

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

September 16, 2011

The Finance/Personnel Committee met on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, located in the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Gaylord Deets, Larry Wyman, Fred Clary, Ann Greenheck and Walter Gust. Absent was Betty Havlik.

Others present included: Dianne Monson, Deputy County Clerk.

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order.

The Deputy Clerk verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were mailed and an addition e-mailed to all Finance Committee members, a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, a copy was faxed to the Richland Observer and a copy was e-mailed to WRCO.

Motion by Greenheck, second by Wyman to approve the Proof of Notification and the amended Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Deets, second by Gust to approve the printed copies of the minutes for the meetings held on September 2, and September 9, 2011. Motion carried.

Employee Contribution Percentage for 2012 Health Insurance Premiums was discussed. According to Wisconsin Act 10, subsection "40.51 (7), an employer may not offer a health care coverage plan to its employees under this subsection if the employer pays more than 88 percent of the average premium cost of plans offered in any tier with the lowest employee premium cost under this subsection". For 2012, 88% of the average premium cost as charted by Employee Trust Funds is higher than the premium for the lowest cost plan which is Unity Community. Since Unity Community premium is lower than the average cost the minimum employee share is zero for 2012. This satisfies the 12% employee contribution required by Act 10.

Administrative rule ETF 40.10 (2) continues to set the lowest amount an employer can pay at 50% of the low cost qualified plan in the county. This would apply to full-time and part-time employees. Richland County can set the amount the employer will pay as long as the calculation falls between the upper and lower maximums set forth in statute and rule.

Motion by Wyman, second by Greenheck to approve a Resolution to County Board setting Richland County's employer contribution for 2012 at 88% of the lowest cost plan, that being Unity Community. The 2012 Unity Community premium for single coverage is \$499.40 and for family coverage is \$1,244.30. Motion Carried.

UW Richland Campus Dean Hagen and Barb Wentz appeared before the committee to present the 2012 UW Outlay budget. Dean Hagen discussed the energy efficiency audit being

done at the UW Richland. The total budget request for 2012 was \$53,000.00. Kirkpatrick questioned the \$15,000.00 for a Campus Master Plan within the Building Maintenance budget. Kirkpatrick stated she has a problem with using budget dollars for other than maintenance. The committee accepted the budget as presented.

Barb Wentz presented an Engineering Services Amendment (Contract) between Richland County (Client) and Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc to amend previous Engineering Services Contracts dated August 11, 2010 and February 1, 2011. The additional services will complete the FEMA application/Certification required. The cost of this amendment is \$2,475.00. Motion by Wyman, second by Greenheck to approve the amendment for Jewell Associates Engineers in the amount of \$2,475.00. This will be paid from the Borrowed Money Fund. Motion carried.

The 2012 budgets for Symons Recreation Complex, Richland County Highway Department, Pine Valley Healthcare, Richland County Fair, Sheriff's Department, and Health & Human Services were accepted as presented.

The 2012 budgets for Land Conservation Funds were accepted as presented with the exception of the Watershed Maintenance Fund. The committee approved a \$2,000.00 levy rather than the requested \$9,000.00.

Motion by Wyman, second by Greenheck to appropriate \$59,180.00 from the Contingency Fund for the Jail Administration Roof Replacement Project as outlined by Woodland Consultants Inc. Motion carried.

Motion by Gust, Second by Deets to approve refunding 5% of non-union and elected WRS taxable salary to compensate for the employee required contributions for the period August through December 2011 that contributions began. Motion carried.

Motion by Clary, second by Deets to approve completion of probation period for two Symons Recreation Complex employees. Marianne Hackney, hire date 10/5/2006, Land Aerobics Instructor, and Tara Pizer, hire date 8/23/2008, Lifeguard. Motion carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be September 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Deets, second by Gust to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Monson, Deputy County Clerk