

The Florence County Audit, Budget, and Administrative Committee met at the Courthouse on February 11, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Gardner, Johnson, and Kelley. Excused: Erickson. Also present to fill in for Supervisor Erickson is Supervisor Theer. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the minutes from the January meeting as read. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Bomberg, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to approve the additional funding for the Florence County Veteran Service Officer and recommend on to County Board. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

JoAnne Friberg, County Treasurer, presented her monthly report. She stated that she will have three CD's maturing in March and is asking for direction from the Committee. She is also working on the January tax settlements and will pass this information along to each town for distribution of checks.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the Treasurer's monthly report, and reinvest the maturing CD's in the best interest of the County, as presented. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Ms. Friberg updated the Committee on the InRem process. She stated that on February 4th, 2014 the Judge awarded the County a final judgment of 3 parcels of vacant land. She will collect all the information for the parcels and turn it over to Pat Smith, County Forest Administrator.

Karlyn Osterberg, County Financial Manager, presented her monthly report. She stated that several of the departments wage line is starting to go over due to the 2% cost of living raise that was not budgeted for 2013. Ms. Osterberg would like permission from the Committee to send the transfer of funds to County Board for approval as recommended by the County auditor.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the Financial Manager's monthly report, as presented. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Next on the agenda a long discussion took place on County credit cards. It was decided to have the County Clerk work with the Finance Department, revise the current draft policy that was presented, and bring back to the Committee at a later date.

Donna Trudell, County Clerk, presented the Committee with concerns from the Administrators meeting. Two main concerns were to implement a Capital Improvement Plan or Long Range Planning Committee. A discussion took place and Ms. Trudell will contact the Administrators to compose a list of concerns to present at a future meeting.

Next on the agenda was the compensation for Board Member Committee Meetings. A long discussion ensued with several different options of compensation by the Committee. It was moved by Don Gardner to allow Committee members to collect an extra \$10 per meeting after the first meeting of \$40 per day. This motion died for lack of support.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve all bills submitted by the Clerk including all additional bills and authorize the Clerk to issue orders for the payment of the same. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to the following:

- WI State Stat. §§ 19.85(1) (e) For the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to a commercial development project.
- WI State Stat. §§ 19.85(1) (c) The purpose of the meeting is to discuss employment applications for the job posting of the Florence County Financial Manager position.

A roll call vote was taken and all members voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to reconvene to Open Session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to accept the WEDC Grant Developer Agreement for a commercial project and the TIF Developer Agreement for a commercial project and recommend on to County Board. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Abstain: Supervisor Kelley. Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Bomberg, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to accept the employment applications and set up interviews for February 25th, 2014. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

There being no further business and on a motion made, seconded, and carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk