

Finance Committee Meeting Report (Submitted 8-9-11)
Courthouse, Room 303C, Monday, August 9, 2011, 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Dennis Anderson, Pat Ripperger, Jerry Thompson, and Kathy Nelson (arrived at 5:11 p.m.). Members Absent: None. Ex-Officio Members Present: Tim Wells (arrived at 5:07 p.m.). Others Present: Rich VerHeecke, Treasurer; Dale Anderson, Bureau County Board Chairman; Jon Zahm; Angie Zarvell, Regional Superintendent of Schools; Brad Hulick, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools; Kippy Nelson (arrived at 5:10p.m.); Sheriff Jim Padilla (arrived at 5:27 p.m.); and Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Member Ripperger moved to approve the agenda moving Item XI. D. to Item VI. B., Member Thompson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Introductions were made.

Member Thompson moved to approve the July 11, 2011 Finance Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member Ripperger seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Angie Zarvell, Regional Superintendent of Schools, presented a request to temporarily fund a stipend salary for the Regional Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Due to a line item veto by the Governor, all salaries for Regional Superintendents and their Assistants were eliminated from the State's FY12 budget which began July 2011. Since that date, Ms. Zarvell and the Assistant Brad Hulick have not received their salaries. At this point, the hope is the legislature during the fall veto session will override the Governor's veto to reinstate the salaries. Until that time, Ms. Zarvell requested the County supply a stipend salary. The ROE has an enterprise fund with approximately \$100,000 that can be used for general operating expenses. Ms. Zarvell proposed the County pay a monthly stipend salary of \$3,917 for her and \$3,562 for Mr. Hulick for the months of August through December 2011. In exchange, Ms. Zarvell would agree to place approximately \$37,500.00 in an escrow account. This money would be available to repay the County for the stipend salary expense in the event the legislature does not override the Governor's veto in the fall veto session. If the legislature does override the veto and back pay is given for all months worked, Ms. Zarvell and Mr. Hulick will repay the stipend salaries directly to the County and in return, the escrow account balance will return to the ROE. Chairman Anderson moved to recommend the County Board approve the funding resolution and included stipulations for the ROE Regional Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Member Nelson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see attached)

Angie Zarvell and Brad Hulick left at 6:20 p.m.

The Committee requested a letter be drafted from the County Board Chairman and Finance Committee members to the Governor expressing Henry County's disappointment in regards to the current funding status of the Regional Office of Education.

Rich VerHeecke, Treasurer, reported Department activities for the month of July.

The Committee reviewed the Treasurer's Bank Balance Report and the County Clerk's Fund Balance Report. Member Thompson moved to recommend the County Board place on file the Treasurer's July Bank Balance Reports and July Interest Report (available at meeting) and the County Clerk's July Fund Balance Reports, Member Nelson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see enclosed report)

The Committee reviewed the July 2011 Revenue and Expenditure Audit Trail Reports as prepared by the Accounting Department. Total expenses for the period were \$2,479,581.26 and revenues were \$2,205,046.54, reflecting a deficit in revenues of \$274,534.72. Year-to-date General Fund revenues are at 74.4% and expenditures are at 60.4%, while they should be 66.67%. Restricted funds are at 66.1% for revenues and 60.7% for expenditures. The Committee reviewed, discussed and questioned various revenue and expenditure entries.

Member Ripperger moved to recommend the County Board approve the July County Accounts in the total amount of \$2,479,581.26, Member Thompson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (enclosed)

Under Old Business, The Henry County Correctional Center Daily Population Report for the month of July will be submitted to the Committee at the August County Board meeting.

Sheriff Padilla and Rich VerHeecke left at 7:20 p.m.

Under New Business, non-budgeted revenues continued to be discussed. A revised FY11 Unbudgeted/Unexpected Revenue sheet was distributed (on file). It was suggested that various FY12 budget requests could be purchased in FY11 with the wind tower monies. Member Wells moved to recommend the County Board approve the expenditure of approximately \$149,500.00 from the wind tower revenues to off-set various FY12 budget requests, Member Nelson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see attached joint budget amendment resolution)

Member Wells moved to recommend the County Board authorize compensating all full-time non-union General Fund employees a \$1,000.00 salary stipend, effective the August 26, 2011 pay period, Member Nelson seconded, discussion was held.

Member Thompson moved to amend the motion to compensate all full-time non-union General Fund employees with a \$500.00 salary stipend, Member Nelson seconded, motion failed with 1 aye and 4 nays.

With the original motion back on the floor, discussion continued. Roll call vote was conducted, all were in favor and motion carried. (see attached joint budget amendment resolution)

Chairman Anderson moved to now consider the amendment to the original motion made in June to recommend the County Board allocate \$400,000.00 of wind tower revenue for Courthouse repairs, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. Additional information pertaining to the estimated cost of Courthouse repairs is still unavailable. It is expected that an estimated cost will be available by the end of August.

Dale Anderson left at 8:12 p.m.

Member Ripperger moved to table the motion until the September Finance Committee meeting, Member Thompson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Finance Committee meeting was set for Monday, September 12, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., Board Conference Room #303C, 3rd floor, Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator