

Finance Committee Meeting Report
303C, February 20, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Burton, Kippy Breeden, Brian Corkill, Natalie Hendryx, Rex Kiser, and Tim Yager
Members Absent: Others Present: Tim Smith, Megan Dwyer, Dale Stiles, Bob Wachtel, Marshall Jones, Mat Schneppe, Kathy Nelson, Lynn Sutton (arrived 5:45 p.m.) and Jim Thompson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Burton at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Member Kiser moved to approve the agenda, Member Hendryx, seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Megan Dwyer and Mr. Smith were introduced as guests.

Member Yager moved to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes as presented, Member Corkill seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Under public comment:

Sarge Stiles spoke to the ADHOC St. Malachy action item on the agenda. Sarge went on record to oppose the item being brought back for another vote, citing that the process being repeated concerns him for the following reasons, fueling favoritism, eroding trust in government, stability, and impartiality of the county board members.

Megan Dwyer spoke and thanked the committee for revisiting the item again. She specifically cited that this was a show of impartiality of the new county board and finance committee members.

Mr. Smith spoke and thanked the committee is reviewing the item and echoed Megan's sentiments.

Marshall Jones spoke to his perception of why the item initially failed due to the argument centered on the separation of church and state. He spoke to the definition of the idea and also pointed out that the board gave money to two other Christian organizations, the Salvation Army and YMCA. Marshall went on to state that the tie vote and prior leadership led a path the allowing the item to be revisited.

The committee heard the report provided by Sheriff Verscheure which updated the committee on the Henry County Correctional Center Population report, Sheriff sales, and the public safety sales tax and revenues/expenditures. Member Yager inquired on the federal inmate rate and how to increase the charge.

The committee read the report provided by Assessor Tracey Vinavich which updated the committee on the Assessor's office including the assessments, BOR, township assessor meeting, and the tax cycle is on schedule.

The committee read the report provided by County Clerk which updated the committee on the office including the tax work, election activities, scanning project completed, and daily activities.

The committee reviewed the report from the Treasurer which included office activities and banking update. Member Yager asked about the investment policy and the Treasurer will give a presentation at the next committee meeting.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's Bank Balance Report and the County Clerk's Dept. report. Member Corkill moved to recommend the County Board place on file the Treasurer's monthly Bank Balance reports and monthly interest report, and the County Clerk's monthly Department report, Member Kiser seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. (on file)

The committee reviewed the January 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Accumulated Transaction report and Budget Performance Reports. Administrator Knackstedt updated the committee on her concerns regarding the healthcare fund. She has a meeting scheduled with our insurance advisors to compare open market plans to our current plan.

Member Yager moved to recommend the County Board approve the monthly County Accounts in the amount of \$5,597,522.39 Member Hendryx seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no old business

Under new business,

Member Kiser moved to approve the St. Malachy ADHOC Application, Member Yager seconded, Member Hendryx and Member Corkill were a no and Members Yager, Burton and Kiser were in favor and the motion carried. Chair Burton recapped the ADHOC process, which was summed up as the Finance committee approving the ADHOC recommendations to send to the full county board. Through this board approved process, the item was sent back to the finance committee for further consideration. County Board members have been contacted by many members of the public regarding why the item failed the first time and finance felt it was sufficient enough to revisit the item. The discussion was delayed due to multiple member absences. Chair Burton went on to clarify some aspects of the St. Malachy application such as that the school was unable to receive a majority of COVID funding open to public schools, a revising of the original amount to \$23,600, and that the curriculum would be available to all students in need of it.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., 303C conference room.

Member Yager moved to adjourn, and Member Hendryx seconded, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator