

**Finance Committee Meeting
November 26, 2024**

Attendees

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Marshfield, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the November 13 committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

The October 31 Bank Balance report was reviewed.

Mr. Merrill concurred that the Treasurer reported in an email that she and the County Attorney have a workable system to move forward with the tax foreclosures.

The Clerk noted that Real Property Tax Services Director Sherri Falcone reported they have received the four new printers that were ordered. The printers have been installed and she is awaiting receipt of the invoice. The Clerk confirmed the cost is approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Merrill gave some background on sales tax revenue that is allocated to Solid Waste and stated that resolutions were passed in 1993, 1996, 1998, and 1999 regarding the allocation. The history basically started in 1990 when Delaware County passed the first sales tax resolution. On June 13, 1990, Delaware County instituted a 2% sales tax to take effect September 1, 1990. That did not change until it was decided in 2001 to raise the sales tax to 3% to take effect March 1, 2002. It changed again in 2003 when it was raised to 4%.

In reply to Mr. Marshfield regarding the 21st Century Bridge Program, Mr. Haynes confirmed that nothing is being allocated to that program at this time. Mr. Merrill stated that at one time, the second 1% was allocated to the bridge program. Mr. Marshfield said it was a big deal back then. Mr. Haynes noted the minutes show when this program started, the County had to bond for every bridge project. The Clerk reported that the last time funds went to the bridge fund was 2015. Mr. Haynes stated the bridge fund serves as a backup account to front money for current projects and then the fund gets reimbursed.

Upon a motion the Committee entered executive session to discuss negotiations.

Committee reconvened in regular session.

Regarding the topic of sharing sales tax revenue, Mr. Wilson said he believes taxpayers should have a say in the decision. Mr. Cetta suggested asking business owners for their input.

The payment of audit was the only not-prefiled resolution.

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

Upon a motion the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.