

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
November 19, 2010

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The Finance committee of the Menominee County Board met on November 19, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. at the County Annex Building, Stephenson. Present at the meeting were Com. Charlie Meintz, Com. Garry Anderson, Brian R. Bousley, Administrator.

Also present: Diane Lesperance, Penny Mullins.

Agenda was approved by Meintz supported by Anderson 2-0

Previous Meeting minutes: September 16, 2010 ~ approved by Meintz supported by Anderson 2-0

Public Comment: Not addressed

Business: a. Review of 2010/11 Budget – Bousley: This is the first month in the new budget. Everything's ok. Couple of things that aren't on here that I just want to make you aware of is what we did...last year we had the Family Court-Video Teleconferencing budgeted and the BS&A Software/server-budgeted. Whatever we have left we moved forward in case we had anything left to purchase from there for the final of the projects. Anderson: BS&A software, we're done with that, right? Bousley: I don't think this reflects the City of Menominee. We just got the final on that. We may have some training to do with that yet, too. Whatever we had left over, we moved roughly \$26,000 over for that. The Video teleconferencing we have a couple of bills that have to come in yet for that, we moved forward the balance from that. Anderson: that went over didn't it? Bousley: no, we're good with that...we moved roughly \$35,000 over for anything needed to complete the project. Meintz: Did you use Stoker through the Video Teleconferencing? Bousley: No, he doesn't have the capability yet. Meintz: That could have saved us about \$5,000. How it works with Stoker, he either charges for the drive or he gets a plane ticket and rental car and charges for that, whichever is cheaper. Bousley: The judges have used the video teleconferencing and it has saved us some money. Anderson: Is it working 100% now? Bousley: We've got one that we need to build a cabinet for, the mobile unit; but other than that, everything's working. We've had training on it and will again soon. Also there are a few components that would probably be good to purchase. The scanner would be nice. As far as the rest of the accounts, we're ok. Building and grounds, we were under about \$78,000 last year. Anderson: So B&G we're under \$78,000, to move ahead? Bousley: No we're not moving that ahead. Anderson: Why? Bousley: Certain things that Al and I left to be fixed so we weren't tight on things. A couple of projects we had to jump through hoops to get a few things. Anderson: The heating and cooling system in the jail...that's on course? Bousley: The contractor stopped today, they start on Monday. He said he can rig everything so he can do one unit at a time, that way we're not completely out of heat. A bigger issue we have is right now is a problem with the boilers. Anderson: There should be a maintenance thing with the boilers to be sure

that gets checked. The monitor system was taken away from the boilers, that was a dangerous thing. There should be a maintenance program. Bousley: We've got someone in there now for a few things that need to be replaced; Couple of check valves, etc. Meintz: Is there anyone who does a yearly go through the boilers? Bousley: That's part of building & Grounds, Jim and Al have a good working knowledge of everything. It's just that the pipes and things are getting old. Anderson: That's the problem we had before; the maintenance wasn't getting taken care of. When dealing with boilers, you actually get into violations with State laws if you don't have certain things done. Bousley: HVAC is on track, after the holidays we'll hit the cell doors hard. The fire door may have to wait till spring because we'll have to put a hole in the wall.

- b. Employee Health Insurance - Bousley: This is just the rate increases. If we were to stay with the present insurance we'll have a 34.4% increase. That puts us at roughly a \$78,000 budget deficit. Anderson: Has that explained where all the increases have occurred? Bousley: Yes. Jan Stage came in and explained everything to the employees. Stoker and I had negotiated with all the unions. He'll be back on Monday because there are some questions the unions have. Anderson: Did Jan Stage come up with some plans to change this? Bousley: Yes, he did. I will discuss this during the closed session on Tuesday night. Meintz: This is the whole plan, the plans that were also discussed from our previous meetings with other insurance agencies. It has to be accepted with the union also? Were there some substantial savings discussed? Bousley: Yes. The only problem we can run into is if the union doesn't go for it, then we'll have to scramble to change some things. Meintz: I guess I don't see that as a problem. With the ins. the rates go up, and it does cost the employees. At some point somebody's going to have to take some responsibility, I don't think the county should always be handling all the responsibility. Bousley: I guess no one expected it to increase this much. Anderson: I did. The Obama care was gonna drive it up and that's exactly what it did.

Diane Lesperance: The committee agrees to allow Diane to speak. RE: Health care, In January when the new legislation comes into play, there's talk about repealing some of the healthcare. Jan didn't think it would make a difference. In reference to the audit Bids, I would like to bring up some points. Anderson: Who's got the lowest bid? Diane: Is there going to be extra charges other than the bid itself? Anderson: Tackman doesn't charge anything extra to come in for consulting with our offices. We know we can trust them on the price to be final. I've worked with Schenck. They charged extra for any services provided beyond the audit. Meintz: I think the point of putting the bid out is to make sure it's fair. That we're doing the right thing as fair and equal as possible. Diane: Anderson Tackman has 19 counties in MI. Schenck doesn't have any in MI.

Correspondence: None

Any Other items Members may wish to present: None

Public Comment: None

The committee adjourned at 12:26 P.M. moved by Meintz, seconded by Anderson