

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Chair Heinrich called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Jim Heinrich (Chair), Tom Michalski, Richard Morris, Duane Paulson, and Ted Wysocki. **Absent:** Bill Zaborowski and Tim Dondlinger.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Land Use Committee Member Bill Mitchell, Business Manager Peter Mudek, Parks & Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Budget Manager Linda Witkowski, and Senior Financial Analysts Steve Trimborn, Clara Daniels, and Mark Yatchak. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

- October 12 and 19

Announcements

Paulson said the Health & Human Services Committee approved an amendment to add \$60,000 to Clinical Services Division programming to help reduce drug related deaths.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth said the State Legislature is still in recess. She met with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) lobbyists to go over their 2017-19 state budget requests and 911 funding continues to be a priority. WCA will be requesting that the state pay for the Emergency Services Internet Protocol network (ESInet), a private network capable of handling Next Generation 911 technology which allows the public to text or send video to 911. It is estimated that ESInet costs about \$12 million/year. Wisconsin does not provide statewide coordination of 911 efforts and WCA will also be asking the state to develop an advisory council that focuses on developing 911 standards.

Discuss and Consider the 2017 Operating Budget for the Parks & Land Use Department

Shaver and staff reviewed the proposed 2017 operating budget for the Parks & Land Use Department as outlined in the budget book including the financial summaries, current capital projects, program highlights, activity data, and strategic outcomes and objectives. Total all funds, revenues total \$17,731,955 – a decrease of \$421,278 or 2.3% from the 2016 budget. The County tax levy totals \$7,134,010 – a decrease of \$95,000 or 1.3%. Expenditures total \$24,689,014 – a decrease of \$699,397 or 2.8%. The positions summary shows an increase of 1.16 for a total of 176.18 full-time equivalent positions. Shaver explained their earlier budget shortfall and cuts that were made (e.g., salary/benefit reductions due to turnover) and an increase in revenues (e.g., fee increases) to make the budget target.

Wysocki was opposed to using Tarmann funds (Parkland Acquisition Program) at County golf courses whereby he referred to a bridge being built at Wanaki. He felt funds for purposes such as these should instead come from enterprise funds.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Michalski to tentatively approve the 2017 operating budget for the Parks & Land Use Department. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Wysocki to adjourn at 11:21 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Zaborowski
Secretary