

FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
Regular Monthly Meeting

May 14, 2013

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chuck Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Center.

**Roll Call**

Committee members present included Chuck Wagner, Jim Barlow, Brian Dax and Jim Abrahamson. Chuck Hutter was excused.

Also present were County Administrator Ed Dorner, County Clerk Jamie Annoye, Information Services Director Ross Loining, Land Information Director Steve Hanson, Maintenance Director Greg Gabriel, Sheriff Matt Joski, County Board Chairman Bob Weidner, Supervisor Ron Heuer and Ray Anne Beaudry of The Horton Group.

**Approve Meeting Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda by Barlow was seconded by Dax. Motion carried.

**Landfill Property – Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Renewal**

A map showing cropland (a total of 31.1 acres) at the landfill property currently in the Conservation Reserve Program was distributed. Administrator Dorner pointed out that 16.1 acres were not accessible for farming and could remain in the program. The remaining approximately 15 acres are rentable crop land that would bring \$200.00 per acre for a greater return and should probably be taken out of the program. Dax moved to authorize Dorner to offer the 15 acres for a rent of approximately \$200.00 per acre and renew the remaining land in the CRP program. The motion was seconded by Abrahamson and carried unanimously.

**Approval of Bills**

Following review of the vouchers, a motion to approve their payment by Dax was seconded by Barlow. The motion carried unanimously.

**Update on Land Information Website Development and Consider Zoning Web Application Extension to Cities and Villages – Steve Hanson**

Steve described the various land information website developments he has completed. He initially considered charging a fee of \$500.00 to each of the ten townships for use of the zoning web application to cover the costs of development. Two of the townships balked at the charge. Since then the website has proven very successful with good response. Steve questioned the committee on whether to pursue the charge. Considering its usefulness, he was advised to again discuss the charge with the townships in an effort to obtain full agreement.

**Health Insurance Renewal – Rae Anne Beaudry, The Horton Group**

Rae Anne reviewed the renewal recommendation in detail and answered the committee's questions. Horton is recommending that the County approve the Humana renewal for Stop Loss, Medical and Dental Administration and the Life and AD&D coverage as described in the report. A detailed Humana Financial proposal was submitted. Barlow moved to authorize the County Administrator to sign the renewal. The motion was seconded by Dax and carried unanimously.

### **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law**

County Clerk Jamie Annoye appeared before the committee to request a transfer of account funds for the purchase of a laptop computer needed for recording Board meetings and other general use. She stated she has a sufficient balance in her Elections Programming account to cover the approximate \$640.00 cost of the computer. Barlow moved and Dax seconded a motion to approve the transfer. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discuss and Consider Safety Building Roof Repair**

Sheriff Matt Joski described the leaking condition of the pre-stressed concrete flat roof (vintage 1968) at the Safety Building. Maintenance Manager Greg Gabriel discussed the various corrective alternatives, suggesting a truss roof overlay as most effective. Venting and state building requirements were discussed. Sheriff Joski will check on the specific state requirements for such a jail building. Greg will obtain three quotations for a replacement roof for the committee's consideration.

### **Consider Policy for Valuation of Tax Deed Parcels for Sale**

Administrator Dorner discussed the current costly procedure of establishing a value of properties taken on a Tax Deed. Some of these properties have such a low value that they don't justify the expense of obtaining a formal appraisal. He presented a proposed resolution drawn up by Corporation Counsel Jeff Wisnicky that would authorize the Finance and Public Property Committee to establish the appraised value for tax delinquent property with an estimated fair market value of \$75,000 or less. Dax moved and Barlow seconded a motion to move the resolution as written to the County Board for approval. The motion carried.

### **Discuss Fiber Optic Cable Installation Between Courthouse and Administration Center – Ross Loining**

Ross distributed a quotation from Faith Technologies detailing the project cost of \$78,425.00 to \$80,685.00 depending on routing. Alternatives and the advantage of fiber optic cable were discussed. Barlow moved and Dax seconded a motion to have an RFP (Request for Proposal) prepared and sent out for quotes. The motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

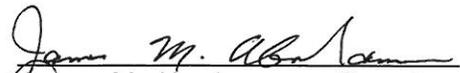
None

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for: **1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 2013.**

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn by Barlow was seconded by Dax. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
James M. Abrahamson, Secretary