

Finance Meeting
Logan County Safety Complex, Blue Room
November 13, 2012

Present: Chuck Ruben-Chairman; Jan Schumacher; Bob Farmer; Rick Aylesworth; Dave Hepler;
Terry Carlton

Absent:

Guests: Mary Kelley; Mary Kelley; Gene Rohlf; Jan Youngquist

Mr. Ruben called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1) None

New Business:

- 1) CliftonLarsonAllen engagement letter: Mr. Ruben indicated he believes this is the last year of the agreement with the auditor. Next year, the committee could consider other options if it so chooses. A motion was made by Mr. Carlton, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve the engagement letter with CliftonLarson Allen for the FY 2012 audit. Motion passed.
- 2) Sysco bonds: These bonds are callable immediately. Mr. Aughenbaugh provided instruction on how the call process works. Mr. Pistorius has advised the bonds currently being sold should not be used to pay the Sysco bonds, until the cost of the major criminal cases have been paid in full. Mr. Ruben suggested the County should not issue bonds to cover the call of the Sysco bonds, since the County would be paying interest on the new bonds while waiting until the criminal cases are complete in order to pay the Sysco bonds off.
- 3) Bond ordinance/amount: The amount of bonds being sold must be determined tonight so it can be bid and prices received before the November 29th Adjourned Board. The full Board approved up to \$1,000,000. This can be taken in more than one sale over the course of three years. A motion was made by Mr. Carlton, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to approve the issuance of \$600,000 in alternate revenue source bonds. Motion passed.
- 4) Pam's salary for FY 2013: The Treasurer's Office requires documentation for salary increases for all employees. The Board previously approved a 2% increase for all non-union employees. Her salary is currently \$28,840 annually. A 2% increase would be \$576.80. Mr. Ruben suggested it be adjusted to \$576.08 in order to make it divide evenly. This would create an annual salary of \$29,416.08. Mrs. Schumacher questioned whether savings in other areas of the County Board budget could be used to provide a larger increase. Mr. Ruben questioned whether the Board should set that example. A motion was made by Mr. Carlton, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve a salary increase of \$576.08 for Mrs. Meagher effective 12-1-12. Motion passed.

- 5) Budget: A motion was made by Mr. Carlton, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to take the budget and levies off of display and approve. Motion passed.

Mr. Carlton reviewed expenses for the committee. It was a difficult year, but department's really held the line. At the end of October, expenses were at 75.8% of budget.

Mrs. Schumacher reported replacement tax revenue is at 132% of budget. The 1% sales tax revenue received is only half of the budgeted figure. Mrs. Dugan indicated she believes sales tax revenue is approximately 2-3 months behind. Mrs. Schumacher reported property tax revenue is at 72%. Mrs. Dugan indicated final distribution is in process and should reflect in November.

Discussion took place about cleaning expense at the Courthouse. The committee believes it would be unlikely to obtain cleaning services for individual offices at a lower expense. The committee also discussed hotel/motel tax receipts. Historically, some locations are not consistently reporting and paying the hotel/motel tax. Geoff Ladd had inquired who has the authority to monitor and enforce compliance. The funds are paid directly to Logan County and do not pass through the state Department of Revenue. Mrs. Dugan suggested she could verify the figures with the reports filed with IDOR, but sought direction on how to use the resulting information. Mr. Ruben received communication that the hotel/motel tax revenues will exceed the budgeted figures. He advised Mrs. Dugan that payments may be made to Tourism in excess of the budgeted amounts. A motion was made by Mr. Ayleworth, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the bills as presented for payment. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hepler, seconded by Mr. Carlton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 6:23 pm.