

**Finance Meeting
April 12, 2023**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayland Gladstone, George Haynes, John Kosier, Wayne Marshfield, Jeff Taggart, Mark Tuthill, Tina Molé

Staff: Beverly Shields, Amy Merklen, Penny Bishop, Carrara Knoetgen, Kathy Preston

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Marshfield and seconded by Mr. Kosier, the draft minutes of the March 22 committee meeting were approved.

The April 6 Sales Tax report was reviewed which indicates a decrease in collection thus far of 2.5460 percent over last year.

Clerk of the Board – Penny Bishop

Mrs. Bishop indicated Kathy Preston of Fiscal Affairs was asking for direction on a plan of action for several Mental Health and Social Services capital fund CDs which had matured last month. Mrs. Preston did not renew them and the funds were rolled into savings. Mr. Tuthill explained that Blanding Electric has not requested their retainage of approximately \$52,642 for work done at the Behavioral Health Facility and they have not responded to his communications. The committee suggested purchasing another six-month CD for \$500,000. There would be a sufficient balance in savings to cover the retainage if requested. County Attorney Amy Merklen to advise on forfeiture of the funds since Blanding has not requested the retainage. As the DSS Visitation Center and Homeless Shelter at 161 Main Street are not expected to be completed this year, the committee recommended purchasing a \$1,000,000 CD for DSS capital at the best one-year rate.

Fiscal Manager – Kathy Preston

Mrs. Preston reported that other CDs would be maturing in April. She will use those funds to make the BAN payment and pay off the \$14.2 million BAN.

On a motion, the Committee entered into an executive session to discuss negotiations.

Committee reconvened in regular session. Upon motion by Mr. Kosier, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the committee voted (Taggart, Marshfield opposed) to go with the recommendations of the Human Resources Committee for negotiations of a MOA for the Sheriff's Office.

Treasurer's Office – Beverly Shields

Mrs. Shields distributed a summary of the foreclosure sale, which totaled \$1.391 million. She said only one property did not receive any bids and they had to pull one property because an agreement was being worked out before the sale. The committee reviewed auction notes and discussed a plan of action on several parcels where bidders had defaulted.

Travel, equipment and vacancy requests were approved as presented. Mrs. Bishop reported that Mental Health had received a \$36,000 training grant and Doug Elson called seeking approval to pay for training without requiring clinicians to pay up front as has been their protocol. Permission was granted as such.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.