

FINANCE COMMITTEE
August 20, 2009

Call to Order. Chair Mawhinney called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 7:30 A.M. on Thursday, August 20, 2009, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Mawhinney, Beaver, Podzilni.

Committee Members Excused. Supervisor Kraft

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Diestler

Staff Members Present. Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Sherry Oja, Senior Accountant/Assistant to the Finance Director; Mickey Crittenden, Information Technology Director; Joyce Lubben, Director of Elderly Programs; Vicki Brown, Treasurer; Tom Sweeney, Land Conservationist.

Others Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Combs, Fizzell, Sweeney, Wiedenfeld; Neil Deupree; Carolyn Brandeen.

Approval of Agenda. Chair Mawhinney said Item #8 is being moved up after Item #6 and a Transfer and two Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Council on Aging are being added. Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the agenda with these changes/additions, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED as amended.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the minutes of August 6th with a correction to the first line on page 3 from Human Services to Human Resources, and the minutes of August 13th, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED as amended.

Transfers and Appropriations.

General Services

FROM

Account #

18-1816-0000-62160

Cleaning Contracts

18-1816-0000-62200

Utilities

18-1816-0000-62203

Natural Gas

Amount

\$ 6,000

2,000

4,000

TO

Account #

18-1816-0000-63500

R&M Supplies

Amount

\$ 12,000

Council on Aging

FROM

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30-3908-0000-61108	\$ 1,237
Seasonal Wages	
30-3908-0000-61400	95
FICA	
30-3956-0000-61220	5,500
OT Wages-Comp. Time	
30-3956-0000-63100	500
Office Supplies	

TO

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30-3908-0000-62625	\$ 1,332
Outreach	
30-3956-0000-62119	6,000
Other Contracted Ser.	

Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the above transfers for General Services and the Council on Aging, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Bills/Encumbrances

Finance Director	\$ 10,425.28
County Clerk	228.00
Information Technology	35,803.69

Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above Bills and Encumbrances for the Finance Committee, second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Bills Over \$10,000.

IKON Office Solutions	\$ 10,287.69
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Supervisor Beaver moved approval of the above Bills Over \$10,000 for the Finance Committee, second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Encumbrances Over \$10,000. None.

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.

Council on Aging

Hoffman House	\$ 26,105.00
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Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the above Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Council on Aging, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Approval of Bills for Other Departments. None.

Set Prices on Delinquent Tax Properties. Ms. Brown distributed a list of properties and proposed sale prices. She reminded the Committee that this is a preliminary list. Rock County will not be taking ownership until the September 15th court date. The Auction is Friday, October 9, 2009, 9:00 A.M.

She said she talked with the City of Beloit and they are very interested in all eight of the parcels in Beloit, including the lots. Nothing further will be known until this goes before the Beloit City Council later in September. Ms. Brown said the City of Janesville has expressed interest in the McKinley, Linn and Pearl Street properties.

Ms. Brown requested an item be placed on the next agenda regarding the final date for payment of delinquent property taxes.

Ms. Brown and the Committee reviewed each property and the proposed sale price. Supervisor Podzilni moved to set the prices as shown on the list, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Report on Cash Balances and Investments – Finance Director. Mr. Smith updated the Committee on cash balances and investments as of July 31, 2009.

Resolutions.

Authorizing a Five-Year Contract with Sequoia Consulting Group for Recovery of Indirect Costs

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2009 does hereby authorize entering into a contract with Sequoia Consulting Group of Waunakee, Wisconsin, for the five fiscal years of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 at a cost of \$38,500.00.”

Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Declaring That Rock County, Wisconsin Will No Longer Purchase Bottled Water

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rock County does, on this _____ day of _____, 2009, announce that it will no longer purchase, or permit its funds to be used to purchase bottled drinking water in personal containers. This resolution does not apply to water purchased in larger than personal containers such as for water coolers or for drinking water during emergencies.”

Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver.

Supervisor Fizzell said there are two main reasons for this resolution: 1. Environmental (production of bottles uses petroleum, it is a major producer of CO2 and creates more waste in landfills); and 2. Part of a larger movement away from public water supplies to private water

supplies. He said this is something that is absolutely not needed. Bottled water is less regulated than tap water.

