

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

December 03, 2013

A Finance Committee meeting was held Tuesday, December 03, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building, Quorum Court Meeting Room, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Committee Members Present: Allen, J. Harrison, Jones, Curry, Moore, Moehring
Absent: *Chiocco

Others Present: JPs Sandlin, Meyers, Hernandez, K. Harrison and McKenzie, County Judge Bob Clinard, Circuit Judge Douglas Schrantz, Sheriff Kelly Craddock, County Clerk Tena O'Brien, Assessor Glenn "Bear" Chaney, Circuit Clerk Brenda DeShields, Treasurer Deanna Ratcliffe, County Attorney George Spence, Comptroller Sarah Daniels, Administrator of General Services John Sudduth, Administrator of Public Services Marshal Watson, Fire Marshal Marc Trollinger, Human Resources Manager Barbara Ludwig, Department of Emergency Management Director Robert McGowen

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Chair JP Allen called the meeting to order.

County Clerk Administrative Assistant Betsy Harrell reported that the referendum on the EMSD Fee ordinance was verified today by the County Clerk's office. She reported that the petitioners turned in 2,443 signatures and that 1,940 were accepted, 368 rejected with 135 pending. She stated that the wording on the petition states that the question will be placed on the bi-annual regular general election to be held November 2014.

JP Allen stated that County Attorney George Spence will brief the court on his opinion of the research that he has done.

01. Grants Administrator Report

Comptroller Sarah Daniels reported that applications have been submitted that they are waiting on the approval for three grants: 1) the Arkansas Department of Rural Services Rural Community Grant for NEBCO Fire & EMS; 2) Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality – 2014 E-waste Grant; 3) and the Firefighters Support Foundation Grant.

02. Appropriation Ordinance Request – Jail, Dept. 67, Fund 010

Comptroller Sarah Daniels stated this appropriation ordinance request is appropriate \$18,220 to replenish funds expended to replace exterior lighting damaged by lightning striking the Jail Complex.

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request and forward to the December 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

03. Appropriation Ordinance Request – Road Revenue, Dept 00, Fund 010 to 020

Sarah Daniels stated that this is to transfer funds that were previously approved of \$800,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund for storm damages.

JP Moore made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

04. Appropriation Ordinance Request – County Road, Dept 44, Fund 020

Sarah Daniels stated that this appropriation ordinance request is to transfer \$10,000 from Supplies to Capital in the County Road budget to pay for Windmill Road easements.

JP Jones made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the December 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole agenda, seconded by JP Curry.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

09. Sales Tax Numbers

Sarah Daniels reported that October sales tax receipts were down 2.01% for the month, but still showing an increase of 8.82% for the year, with a net gain of \$542,458 for 2013.

10. Jail Collections

Sarah Daniels reported that Jail Collections were up 3.68% over the revised \$950,000 budget amounts through November 2013 and that \$902,900 has been collected for the year.

11. Fuel Analysis

Sarah Daniels reported that the Road Department is at 106% of their budget, while the Sheriff's Department is at 101% of their budget. She stated that average unleaded fuel costs have decreased 18.5% to \$2.47 per gallon and that diesel has decreased 7.5% to \$3.07 per gallon. She stated that year-to-date; \$87,437 has been transferred back to the Road Department.

Some discussion was held on the Sheriff and Road Departments fuel use and how it affected their budgets

12. Fund Summary

Sarah Daniels reported on the Monthly Fund Summary, stating that the General Fund is at 86.49%, and the overall budget is at 91.67%.

Some discussion was held on the 2013 Monthly Fund Summary and the estimated amount in the turn-back funds.

JP Moehring asked if there were overtime issues for the various departments at this time.

Sarah Daniels stated not at this time, but as of January 1, 2014 a monthly report on what was budgeted and what has been used by the, Sheriff, Road and Jail departments will be presented to the committee.

JP K. Harrison asked that the overtime reimbursement such as a grant, be shown on the report.

Other Business

None

*JP Chiocco entered the meeting.

Announcements

None

Public Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.