

Members present: Tom Dorner, Lynn Eberl, Mike Flint, Marty Krueger and Tim McCumber

Others present: Kerry Beghin, Dave Bretl, John Dietz, Carl Gruber, Lynn Horkan, Tom Kriegl, Terry Spencer and other members of the public

The meeting was called to order by Krueger at 6:25 PM. Certification of open meeting compliance was given. **Motion by Eberl, second by Flint to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: Dietz in support of the Wormfarm Institute programs and outside agency funding.

Communications: None

Consider Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Bretl presented the plan to help fill the financial shortfall due to the Pandemic. The sales tax estimated \$2 million dollar collection decrease was discussed. Bretl noted that the sales tax collection will be a multi-year issue with an unknown recovery timeline. He noted 2021 budget will be a challenge due to decreased sales tax collections, levy limits and other expense increases. He commented on budgeting the use of fund balance in 2021. If not able to supplement with fund balance in 2021, permanent cuts to programs/staffing will be needed. He noted fund balance is not recommended to be used in this manner; however, the COVID pandemic is a very unusual circumstance. Restoration of sales tax will happen in the future through recovery. The Committee discussed position vacancies. Bretl noted he pledged to the department head group that a current vacancy does not mean the position is not needed in the future. Discussed possible tax assessment value decreases. Beghin reviewed the resolution background and details. Bretl and Beghin noted the group efforts and sacrifices made by departments both short term and long term. The Committee discussed the projections resulting in the budget amendment, building remodel and security priorities, Health Care Center (HCC) occupancy levels, revenues and expenses and state funding. **Motion by Flint, second by Eberl Authorizing Budget Amendments in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion carried.**

Consider outside agency funding process.

The Committee discussed the history and challenges of outside agency funding process. Discussed funding uses and the relationship to the services provided at the County and current economic challenges. Consensus to process the requests through Interim Administrative Coordinator Bretl to apply legal opinion and then be considered by the Finance Committee with a pre-determined target amount to allocate to applicants. **Motion by McCumber, second by Flint that outside agency requests are received by the Administrative Coordinator, reviewed for legality of funding and then forwarded to the Finance Committee, along with a target funding amount, for review and approval in the budget. Motion carried.**

Next meeting: August 6, 2020, 9:30 am – Regular meeting

Motion by Flint, second by Eberl to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Eberl
Finance Committee Secretary