



Budget & Finance Committee

Wednesday January 19, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.
Room 212 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Olsen called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

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

Others present – Rachel Frisch, Diann Axford

Absent (excused) – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Beachnau to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2010 budget and finance committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Olsen abstained from voting, as he is a newly elected Commissioner as of January 1, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2010 Year-End Budget Amendments

Ms. Frisch presented the amendments for the Committee's review.

Motion by Ms. Backenstose to recommend to the full board approving the 2010 year-end budget amendments. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Drug Court Grant

Mr. Burt explained that one of the drug court grants ended earlier than expected. Consequently, the program will run short of funds. Transportation costs are the main concern. The court uses the Otsego County Bus System to transport drug court participants. The Bus System charges a reduced rate; however, MDOT does not allow the Bus System to transport them for free. They are requesting \$4,000 from contingency to fund transportation in 2011.

Motion by Mr. Beachnau to recommend to the full board transferring \$4,000 from contingency into the drug court program. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Alpine Center Door

Mr. Burt indicated that one of the doors and the skylight at the Alpine Center have deteriorated badly. He recommends replacing them at estimated costs of \$8,000 and \$6,000 respectively. The costs would be paid for out of the Courthouse Restoration Fund (fund 497). He will obtain bids and revisit this issue with the Committee when actual costs are obtained.

D. Sheriff Department Patrol Car

Mr. Burt notified the Committee that the Sheriff has requested funds to purchase a new patrol car. He has one car that is over 100,000 miles and others that are approaching that level of mileage. The Sheriff also informed Mr. Burt that the Crown Victoria models are being discontinued, and he'd like to get one of those while he can.

Motion by Mr. Beachnau to recommend to the full board approving the purchase of a new patrol car for the Sheriff Department to be paid for with a transfer of funds from the Delinquent Tax Fund (fund 516) to the Equipment Fund (fund 266). Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Olsen adjourned the meeting at 10:19 AM