

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
July 10, 2012

APPROVED 7/31/2012

The Finance Committee met as a Committee of the Whole on July 10 at 5:00 pm at the Menominee County Courthouse – Courtroom B
Present at the meeting were Com. Lang, Com. Pearson, Com. Furlong, Com. Jasper, Brian Bousley, & Sherry Smith

Also present: Pat Cheski, Diane Lesperance, Dan Menacher and other members of the public

Call Meeting to order: Chairperson Lang called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken; Com. Meintz was absent.

Agenda was approved by Com. Furlong and supported by Com. Jasper 4-0

Previous Meeting minutes: April 30, 2012 – moved to approve by Com. Pearson and supported by Com. Furlong to approve the minutes as written. 4-0

Public Comment: None

Business:

- a. **First Draft of FY 2012-13 Budget** ~ Administrator Bousley went over the 1st draft of the 2012/13 Budget. He explained that the total revenues are down \$127,434 from last years projected revenues. Also the total expenses are down \$111,581 from last years projected expenses. We currently have a surplus of \$92,329. The \$83,000 (designated building projects) reflects projects that need to be done within the next year; Digital recording equipment in the courtrooms, paperless/wireless project, service windows in 3 offices (PA, Treasurer's office and Clerk's office), First floor Carpet (finish what has not yet been done), Courtroom B renovation/accommodate 9 commissioners. General revenues, one thing we did not put in this year is the Industrial Facilities tax. We haven't received anything into that acct. for years. So I didn't budget anything there. Page 4 at the bottom is revenue sharing. We'll receive about \$66,000 less than last year. Of what we have budgeted, we will receive 80% (\$316,000) then we'll have to jump through the hoops for the rest (\$26,000 each) we'll have to prove: 1. Transparency in the dashboard 2. Co-oping programs 3. PA152 employee contributions. Page 5, accommodating nine commissioners created an increase in about \$25,000. Salaries were not changed, that's up to the commissioners. We increased the conferences line item. Page 6 other legislative: Hospital ins. is projected using the teamster rate (higher than HRA) and we did this with a 10% employee contribution. FOC no longer has "temp.

salaries.” They are now fully staffed with 4 full time employees. County Clerk will have two employees retiring this year. We budgeted \$18,000 for sick leave and vacation time for payouts to the retirees. We also added temporary salaries \$5,000 so we can have an overlap of employees for training prior to the retirements. Annex we removed the equip. rental because we purchased that copier. Elections, this year we might be a little over on that. Buildings n grounds, we increased the overtime/on call amount. We were over last year and we are currently over what we have budgeted. Hopefully with the new boilers and HVAC, we won’t have as much overtime in the upcoming budget. Pearson: Computer paper? Bousley: that’s for the entire county. It’s purchased using the buildings n grounds budget. PA, blood draws was doubled. He’s currently over his budgeted amt. for this year. ROD, increase in postage because they are handling the passports now. Sheriff Dept. increased in salaries because of the 2% increase, Carol’s position moving to full time, the promotion of sergeants, and one Lieutenant. We added transports to keep better track of that. LEIN system was increased because of the computer systems in the cars. Marine Law, Snowmobile Law, ORV and ATV education have all remained the same as last year. Brownfield was added this year...now we can start pursuing some things that need to be done in the county. Emerg. Mgmt., Retirement increased because we have a full time person in there. Also the cell phone was increased because she has email go to her phone now...so she’s more mobile. Waste Mgmt. We are done with our contract again, so we increased that, just to be sure. Medical examiner was increased. That is out for bids right now. We may need to adjust that a bit when we hire a Medical Examiner. Operating transfers are for the special revenue accounts. The biggest thing here is we are not putting in \$ for road patrol because of the millage. Road Patrol, if you look at the bottom line, the (\$255,388) is the amount over the budgeted expenses that they will take in this year for the millage carryover. Revenues are \$1,295,171 and expenses are \$1,039,782. Salaries increased because of adding sergeants and the 2% increase. Another big jump is the gas. He just wants to be prepared because of the rise in gas prices. Secondary Road patrol is partly funded by a grant \$54,600, the remainder comes from the millage. Parks, we increased the Gas because of the price of gas. Electric was increased because of the new bathhouse. We don’t know how much more it’ll cost us once it’s up and running. One that’ll need to be increased depending on the pit toilet/septic bids, will be the contractual services. ***Commissioner Meintz joined the meeting at 5:24 pm.*** Remonumentation, no county funds will go into that one. Building Code, the changes are increases in gas and travel. Automation Fund, that’s fees we receive from the state to fund that position. 911, the biggest thing here is GIS was added and Verizon and ATT was increased. Library, the employees there are on the HRA insurance so we increased that. Also, we included \$10,000 for the bookmobile this year. Most everything else stayed the same. The last of the revenue accts. stayed about the same. Revenue sharing, again, this year 100% is from the state. Senior Citizens is based on tax revenues. Child Care, we decreased the county appropriation and decreased the foster care/state. Charlie: The Library, \$10,000 for the bookmobile I don’t agree with this. My

kids don't have the enjoyment from that as they do from programs offered. I would rather see the money go to purchase children's books or sponsor other programs in the library. Jasper: you live next to Stephenson so it's real easy, once again, what about the people in Hermansville? They don't live near the library like you do. Furlong: I look at the bookmobile as long term planning. We have the program in place so we need to prepare for the future. People that live inside Hermansville, Stephenson, Menominee have access to a library. The book mobile gets information out to the people who can't get to the library. Bernie: I'd be content to let the Library administrator be the one to determine whether the bookmobile works or not. Pearson: I'd like to thank all of the Department Heads and Brian and Sherry for the great job on the budget. Charlie: I have one more item to bring up. This past week I've had several area businesses bring this to my attention. It was about revenue for the county and concerns with area businesses and the Prosecuting Attorney. It's about No Fund Checks; it may eventually go through the courts for reimbursement if not paid. These businesses had NSF checks written, they tried to get their money and they tried to prosecute down here and they had problems with our people that didn't want to pursue this type of, what they call, trivial money problems. That to me is not a good way to carry business for Menominee County. I think we should look into what's going on with the prosecuting attorneys office and these people trying to have their money collected. If I was a business coming into the area and the county doesn't want to support me, I don't think this would be a good place to start business. I think this is something this should be looked into. Furlong: I agree this should be looked into. Lang: I think Brian and Sherry did an excellent job on the first draft. You can see a lot of work went into it, thank you.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comment: None

Any Other Items Members May Wish to Present: None

Adjournment: Moved by Com. Meintz seconded by Com. Furlong to adjourn at 5:44 P.M.
Motion approved 5/0