



Budget & Finance Committee

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.
Room 212 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Olsen called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

Roll call – Present: Lee Olsen, Paul Beachnau, Erma Backenstose, Clark Bates, John Burt

Others present – Diann Axford, Sheriff McBride, Undersheriff Nowicki, Brian Webber, Rachel Frisch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Beachnau to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2011 budget and finance committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2012 Budget Discussion

Ms. Frisch distributed the updated 2012 detailed budgets for the Capital Projects, Enterprise, Debt Service, and Internal Service Funds, and the detailed budgets for all Component Units. She discussed the highlights of each budget. The Committee discussed the reports.

Ms. Frisch will be distributing the 2012 Appropriations Act at the next budget workshop, 11/8/11.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Sheriff – Update on ORV, Marine, and Snowmobile Grants

Sheriff McBride explained that over the years, the grants have been cut back. He would still like to keep the programs at a good level to provide service to the public. Chris Morris, retired DNR employee, has been hired to run the programs. He is up to speed on all of the laws and ordinances and does a great job managing the programs. Although he does not know exactly the level the state will fund the grants, he has input his best estimation into the 2012 budget. We will amend the budget if the grants are approved at a different amount.

Mr. Nowicki also informed the Committee that they are working on the schedule of the road patrol officers to maximize overnight coverage. At this time, there is no coverage from midnight – 6 a.m. Looking into closing that gap has become even more important, with the State and City police cutbacks.

Mr. Olsen adjourned the meeting at 2:48 PM