

Finance Committee Meeting Report (Submitted 11-13-13)
Courthouse, Room 303C, Tuesday, November 13, 2013, 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Dennis Anderson, Marvin Gradert and Jerry Thompson (arrived at 5:08 p.m.). Members Absent: Loren Rathjen. Ex-Officio Members Present: Tim Wells (arrived at 6:45 p.m.). Others Present: Don DeDobbelaere, Karen Urick, Barb Link, Rich VerHeecke, Sheriff Padilla (arrived at 5:30 p.m.) and Colleen Gillaspie.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:08 p.m. Member Thompson moved to approve the revised agenda, Member Marvin Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Marvin Gradert moved to approve the October 8, 2013 Finance Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member Thompson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Lindi Kernan, Supervisor of Assessments submitted a written report (on file).

Barb Link, County Clerk/Recorder, reviewed her written report (on file). Ms. Link requested the creation of a new RHSP account (request on file) and explained why it was necessary. Member Thompson moved to authorize the creation of the RHSP Fund as requested, Member Marvin Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Barb Link left at 5:21 p.m.

Rich VerHeecke, County Treasurer, reported Department activities for the month of October. The tax sale was held October 31, 2013 where 389 tax parcels were sold for \$688,822.04. Mr. VerHeecke reported he had met with Hillcrest Home to review their investments as requested. He noted their funds are collateralized and the CD's appear to be at comparable rates. He recommended a couple balance statement changes and shared information on other banking options. Mr. VerHeecke also stated his Chief Deputy has continued helping the Mercer County Treasurer's Office.

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 October Bank Balance Reports and October Interest Report (available at meeting) and the County Clerk's October Fund Balance Reports, (on file) Member Marvin Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (see enclosed reports).

Sheriff Padilla arrived.

Sheriff Padilla reviewed the Henry County Correctional Center Daily Population Report for the month of October. The Sheriff reported year-to-date inmate revenue and foreclosure sales revenue. He also gave an overview of a budget line item used for transporting offenders who have been arrested on a Henry County warrant. The line item is expected to be at least \$10,000.00 over budget for FY13 due to the number of transports they have been required to complete.

Sheriff Padilla was asked and gave his opinion on the potential approval of a Public Safety Sales Tax referendum.

Sheriff Padilla left at 5:52 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the October 2013 Revenue and Expenditure Audit Trail Reports as prepared by the Accounting Department. The Committee reviewed, discussed and questioned various revenue and expenditure entries.

Rich VerHeecke left at 6:11 p.m.

Member Thompson moved to recommend the County Board approve the October County Accounts in the total amount of \$3,200,341.94, Member Marvin Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (enclosed).

Under discussion of the current budget, the Hillcrest Home Balance Sheet, Overview of Past Due State Payments and New Employees/Current Employees Revised Wage Info for the month of October was reviewed and discussed. Ms. Gillaspie reported that the Health Department planned to begin sharing requested wage information in December and an email had been received from the Health and Social Services Committee Chair indicating the Health and Social Services Committee felt there were enough checks and balances in place at this time and the wage increases given were outlined in the union contract.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, the Committee reviewed and discussed information submitted regarding a potential Public Safety Sales Tax and a Nursing Home Tax referendum.

Member Wells arrived at 6:45 p.m.

To place the Public Safety Sales Tax referendum on the General Primary ballot, a resolution would have to be approved by the County Board no later than December 30, 2013. Member Wells moved to recommend the County Board approve a resolution authorizing a Public Safety Sales Tax referendum to be placed on the General Primary election ballot in 2014 at a rate of ½%, to be held over until the December County Board meeting, Member Thompson seconded, motion carried with Member Marvin Gradert voting nay (see attached resolution and information).

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Preliminary 2013 Tax Levy Ordinance held over from the October Board meeting. Member Marvin Gradert moved to recommend to the Board the adoption of the 2013 Property Tax Levy Ordinance in the amount of \$7,782,644.00, Member Thompson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (see enclosed 2013 Tax Levy Ordinance).

Ms. Gillaspie discussed the intent of the Health and Social Services Committee to make an amendment to the FY14 budget. As such, it was stated that if the amendment

passes, additional motions would need to be made to appropriately revise the FY14 budget as well as the 2013 Tax Levy Ordinance. Chairman Anderson stated he would make the appropriate amendment motions if the first amendment passes. Discussion was held regarding the \$120,000.00 payment currently required of Hillcrest Home in the FY14 budget.

Member Thompson moved to recommend the County Board approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Program, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

The RRLF Quarterly report was reviewed. Member Thompson moved to place the RRLF Quarterly report on file, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Thompson moved to recommend the County Board adoption of the Resolution authorizing the County Board Chairman to execute the Deeds of Conveyance for parcel numbers 06-15-227-018, 05-27-126-007, 06-10-206-020, 06-10-455-016, 20-01-300-002, 20-28-379-027, 20-28-379-042, 20-28-426-013, 20-32-258-008, 20-33-102-006, 20-33-277-016, 20-33-457-026, 20-34-107-005, 21-21-229-006, 22-30-217-00824-33-235-005 and 24-34-110-008, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

The next regularly scheduled Finance Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., Board Conference Room #303C, 3rd floor, Courthouse.

With no further business, Member Marvin Gradert moved to adjourn, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. The meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator