

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

September 12, 2014

The Finance and Personnel Committee met on Friday, September 12, 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, Gaylord Deets, Larry Sebranek and Lew Van Vliet. Tom Crofton was absent.

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.

Barb Scott presented the 2015 proposed budget for the Management Information Systems Department. Information was presented on the cost of increasing the MIS Director's salary and the continuation of the contracted position, with that position being half time until March and then full time after that. Information was also presented regarding computers and licensing requirements for County departments. Clary noted that proposed budgets do not contain salary increases. The proposed budget totaling \$174,390.66 contains no salary increases, but does include the continuation of the contract position on a half-time basis.

Paul Klawiter presented the 2015 proposed budget for Land Records. The proposed budget includes a \$15,000.00 allocation towards a new server. This higher capacity server would cost approximately \$55,000.00 and replace three existing servers. This funding would only be allocated if the other departments contribute towards the cost of the new larger server. \$10,472.00 is included in the proposed grant budget for work on section corner coordinates. Klawiter explained that the Electronic Access Fees Fund will be ending because there will no longer be fees going directly to that Fund.

Avery Manning presented the 2015 proposed budget for the Courthouse.

Larry Ward, Executive Director, presented the 2015 budget request for the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Ward reviewed some of the projects the Commission participated in.

Cathy Cooper presented the 2015 proposed budgets for Land Conservation, Watershed Maintenance, Soil Conservation Cost Sharing, Planner Technician, Nursery Stock, Ash Creek Forest and Wildlife damage. The proposed Land Conservation budget contains a dues increase for Southwest Badger. Ms. Cooper noted that the Little Willow Watershed Grant will begin on October 1st.

Cathy Cooper and Steve Kohlstedt presented the 2015 proposed Parks Commission budget. Included in the proposed budget is the cost of adding a phone line designated for promotion of the parks and use of a computer to upgrade the web site. Changes will be made to playground equipment at the Rockbridge Park to address some liability issues.

Damon Anderson addressed the Committee regarding a realtor listing for Hub City Tax Deed parcel # 014-3440-1012. The appraised value had been set at \$4,000. The parcel did not sell at the August 5th Tax Deed Sale. Mr. Anderson indicated that the appraised value was too high to allow for the sale of the parcel to a party that has expressed interest in the property. Motion by Bellman, second by Van Vliet to list the parcel with Anderson Realty, LLC and allow Mr. Anderson to set the sale price. Motion carried.

Barb Scott addressed the Committee regarding the proposal to purchase one server to replace three existing servers that are all, or in part, dedicated to Land Records. Ms. Scott noted that there are 24 servers in County departments, 22 of which could be connected to the proposed new single server eliminating the need for individual servers and licensing. This proposal includes a redundant server. The Symons Recreation Complex could have their records on the new server if fiber is installed to Symons.

Van Vliet left the meeting at this point.

Discussion on the server purchase continued. The estimated cost of the server is \$60,000.00. Also discussed were possible funding sources for the proposed purchase.

Motion by Clary, second by Bellman to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk