

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

September 5, 2014

The Finance and Personnel Committee met on Friday, September 5, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room, located on the Third Floor of the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Bob Bellman, Fred Clary, Tom Crofton, Gaylord Deets, Larry Sebranek and Lew Van Vliet.

Also present was: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk.

Committee Chairman Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by mail or email to all Committee members, a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, a copy was faxed to The Richland Observer, a copy was emailed to WRCO and copies were emailed to all County Department Heads.

Motion by Van Vliet, second by Deets that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Paul Klawiter presented the proposed 2015 budget for the Property Lister. The proposed budget has been reduced because the Assistant Lister has health insurance coverage under his wife's plan.

The Committee discussed the costs of the removal of the former Meyers Supper Club building and adjoining house located in Hub City. Wanless Construction, LLC has submitted a bid of \$22,500.00 for the removal of the structures and foundations. Current available funds in the County-Owned Real Estate Clean-Up Fund will not cover the full cost of the bid. Motion by Clary, second by Sebranek to present a resolution for approval to appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Clean-Up Fund. Motion carried.

The Committee was informed that Amy Hoffman-Crook has resigned from the position of Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court.

Marc Higgs, Tri-County Airport Manager, addressed the Committee requesting Richland County's 1/3 share of the counties' costs of a project being undertaken by the Tri-County Airport Commission with Federal, State and local funds for runway maintenance and for a new septic system for the restaurant at the Airport. Sauk and Iowa counties have each contributed their 1/3 share of the cost of the project. Motion by Bellman, second by Crofton to present a resolution for approval to appropriate \$6,749.56 from the General Fund to pay Richland County's one-third share of the local costs for these projects. Motion carried.

Marc Higgs presented the 2015 budget request for Tri-County Airport's operations. The budget request has been increased to cover Richland County's one-third share of the local costs for pavement maintenance on the major runway. State and Federal funding will cover 95% of the cost of the total maintenance project. The 2014 request was for \$15,665.00. The 2015 request is for \$16,805.00.

Julie Keller presented the 2015 proposed budget for the County Treasurer's office. \$700.00 was included in the budget for the purchase of one replacement computer. Also included in the budget request was the approved 2015 salary for the County Treasurer.

The Owner Unknown Tax Searches account was discussed. Title searches have a \$150.00 flat fee. Expenditures from the account are for title searches, advertising and postage. The 2015 budget request is for \$1,500.00.

Jennifer Harper presented information on the operation of the District Attorney's office and on State funded positions and expenses. The budget request for 2015 has been reduced to \$157,927.33.

Sue Triggs presented the 2015 budget request for the Register of Deeds office. Health insurance rate increases are included in the budget as well as the approved 2015 salary for the Register of Deeds.

Dean Patrick Hagen, Assistant Campus Dean Dundee McNair and Building and Grounds Superintendent Tom Waalkens explained the proposed landscaping plan for the area along Highway 14. The landscaping is needed because of the Highway 14 reconstruction that took place. Richland County was compensated by the State \$6,000 for the damages. The cost of the proposed plan is \$4,975.00. Motion by Bellman, second by Van Vliet to present a resolution for approval to appropriate \$4,975.00 from the General Fund to cover the cost of the landscaping. Motion carried.

Luann Alme, Business Agent for the Wisconsin Professional Police Association and members of the Richland County Deputy Sheriff's Association were present. Also present was Attorney Jon Anderson, Sheriff Darrell Berglin and Chief Deputy Sheriff Tom Hougan. Proposals were exchanged and reviewed for a new labor agreement. October 1st at 1:00 p.m. and October 8th at 1:00 p.m. were the dates and times established to begin contract negotiations.

Motion by Crofton, second by Bellman to go into closed session under section 19.85 (1) (b) (c) and (f) of the Wisconsin Statutes to confer with legal counsel regarding agenda item (10) an employment discrimination complaint; agenda item (11) an employee letter of concern; and agenda item (12) an employee discipline recommendation. The motion included the County Clerk, Health and Human Services Director and Attorney Jon Anderson remaining for the closed session. Roll call vote. AYES: Van Vliet, Sebranek, Clary, Kirkpatrick, Deets, Bellman, Crofton. Ayes 7. Noes 0. Total 7. Motion carried. Members of the Veterans Service Commission that remained for a portion of the closed session were James Deitelhoff, Don Goplin, Buford Marshall, Jr., Larry Sebranek and Don Seep. Veterans Service Officer Sandra Kramer also participated in a portion of the closed session.

Motion by Clary, second by Bellman to return to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellman, second by Sebranek to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 12th.

Victor V. Vlasak,
Richland County Clerk