UNAPPROVED

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2008

Meeting called to order by Vice-chairman Don Richards at 8:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: DeRosso, Kichak, Richards, Roberts and Innes. Absent: Kern. Also present: Supervisors Prospero and Wiita.

Clerk Mike Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Motion by Innes, seconded by Kichak to approve minutes of November 14th, 2008 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk told committee that a bill on the Sheriff Departments credit card at the Radisson in Green Bay last month for \$210 twice was for 2 rooms for 3 nights. Two deputies, one male and one female attended training. Clerk also told committee that the state rate for motel rooms has increased to \$70 per night up from \$62.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Richards told committee about a seminar he attended at Gogebic Community College presented by Rebecca Ryan. He said it was an excellent talk about trying to retain our young people and how our population will continue to decrease in future years. He also said that Will Andresen did a good job.

Chairman DeRosso gave an overview of tobacco coalition director's current salary status. He told committee that \$30,000 more in grant funds are available to Iron County this year. He then told committee that he was not going to discuss any proposals to use the extra monies until Zona Wick, Public Health Director was back from vacation to answer questions on the Tobacco Coalition's budget for 2009.

DeRosso suggested that all new hires for the county have to be run past the Finance Committee before proceeding.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Innes to enact a resolution for a hiring freeze per Finance/Personnel Committee to review each case on its' own merits. All aye. Motion carried.

Questions arose on five vouchers paid in November, clerk will have answers for these at the January meeting.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Innes to approve voucher numbers 2279 through 2486. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Innes told committee he has a telephone number for Keith Stoneburner, CPA from Duluth, Minnesota to check on options for our annual audit. Innes told committee Keith works for the same CPA firm his daughter works for only she's out of their Madison office.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Kichak to adjourn at 9:13 AM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari Iron County Clerk