

Menominee County Finance Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 23, 2009

The Finance committee of the Menominee County Board met on April 23, 2009 at 10:05 a.m. in the Courthouse Jury Room. Present at the meeting were Com. Dick Peterson, Com. Garry Anderson, Peggy Stroud, Equalization Director, Diane Lesperance, Treasurer, Brian Neumeier, Administrator, and Sherry Smith, Admin. Asst.

**Also present:** Tom Cheski and Paul Anderson

**Agenda** was approved – Anderson/Peterson 2-0

**Previous Meeting minutes:** Previous minutes were approved – Anderson/Peterson 2-0

**Public Comment:** None

**Business:**

BS&A Database – Fee System ~ We've been asked several times about area businesses getting public information to create a mailing list. Now we've been requested to provide a database with parcel information including ownership. The Equalization dept. in other counties can create a disk with this information. Delta County currently charges \$350 per disk and Dickenson County charges \$300. We can do this but we need to come up with a cost for the data. Mr. Neumeier states that he would like to see all of the tax info. put on the website where the public can access it from anywhere, but that'll take time. Com. Peterson thinks there will be resistance from the public if we give out this information. We are obligated to give this info., it's public information. Paul Anderson states that he'd like to see this info. put on the website rather than a disk. A disk has demographic info. from everyone in the County, whereas on the web, you'd have to manually (one by one) pull this information. It would make it more difficult to gather the information from the web. Mr. Neumeier suggests that we charge a minimum of at least what Delta County charges (\$350). Anderson moves to charge \$350 per disk motion is supported by Peterson. Com. Anderson recommends this goes to the board for approval, support by Peterson.

Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund update: Currently there is a balance of \$2,799,032.22 left in the DTRF fund. From this amount, \$284,802.24 is subtracted for undistributed receipts and \$1,371,613.48 is to be paid out for schools/townships for the 2008 tax roll settlement. So after the payouts, the DTRF fund will have a balance of \$1,142,616.50

Delinquent Tax Township Settlement update: We currently owe the Townships/schools \$1,371,613.48. Normally this is done in June however; Diane informs us that she's almost ready to start writing checks to close out the settlement. The townships are happy about that.

Bank Reconciliation: Diane stated... We're Balanced! Last year we had \$200,000 not reconciled. Now with Jodie and Beth working together, mistakes were found. Mr. Neumeier told Diane she did a good job hiring the part time person (Beth).

Discussion of back taxes – foreclosures: Diane informs us that last year we had 2 foreclosures. This year, we have 8 foreclosures – 4 in Men. City, 1 Men. Township, 1 Carney township, 1

Spalding Township, & 1 in Daggett Township. Questions were asked in reference to allowing people more time to pay delinquent taxes. They currently have 2 years to pay them. The first year is forfeiture and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year closes if it's not paid. Principal residents do have the option to apply for a 1 year hardship if necessary. This paperwork is provided to people owing delinquent taxes. Also the Townships have a Poverty Exemption Policy which homeowners can apply for.

**Any Other:** Mr. Neumeier informed the committee that the Road Patrol Grant will be reduced by 12% from their allocation for 2009. When the county sold the hospital, we continued to own the antenna tower. Phoenix Data Systems uses the antenna and would like to pay for the use of the tower. Mr. Neumeier thinks that \$100 per month is a fair price to charge them. Com. Anderson moves to place this on the committee of the whole meeting in May for discussion and approval of the board. Mr. Neumeier states he'll request a proposal from Phoenix prior to the meetings.

**Public Comment:** None

The committee adjourned at 11:10 AM

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