

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Finance Committee
Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2016
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Chair Douglas Kane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Douglas Kane, Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. Donald Hillert, Mr. Larry Grisen and Ms. Nettie Rosenow.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Roxann Halverson, and Mr. Steve Schiffli.

Public Comment regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2017 Buffalo County Budget: Mr. Schiffli discussed the Recycling budget. Recycling is a program mandated under Wisconsin Statute 287 and DNR Rule NR544. There are two services (Clean Sweep and Unacceptable Disposal) that Recycling provides, but are not mandatory. The Unacceptable Disposal program is a pay as you dump program, therefore citizens are paying a fee to dispose of their items that do not fall under the recycling program. Mr. Schiffli explained the expenses and revenues for the Recycling Department. With the use of fund balances there will be no levy funds used.

The overall 2017 Buffalo County Budget based on departmental requests shows a \$505,478 deficit. Chair Kane explained ways to bring this amount down to the goal of a \$300,000 deficit.

- An increase of sales tax revenues from \$710,000 to \$730,000;
- Remove the \$53,000 expenditure from the Self Insurance fund as it is in the budget twice;
- Remove the \$65,000 from the Land Conservation budget for the Rose Valley structure and use CAPX2020 funds;
- Remove the request for full-time office staff in the Register of Deeds Office and fund at 32 hours;
- Remove the request for full-time office staff in the County Clerk's Office and fund at 32 hours;
- Remove the request to fund full-time staff in the Treasurer's Office for all of 2017 instead of a portion of the year instead fund at 20 hours for 6-months of the year;
- Leave the request for additional staff time in the Register in Probate budget;
- Remove the \$3,000 request from the Clerk of Court budget for additional staff time;
- Adjust fuel costs in Building and Grounds budget when bids are open;
- Reduce the Family Court Commissioner amount to \$17,500;
- Have HHS review their budget and cut between \$30,000 and \$50,000;
- Look at leasing servers and other larger components. CR Solutions will be sending those numbers prior to the next meeting;

- Review computers requested by individual departments for bulk purchasing;
- Have the Clerk of Court review the request for desks and come back with another proposal;
- Reduce holiday pay in the jail budget and patrol budget;
- Reduce capital outlay for Law Enforcement to \$30,000;
- Add \$12,375 for 3 video cameras and a bullet proof vest to the Law Enforcement budget;
- Budget \$2,175 for EAP program from Gunderson Health.

Health Insurance, wages, reserve for contingencies, flood damage, buildings and grounds projects, remonumenting, readdressing, fairground maintenance, and Economic Development were other areas that were reviewed.

The Finance Committee canceled the meeting for Friday and asked Ms. Hansen to put the updated numbers together for the September 21st meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Hillert made a motion to adjourn at 12:45 p.m., seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk