

**Finance Committee Meeting
May 22, 2024**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayland Gladstone, Wayne Marshfield, George Haynes, John Kosier,
Joe Cetta, Tina Molé
Absent Eric Wilson
Staff: Beverly Shields, Penny Bishop

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Cetta, the minutes of the May 8 committee meeting were unanimously approved.

The May 10 Sales Tax report was reviewed. The report indicates a drop of 5.3382% relative to last year. Mr. Merrill noted the report will be updated to show the sales tax revenue over five years to see what the trends are. Although the current reports show a decline in sales tax revenue, the numbers are certainly higher than five years ago. This data will be useful at budget time.

Medical Examiner reports were shared with supervisors as a FYI.

Mr. Merrill noted the audit was the only not-prefiled resolution.

Clerk of the Board – Penny Bishop

Mrs. Bishop expressed her concern with a voucher that came through the audit for approval for a capital expenditure. She was not comfortable authorizing the voucher without an approved equipment request. Mr. Merrill asked that an equipment purchase authorization form be completed and submitted to the Finance Committee for review and signatures per county policy.

Treasurer's Office – Beverly Shields

Mrs. Shields indicated the next foreclosure sale would be in November.

Mr. Marshfield discussed a phone call he received from a self-employed county resident who had a landscaping and lawn care business. The individual went out of business due to a lot of competition for this type of business. He stated he paid taxes on the work performed; however, his concern is that not everyone does. Mr. Cetta questioned what the enforcement mechanism would be for towns. Ms. Molé stated that a good gage may be to ask workers if they have insurance to do the job.

Travel, equipment, and fill vacancy requests were approved as presented.

Upon a motion the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.