

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

November 05, 2012

A Finance Committee meeting was held Tuesday, November 05, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building, Quorum Court Meeting Room, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Committee Members Present: Allen, J. Harrison, Jones, Douglas, Winscott, Curry, Moore

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, Scott, County Assessor Glen "Bear" Chaney, JPs Sandlin, Blaty and Hawkins, Comptroller Sarah Daniels, Accounting Manager Mike Crandall, Administrator of General Service Elizabeth Bowen, Juvenile Probation Director Petie Cobb

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Chair JP Allen called the meeting to order.

1. Grants Administrator Report

Comptroller Sarah Daniels reported that Grants Administrator Kati Rose was applying for; 1) the Firefighters Support Foundation Grant to purchase a thermal imaging camera, with no required match; 2) the FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge Grant to implement additional Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training in an effort to increase the number of individuals trained, no match required; 3) the DHS Division of Youth Services – Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs Grant for gender-specific (female) juvenile services with no match required, which needs to be submitted no later than November 29, 2012;

4) the Arkansas Association of Resources Conservation & Development Council – Rural Fire Protection Program grant for hydrant gate valve, nozzle and 2 portable radios; 5) the Arkansas Administrative Offices of the Courts – Alternative Dispute Resolution Grant for \$25,000 is to implement an Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for Domestic Relations & Probate Court.

2. Resolution Request: Arkansas Rural Services Grant – NEBCO VFD Amended Resolution

Sarah Daniels stated that the resolution request for the AR Department of Rural Services – Rural Community Grant for NEBCO VFD is to amend resolution R-2012-16 to add the verbiage that the NEBCO Volunteer Fire Department has furnished proof that they have raised the 50% required match of \$4,150 to satisfy the Arkansas Department of Rural Services requirements.

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve and forward the amended resolution to the November 13, 2012 Committee of Thirteen agenda, seconded by JP Moore.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

3. Resolution Request: Arkansas Administrative Offices of the Courts Grant Resolution

JP Allen stated this resolution request is to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission for \$24,963.36 for the purpose of securing mediators for the Benton County Circuit Court to implement an alternative dispute program.

JP Winscott made motion to approve and forward the resolution request to the November 13, 2012 Committee of Thirteen agenda, seconded by JP Moore.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

JP Winscott asked what the DHS-Division of Youth Services – Title II Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program Grant would be used for.

Juvenile Probation Director Petie Cobb stated that this is a gender specific grant called Girls Circle which will contract with Teen Action Support Center, to provide programs, and is a \$50,000 grant for 12 months, no match required and if the grant is applied for the second year there is a 20% match required, which can be fulfilled with in-kind services.

4. Appropriation Ordinance Request – County Sheriff Office, Dept. 05, Fund 325

Sarah Daniels stated this appropriation ordinance request is not for additional funds but a transfer of funds between line items to purchase small equipment.

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the November 13, 2012 Committee of Thirteen agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

5. Appropriation Ordinance Request – County Sheriff Office, Dept.05, Fund 326

Sarah Daniels stated this appropriation ordinance request is for additional funding from the Criminal Warrant Red Grant fund of \$11,817.00 to use for personnel reimbursement for overtime for serving warrants and this will close out the grant.

JP Douglas made motion to approve and forward the appropriation ordinance request to the November 13, 2012 Committee of Thirteen agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

Sales Tax Numbers

Sarah Daniels reported that October sales tax receipts were up 9.03% for the month, showing an increase of 6.98% for the year with a net gain of \$363,468 for 2012. She added that they remain on target to collect about \$6.6 million for the year.

Jail Collections

Sarah Daniels reported that \$18,776 was collected in the month of October, and that \$717,260 has been collected for the year. She added that collections are down but they are still looking at hitting the projected \$750,000.

Fuel Analysis

Accounting Manager Mike Crandall reported that the Road Department is at 121% of their budget, and the Sheriff's Department is at 86% of their budget. He stated that average unleaded fuel costs have increased 9% to \$3.27 per gallon and that diesel has increased 12% to \$3.49 per gallon. He stated that year-to-date; \$73,166 has been transferred back to the Road Department.

JP Allen asked County Judge Bob Clinard to give a brief update on the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) study.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that he really did not have an update to give on the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fuel study. He stated that there are a few private companies that want to come into the area and build CNG stations, and that would get everyone on board.

JP Allen asked if the half-cent sales tax issue on the ballot in tomorrow's election passes, would that have an impact on fuel expenditures for the Road Department.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that it is his understanding that the county can use the sales tax for anything road related, and yes it would have a tremendous impact on the budget.

JP Douglas stated if the ballot issue passes and we use the money the way that it is intended to be used, will be to pave more of our dirt roads.

Lengthy discussion was held on the use of the half cent sales tax increase if the ballot issue passes.

Fund Summary

Sarah Daniels reported on the Monthly Fund Summary, stating that we should be at 83% and that the General Fund is at 75.89% and the overall budget is at 72.84%.

Other Business

Constable Sam Reyna stated that he is representing the Constables Association and the other five elected Constables, and is presently a proposed budget to provide funding to cover the costs of their patrol units, fleet liability insurance, fuel and oil, repair parts, tires and tubes, printing, telephone, and to restripe their autos. He stated that Sheriff-elect Kelly Craddock supports the constables in their request and plans to use them in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office.

Lengthy discussion was held on the proposed Constables budget and the Sheriff's Office funding of the proposed budget.

JP Winscott made motion to forward the Constables' proposed budget request to the next Finance Budget Committee meeting, seconded by JP Curry.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

2012 Budget Recapitulation

Sarah Daniels reported that \$15,525,229 is the anticipated fund balance at the end of the year, and that it does not include any returned appropriations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.