



Budget & Finance Committee

Wednesday October 12, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.
Room 212 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll call – Present: Paul Beachnau, John Burt, Clark Bates, Ken Glasser, Erma Backenstose

Others present –Rachel Frisch, Diann Axford, Patricia Osburn

Absent (excused) – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Glasser to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2010 budget and finance committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Conservation District Update

Ms. Osburn presented financial reports to the Committee and explained that the Conservation District is struggling financially, due to state cutbacks and local economic concerns.

Motion by Mr. Burt to recommend to the full board to increase the allocation to the Conservation District by \$2,046.90, the amount the District owes back to the County after the closing of the Recycling Program. Monies to come from contingency. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cross Street Building Options

Mr. Burt explained to the Committee that he has been researching the possibility of moving Land Use Services, Equalization, and the Economic Alliance out of the Cross Street building, as it is a poorly constructed building that has very high utilities costs. He presented 2 options that he is looking into.

B. September 2010 Financial Reports and Updates

Ms. Frisch did not have financial reports to distribute at this time. She reported that the auditors are scheduled to begin preliminary audit fieldwork at the end of October.

C. 2011 Budget Discussion

Ms. Frisch distributed the updated 2011 general fund proposed budget document. The Committee discussed the following topics:

- SANE – The Committee discussed the allocation to SANE. Committee members asked to have the Sheriff and Prosecutor attend the next meeting to give input on the issue.

- Friendship Shelter – Mr. Burt reported that the Friendship Shelter has asked to be considered for an allocation in 2011.
- Mr. Burt reminded the Committee that we still need to consider the need for vehicles and equipment in 2011.
- Ms. Frisch reminded the Committee that the health care rates for 2011 that show a savings of approximately \$38,000 in the general fund may change due to the Health Care Reform Act. We will need to be prepared for a potential increase to those costs.
- Medical Examiner – the Committee discussed the possibility of cutting back the hourly rate of \$75 that the MEs charge the County. This issue was postponed to the next meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Beachnau adjourned the meeting at 2:44 PM