

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 2, 2011

Approved 1/30/2012

The Finance Committee met as a Committee of the Whole on Sept. 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Menominee County Courthouse – Courtroom B.

Present at the meeting were Com. Lang, Com. Pearson, Com. Jasper, Brian Bousley & Sherry Smith. (Commissioners Meintz and Furlong were absent, excused)

Commissioners were given the fourth draft budget for FY 2011-12 as was discussed at the 8/16/2011 Finance Committee Meeting.

Also present: Pat & Tom Cheski, Dan Menacher, Penny Mullins

Agenda was approved by Pearson and supported by Jasper. 3-0

Previous Meeting minutes: Aug. 16, 2011 – moved to approve by Pearson and supported by Jasper. 3-0

Public Comment: None

Business:

- a. **2011/2012 County Budget – Fourth Draft** ~ Bousley: Page 6, Other legislative, the change was the HRA reimbursements. This number was a total number for all departments, we had to break the revenue accounts out of that number. Road patrol, pg. 40 – This is a special revenue acct. due to putting the HRA Reimbursements in, it will increase the county appropriation. Pg. 43, Parks, appropriation from the county has to be increased due to the HRA reimbursements. Page 53, 9-1-1 replace 16,000 for HRA reimbursements. To balance the acct. we took the \$16,000 out of the Capital outlay. This is giving the GL bottom line an additional \$16,000. Page 56, due to the HRA we had to increase the county appropriation by 16,000. Pg. 67, will come back to this. Pg. 69, HRA reimbursements \$4,000 adds to the county appropriation also. Pg. 71, this is the position we talked about last time (probation officers) providing retirement and health care to this acct. The HRA and most set costs were increased because of the benefit additions. Pearson, this isn't costing more, it's just moving the money from the general fund to the areas it needs to be. Bousley: Yes, it doesn't change anything, it's just distributing the funds where they need to be. Page 67: Child care fund. We raided those accts. which would justify the probation officers acquiring MERS and Insurance. The county appropriation was decreased by almost \$40,000. The revenues didn't match the expenses. I'd like to add an additional \$40,000 into the HRA reimbursements. \$6,000 I'd like to add to the deductibles acct. We may still have a few deductibles with the old ins. plan to pay out. Pearson: The amounts you put into

the HRA accounts where did that figure come from? Is there an average? Vince told me trend is 30-35%. Right now we're at about 60%. Having that extra \$40,000 in the HRA would make me feel better. Bernie: Pretty clean cut. Smith: Perdiems. Bousley: James stopped in and Due to the new bylaws and the appointees to the committees receiving meeting fee per diems; they will no longer receive them. Library Board, State Fair, Planning Commission, Airport Commission, we will be removing some of the money from those accounts because we'll no longer pay the meeting fees. Letters have been sent out to the members and committees. Also, with the ins. anyone that is NOT under contract before Sept. 15th, the board can vote to elect not to pay more than 80% of the employee ins. premiums. Otherwise the "hard Caps" will take effect Jan. 1, 2012. The hard caps are \$5,500 – single, \$11,000 – two person, \$15,000 – Family. This is the max amount the county will pay for each category. With the current plan we have now, this will not be practical for our employees. The Caps will destroy the employees. Smith: Do the commissioners need to vote on this by September 15th? Brian: No, as long as it is prior to Jan. 1st. Pearson: Do you have a breakdown on what that will do to the budget, whether the 20% or caps go into play? Brian: I've done a breakdown. I will put it in the W.A.R. report this week. Everyone (unions) is aware of Senate Bill 7. Jasper: So you see the 20% as happening. Brian: It's gonna. The bill is on the Gov. desk right now, it's a matter of signing it. Bernie: It's obvious you've put a lot of work with this budget. There's not much dissatisfaction with the budget. I think you've done a good job. Brian: Sherry did a lot of work, she plugs in everything checks over everything as well, it's a team effort. Mark: I'd have to agree with Bernie, you've done a good job with it. Thanks! Pearson: Same, Good job this is good looking stuff and it's well in advance...on schedule. Brian: We'll have the changes all taken care of and have the final draft ready for public viewing on the 7th. Smith: We have advertised for the Public Hearing, it will be in next week's newspapers. The Public hearing will take place on Sept 13th after the County Board meeting at the Annex.

Public Comment: Tom Cheski asked for clarification on what committees will be affected by the removal of meeting fee perdiems. Smith: Library Board, Airport Committee, UP State Fair, Planning Commission. Tom: What about the M.C. Fair Board? Smith: We appropriate money to the Fair Board, so that's really up to the Fair Manager; she has her own budget. It won't change the County Budget unless the board chooses to "not" appropriate the amt. of money she's requesting for the Fair Board.

Commissioner Comment: None

Any Other Items Members May Wish to Present: None

Adjournment:

Moved by Com. Pearson seconded by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 5:20 P.M. Motion approved 3/0