC Technical Assist Grant - 6 municipalities are getting grants that they applied for through the PSC which will provide technical assistance from the PSC to Mosaic.

REVIEW OF VOUCHER EDIT LISTS - Lists set out on table for review

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Financing resolutions
- Auditorium upgrade

SET NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, October 26, 2020 at 8:00 am

EMBRACE CONTRACT REVIEW - Continuation, Termination or Modification **Motion: (Bartlett / Hanson)** to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, or other specific business, or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Carried on roll call vote with all voting yes. Included are Fitzgerald, Frolik (virtually), Muench all County Board Supervisors present. (French took minutes for the remainder of the meeting)

Motion to return to Open Session: Bartlett/Hanson, carried

Motion Heinecke: To stop funding, \$25,000 to Embrace and Stacey, (*HHS Director Frolik*), to resign from Embrace Board, and to not adjust the 2021 Health and Human Services budget; second Bartlett, carried

Adjourn: 10.01am declared adjourned by unanimous consent, Chair Okey.

Respectfully Submitted,

DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk

Minutes are not official until approved by the Executive Committee at their next meeting.