

Richland County

Finance & Personnel Standing Committee

January 3rd, 2023

The Richland County Finance and Personnel Standing Committee convened on Tuesday, January 3rd in person and teleconference.

Committee members present included County Board Supervisors Marty Brewer, Steve Williamson, Steve Carrow, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Melissa Luck, Tim Gottschall, Marc Couey and David Turk.

Also present was Administrator Clinton Langreck, Assistant to the Administrator Cheryl Dull taking minutes, several department heads, county employees and general public. John Couey was present from MIS running the teleconferencing.

Not present: Gary Manning

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
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 as presented. Moved by Supervisor Couey to approve the agenda, 2nd by Supervisor Luck. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment:**
5. **Previous minutes:** Hearing no changes, Chair Brewer declared them approved as published.
6. **Report – Financial Reports:**
 - a. **Fund 75 – Capital Improvements:** Plan to close out February 7th.
 - b. **Fund 92 – Short Term Borrowing:** 2021 is 97% expended, 2022 is 20% expended
 - c. **Fund 93 – ARPA:** 23% expended
 - d. **Fund 93 – ARPA Childcare:** Reports provided in the folder
 - e. **Budget performance report Administration Office:** 88% expended
 - f. **Budget performance report Clerk Office:** 80% expended
 - g. **Budget performance report Treasurer Office:** 85% expended

Moved by Supervisor Williamson to accept reports as presented, 2nd by Supervisor Couey. All voting aye, motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible action on transfer of highway capital funds:** Administrator Langreck reviewed the request. Moved by Supervisor Couey to transfer \$650,000 from Fund 92 to Fund 71 “County Highway Fund” to supplement Highway funds for 2022 county trunk repairs and maintenance and improvement projects intended with the short-term borrowing, 2nd by Supervisor Williamson. All voting aye, motion carried.
8. **Discussion and possible action to extend contract for accounting services:** Administrator Langreck presented the request to extend the contract with Johnson Block. Moved by Supervisor Couey to approve contract extension with Johnson Block and Company to perform the 2022 County Financial Audit, 2nd by Supervisor Murphy-Lopez. All voting aye, motion carried.
9. **Discussion and possible action to transfer ambulance funds:** Administrator Langreck presented the request and turned the presentation over to Director Gudgeon. Moved by Supervisor Luck to transfer \$40,000 out of Fund 51, the non-lapsing ambulance operations account, and put into Fund 16 which is the new ambulance outlay account, 2nd by Supervisor Williamson. All voting aye, motion carried.
10. **Discussion and possible action on referendum report and referendum question:** Supervisor Murphy-Lopez updated the committee that there was 4 amendment made at the meeting this morning which were put into the report. He reviewed the final draft that the Ad Hoc Committee put together that was sent out this afternoon to the County Board members titled “Final Referendum Report”, which is a summary of all the attachments. The Referendum Committee is recommending shifting the development of a referendum question

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for a 911 Center back to the Public Safety Standing Committee. He presented some ideas that could be developed over the coming years to prepare for 2027. Moved by Supervisor Williamson to accept the plan and recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee and send to County Board for approval, 2nd by Supervisor Luck. Supervisors Brewer, Williamson, Carrow, Murphy-Lopez, Luck, Couey and Turk all voting aye, motion carried. Gottschall is opposed.

11. **Discussion and possible action on financial planning and outcomes:** See #10.
12. **Discussion and possible action regarding correspondence and guidance with the Referendum Ad Hoc Committee:** See #10.
13. **Discussion and possible action on public relations planning for the referendum:** See #10.
14. **Closed Session pursuant of Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. - Regarding MOU requests to attach to the WPPA collective bargaining agreement:** Moved by Supervisor Couey to move into close session with Supervisor Turk and Sheriff Porter to remain in closed session, 2nd by Supervisor Gottschall. All voting aye, motion carried.
15. **Closed Session pursuant of Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Performance Evaluation and contract review– County Administrator:**
16. **Return to Open Session:** Moved by Supervisor Luck to come out of closed session, 2nd by Supervisor Couey. All voting aye, motion carried.
17. **Discussion and possible action on items from closed session:** Moved by Supervisor Couey to accept the MOU changes as discussed with the WPPA and send to County Board, 2nd by Supervisor Williamson. All voting aye, motion carried.
18. **Future agenda items:** None
19. **Adjournment:** Moved by Supervisor Couey to adjourn at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Gottschall. All voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
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