

Richland County

Finance & Personnel Standing Committee

February 13, 2024

The Richland County Finance and Personnel Standing Committee convened on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in person and virtually at 5:15 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Roll Call: Clerk Kalish conducted roll call. Committee members present: Steve Carrow, Marty Brewer, Gary Manning, Timothy Gottschall, David Turk, Steve Williamson, and Marc Couey. Committee members absent: Melissa Luck and Julie Fleming.

Proof Of Notification: Clerk Kalish confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Manning second by Williamson to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

Approval Of January 2nd Minutes: Hearing no additions or corrections from those present, Committee Chair Brewer declared the January 2, 2024 minutes approved as presented.

Public Comment: None present for Public Comment.

Reports: County Administrator: Administrator Pesch noted the bill regarding the funding for the UW campuses is currently moving through the legislature. Pesch noted that if funding is approved, a monetary match and extensive expenditure tracking will need to be in place. Pesch thanked Senator Marklein and Representative Kurtz for their support. Pesch stated that the county's wage, classification, and compensation study will begin soon and preliminary data is being collected. Pesch provided brief updates on the revisions to the Rules of the Board and the Richland County Committee Structure, procurement and finance policies, various personnel policies, and the facilities assessment project.

Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution: Resolution Approving The Sheriff's Office's Purchase Of Two New Vehicles And The Purchase And Installation Of Appropriate Equipment For Those Vehicles: Motion by Williamson second by Manning to approve the Sheriff's Office to purchase two new vehicles and the purchase and installation of corresponding equipment. Motion carried and the resolution forwarded to County Board for full approval.

Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Cabling In The Courthouse: Motion by Turk second by Couey to approve the purchase of cabling in the Courthouse. Motion carried and the resolution forwarded to County Board for full approval.

Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution Authorizing The Richland County Ambulance Service To Apply For And Accept A Grant Of Federal Funds: Interim Service Director Amber Burch provided a brief overview of the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant. Motion by Couey second by Williamson to approve the Richland County Ambulance to apply for and accept AFG grant of federal funds. Motion carried and resolution forwarded to County Board for full approval.

Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution Approving Payment Of Change Orders For The Richland County Ambulance Service: Interim Service Director Burch provided brief background on

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history of change order and noted her involvement with various aspects of the project was limited given her role at that time. Motion by Williamson second by Manning to review payment of invoices for change orders as presented. Discussion continued. Motion by Carrow second by Manning to postpone payment until the next meeting and after review by applicable County staff. Motion carried.

Discussion & Possible Action: Update And Future Action Regarding Opioid Settlement: No action taken as Attorney Windle was not present for the meeting.

Discussion & Possible Action: Establishment Of The Salary For The County Clerk, County Treasurer And Register Of Deeds For The 2025 - 2028 Term: Clerk Kalish, Treasurer Even, Register of Deeds Sue Triggs, and County Administrator Pesch reviewed the proposed salaries for the elected officials' 2025-2028 term. Clerk Kalish noted Resolution No. 21-57 which reduced the County Clerk's salary equal to that of the County Treasurer and Register of Deeds for the 2025-2028 term was factored into the proposed salaries. Clerk Kalish also noted that the additional duties outlined in the MOU between the County Clerk and County Administrator for the 2021-2024 term are no longer the responsibility of the County Clerk effective with the beginning of the 2025 term. Discussion continued. Motion by Gottschall second by Couey to approve proposed salaries as follows:

1. \$76,707.73 for 2025, that being a 13% increase over the 2024 salary of \$67,882.95;
2. \$80,543.12 for 2026, that being a 5% increase over the 2025 salary of \$76,707.73;
3. \$83,764.84 for 2027, that being a 4% increase over the 2026 salary of \$80,543.12;
4. \$86,277.79 for 2028, that being a 3% increase over the 2027 salary of \$83,764.84.

Motion carried and resolution forwarded to County Board for full approval.

Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution Approving Designation Of Highway Commissioner As Signing Authority For Fair, Parks, Recycling, And Snowmobile Alliance Operations: Motion by Couey second by Manning to approve designation of Highway Commissioner as signing authority for Fair, Parks, Recycling, and Snowmobile Alliance operations for Richland County. Motion carried and resolution forwarded to County Board for full approval.

Future Agenda Items:

Update on dispatch upgrade

Payment of change orders for the Richland County Ambulance Service

Adjournment: Motion by Manning second by Carrow to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.



Derek S. Kalish
Richland County Clerk