Supervisor Mawhinney said she thinks it is a personal choice and she has a problem with the county going on record against purchasing bottled water. She asked about plastic soda bottles.

Supervisor Fizzell said this is an issue of paying for something that we can get free. Pitchers and glasses have been placed on tables at meetings for years. Mr. Smith said we need to emphasize recycling. Supervisor Wiedenfeld said he thinks this is an excellent opportunity for the county to make a statement on this issue.

Supervisor Podzilni suggested amending the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED” clause to add something pertaining to emergency situations, i.e. SWAT, Workenders, etc. He wants to make the exceptions very clear.

Supervisor Podzilni moved to “Table” the resolution and requested Supervisor Fizzell work with Mr. Boutwell and incorporate more specifics into the resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver. TABLED.

Reallocating \$500,000 of ATC Fees to be Used in 2010 Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2009, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors reallocates \$500,000 of funding from the Parks and Land Conservation Fund for use in the 2010 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$500,000 reallocation be evenly split as a \$250,000 reduction in funds to both Parks projects and Land Conservation projects.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to use the \$500,000 in the 2010 Budget in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 16.969(4).”

Supervisor Podzilni moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Beaver.

Mr. Deupree said the urgent is often the enemy of the important. To help solve a crisis is laudable, however, he believes the ATC money was allocated to make this county a better place to live.

Supervisor Sweeney advised the first PACE/PDR meeting was held Tuesday of this week and attendance was very good. He said he has had numerous conversations with people, they agree with the cause, and agree that the ATC’s environmental impact fee was meant to go for a

project like this. This is a one-time shot to preserve working lands in the county. Supervisor Mawhinney commented she also supports farmland preservation.

Supervisor Combs said this is an issue the County Board settled last year. He is concerned that we are looking at \$500,000 as a short term, stop gap measure in a budget where it really won't make that much difference. The \$500,000, however, will make a great difference in land preservation. We need to give the whole county the opportunity to see this through.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld said he agrees with everything that has been said. We have this one-time opportunity to make a difference and if we let it go away, we don't know when we will have a full economy again. There will be other needs and funding issues in the years to come.

Supervisor Fizzell commented that while it is important to think about short-term solutions, there is no reason to believe next year's budget won't fall just as short. We need to "bite the bullet" and take the issue of the budget in the long term.

Ms. Brandeen said she is not representing the League of Women Voters, but herself as a former member of the Parks Advisory Committee and the Rock Trail Coalition. She said there is nothing new to add to the discussion at this time, the decision made by the County Board in November, 2008, was a sound one.

Supervisor Bostwick reminded the Committee that the overwhelming will of the Board in November was to use these monies for conservation and to divide it between Land Conservation and Parks. We have an opportunity that probably never will happen again.

Chair Mawhinney asked what will happen with the 2010 Budget if we don't approve taking these funds out? Mr. Smith said the whole budget is a balancing act we will have to work out. Supervisor Mawhinney said when this money was taken out of the 2009 Budget last November, we backfilled with sales tax.

Supervisor Sweeney suggested a lesser amount be considered. Supervisor Podzilni moved to amend Lines 21 and 22 to read: "BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$250,000 reallocation be evenly split as a \$125,000 reduction in funds to both Parks projects and Land Conservation projects" and it be mandatory that we look at replacing these funds in each budget year until these two departments are made whole again, second by Supervisor Beaver.

Supervisor Sweeney suggested that a mandatory replacement of 10% (\$25,000) per year be put in place.

Supervisor Beaver withdrew her second to the above amendment.

Supervisor Podzilni moved to amend Lines 21 and 22 to read: "BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$250,000 reallocation be evenly split as a \$125,000 reduction in funds to both Parks projects and Land Conservation projects" and it be replaced at the rate of 10% per year until the \$250,000 is replaced, or sooner if funds become available, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Supervisor Beaver moved to approve the resolution as amended, second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Podzilni moved adjournment at 8:38 A.M., second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Milligan
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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