

Richland County

Finance & Personnel Standing Committee

June 22nd, 2022

The Richland County Finance and Personnel Standing Committee convened on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2022, at the Phoenix Center at 100 S Orange Street, in person, via videoconference and teleconference.

Committee members present included County Board Supervisors Marty Brewer, Steve Carrow, Melissa Luck and Timothy Gottschall with Shaun Murphy-Lopez and David Turk on line.

Also present was Administrator Clinton Langreck, County Board Members Linda Gentes, Kerry Severson, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Barb Voyce, Don Seep (on line), Assistant to the Administrator Cheryl Dull taking minutes, several department heads, county employees and general public. Barb Scott, Jason Marshall & John Couey were present from MIS running the teleconferencing.

Not present:

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. requesting roll call.
2. **Proof of Notification:** Chair Brewer verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by email to all Committee members, County Board members, WRCO, County department heads, Richland Observer, Valley Sentinel and a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board.
3. **Agenda Approval:** Chair Brewer asked for approval of the agenda. Moved by Supervisor Murphy-Lopez to approve the agenda, second by Supervisor Luck. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Financial Condition of Richland County** – Administrator Langreck introduced the staff and consultants that assisted with the report. He reviewed the outlines and objectives of the report that would be provided.
5. **Financial Planning:** Administrator Langreck reviewed the Financial Planning, administration recommendations and Resolutions to support the recommended reductions.

Break for Lunch from 12:30 – 1:15

Financial Planning continued: Administrator Langreck presented the Resolution that is prepared for Richland County Education Standing Committee, stating all resolutions were set up the same with committee names changed. Chair Brewer asked for any public comment on the Richland County Education Standing Committee resolution requesting to keep all comments to 2 minutes or less.

Emily Dolan asked to speak. She is new to the community. She is the Director of Marketing and Communication for the school district. She feels the Campus is very important to Richland Center Schools and the community. She is also concerned about cutting Economic Development.

Supervisor Murphy-Lopez left meeting at 2:00.

Supervisor Gentes asked if action would be taken today because she wasn't prepared? Administrator Langreck stated today's meeting is informational only, no action will be taken. She stated she is aware we have to make some decisions and that is why she has asked that we make a request to the state concerning funding. She feels that all of these resolutions will lower our standard of living. She is hoping with the change in Chancellors at the UW, they will be more willing to work with other universities and campuses to find a way to make this work.

Supervisor Voyce stated that when they moved here, they were looking at several communities to move to. The campus was a positive to moving here. She is aware there is a budget problem but feels this is a radical decision.

Jean Birkett asked to speak. She taught at the campus for 22 years. She hopes we do not abandon the higher education for our community. We need education as much as we need roads and ambulances.

James Schneider was a charter member at Baraboo campus. His daughter had an opportunity to attend the UW Campus for 3 years. It was an extreme cost savings to his family to allow his daughter to live at home while attending school.

Supervisor Luck left at 2:09.

Administrator Langreck reviewed the resolutions that will be presented to the Richland County Fair, Recycling and Parks Standing Committee, City County Committee, Ambulance Committee, Land and Zoning Standing

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Committee, Pine Valley and Child Support Standing Committee and various other committees for funding reduction consideration.

6. **Capital Improvement Program Planning:** Administrator Langreck reviewed the county footprint of lands owned. He reviewed the budget needs, sources of funding, declined improvements, total debt, total capacity and total debt remaining.
7. **Administrator's Recommendations:** He reviewed individual department improvement needs, plans and recommended deferment.
8. **Discussion and possible action on items of Administrative Reports and Presentation:** Slide show was completed showing other county comparisons and what it would take to meet the inflation growth and timeline was presented.
9. **Public Comment:** Chairman Brewer requested all public comments will be limited to 2 minutes or less.

Supervisor Turk asked to speak, he thanked Administrator Langreck for his hard work reiterating this is what he was hired to do.

Carla Doudna asked to speak. She attended the Economic Development Summit and felt what was portrayed there is not what is being portrayed today. She felt, as the Fair Coordinator, that taking away parks and fairs that are designed for the youth is not planning for the future. She thinks there is potential at the fairgrounds for revenue and hopes that committee members would work with the Fair Committee to organize some future events.

10. **Future agenda items:** Budget discussion.
11. **Adjournment:** Public hearing concluded at 2:46 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
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