

## FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

October 27, 2020

The Finance and Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Banquet Room of the Phoenix Center, 100 South Orange Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Marc Couey, Marty Brewer, Linda Gentes, Melissa Luck, Don Seep and David Turk.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; elected officials, department heads and employees.

Committee Chair Murphy-Lopez called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Luck, second by Couey for approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

**Temporary Citizen Participation Planning Committee** - One of the requirements for the Community Development Block Grant Close program is that the County create a Temporary Citizen Participation Planning Committee in accordance with the already-adopted Citizen Participation Plan for Community Development Block grants. Motion by Brewer, second by Couey to present a resolution to the County Board for approval to create the committee. Motion carried.

**Tri-County Airport Budget Appropriations Agreement** – Iowa County has given notice of withdrawal from participation in the Tri-County Airport operation effective January 1, 2021. Motion by Couey, second by Luck that Richland County's funding of airport operations continue at 25.5%. Motion carried.

**Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policies Amendment** – March 18<sup>th</sup> legislation was passed with modifies the requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act, expands access to Unemployment Compensation Insurance Benefits and creates paid sick leave for employees while the employee or his/her family members are impacted by COVID-19. Motion by Gentes, second by Turk to present a resolution to the County Board to state that Richland County, as an employer, hereby adopts, as of April 2, 2020, the temporary policies contained in the Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act which modifies the requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act, expands access to unemployment compensation insurance benefits and creates paid sick leave for eligible employees while the employee or his or her family are impacted by Covid-19. Motion carried.

**Hazardous Pay for Healthcare and Emergency Responders/Critical Infrastructure Employees exempt from Families First Act** – The issuance of a one-time hazardous pay payment of \$500.00 for full-time employees, \$300.00 for part-time employees, and \$150.00 for casual employees was discussed. Funding would come from the Federal COVID-19 CARES Act Relief Stimulus Fund. Motion by Couey, second by Luck to present a resolution to the County Board for approval of the one-time hazardous pay payment. Motion carried.

**Automated External Defibrillators Purchase** – The purchase of 18 defibrillators and related equipment, one for the Jail and one for each squad car, was discussed. SOS Technologies, Inc. of Chicago has bid \$21,055 to provide 18 Physio Control Lifepak CR-2 automated external defibrillators, with an 8-year manufacturer’s warranty, plus 3 spare pad sets and 2 spare batteries. Motion by Turk, second by Gentes to present a resolution for approval of the purchase. Motion carried. The expenditure would be made from the 2020 Capital Projects Fund.

**Temporary Administrative Transition Committee Creation** – Proposed is the formation of a committee to create a plan for transition of staff from other county departments to the County Administrator as well as determining the final office space that the Administrator and his staff will occupy and the revision of remaining documents to complete the transition in administration. Motion by Brewer, second by Gentes to present a resolution for approval of the creation of the temporary committee. Motion carried.

**Awarding the Sale of \$1,050,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes** – Richland County will be selling promissory notes on October 27<sup>th</sup>. November the 4<sup>th</sup> is the closing. An initial resolution authorizing the borrowing was approved by the County Board on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Turk to present a resolution awarding the sale of \$1,050,000 notes. Roll call vote. AYES: Brewer, Turk, Gentes, Luck, Murphy-Lopez, Seep, Couey. Ayes 7. Noes 0. Total 7. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey, second by Luck to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak  
Richland County Clerk