

## Finance Committee Meeting

June 12, 2024

### Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayland Gladstone, Wayne Marshfield, George Haynes, John Kosier, Joe Cetta, Eric Wilson, Tina Molé

Staff: Beverly Shields, Sherri Falcone, Amy Merklen, Penny Bishop, Carra Knoetgen, Joe Ermeti

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Marshfield, seconded by Mr. Kosier, the minutes of the May 22 committee meeting were unanimously approved.

The June 6 Sales Tax report was reviewed. The report indicates a drop of 5.0453% compared to the same time last year. To date, the revenue received in 2024 is \$10,973,267. The April 30 Bank Balance report was reviewed.

### Treasurer's Office – Beverly Shields

Mrs. Shields reported the Governor has been presented with legislation that would distribute additional sales tax revenue from occupancy taxes being paid on short-term rentals to counties.

### Clerk of the Board – Penny Bishop

Mrs. Bishop relayed a request from the Public Defender's Office about advertising for attorneys on Indeed.com. They are currently paying for the standard subscription and are looking to upgrade to a professional subscription. Indeed will offer a savings if they commit to a full year and pay the annual amount up front. There was discussion regarding Indeed and other departments also using the service. The Clerk will inquire to see if Indeed offers a group rate and if there is an option to hold a county account versus separate accounts for each department.

The Clerk announced that Thomas Smith from EFPR Group would attend the Finance Committee meeting on July 24 to report on their audit findings for Fiscal Year 2023.

Mr. Marshfield raised questions about an email from the Planning Department regarding a grant for swimming pools. He was asking for clarification as to what type of expenditures the grant could be used for. Mr. Merrill noted the application scoring process automatically calculates additional points for disadvantaged communities and only one town in the County qualifies for that benefit.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kosier, seconded by Mr. Marshfield and unanimously carried, the Committee entered into executive session to discuss matters regarding personnel issues as well as salary negotiations of a particular employee.

Committee reconvened in regular session.

Mr. Cetta moved to approve the Public Defender's Office advertising their vacant attorney position at a salary increase from \$100,000 to \$124,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and passed by a vote of six in favor to one opposed (Marshfield).

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

Upon a motion the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.