

UNAPPROVED
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kern at 8:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Kern, Richards, Kichak, Roberts, Innes and DeRosso. Absent: None.
Also present: Lambert, Prospero and Smith.

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

Motion by Innes, seconded by Kichak to approve minutes of December 11, 2008 as presented.
All aye. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk reported that Iron County received a check in the amount of \$3,139.00 for the 2007 policy year dividend check from the County Mutual Insurance Company.

There were 4 questions on vouchers from last month that the clerk explained what the checks were issued for.

Clerk also told committee that Phil Salomone, former union representative for Courthouse and Highway/Forestry unions contacted him and offered to represent the county in a grievance arbitration for only the cost of mileage to and from Wausau. He has started his own company to represent municipalities against unions and is trying to drum up business.

Discussion was held on proposal to increase hours and rate of pay for Karen Hagemann for the 2009 budget year. Zona Wick, Health Department Director explained that a 4-county consortium will be formed sometime between now and the end of the year and that Price County will then be the fiscal agent for the consortium.

Motion by Richards, seconded by Innes to reject proposal for increasing hours and rate of pay to Tobacco Coordinator Karen Hagemann for 2009 and send back to Health Committee for their further consideration. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Richards to eliminate the tobacco coalition funds for 2009 and send the monies back to the State of Wisconsin. Board Chairman DeRosso stated that this issue is not on the agenda and cannot be acted on. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Sandy Eesley has 15 years of employment in with Iron County and has requested an early retirement with health insurance. The county offer will be 18 months of health insurance instead of the usual 24 months because the time was prorated from the customary 20 years of service

that has been required in the past. Proposal will be posted per union contract and must be accepted by county employees by January 30, 2009.

Motion by Richards, seconded by Kichak to accept retirement proposal from Sandy Eesley and post the proposal for all employees who qualify. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on new phone system proposal from CenturyTel to the IT Committee. Tom Bergmann and Bob Traczyk, IT Committee members gave presentation and answered question from committee. Cost of proposal is \$50,622.82 and may be paid over 24 months with no interest. Bob Traczyk also would like to see wireless internet service located within the courthouse for future use. He told committee that CenturyTel estimated that the price would be about \$2,000.00 to install equipment for wireless service but Traczyk told committee that he could get this done for around \$1,000.00.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Kichak to sign an agreement with CenturyTel to purchase new phone system and get wireless internet service into the courthouse. All aye. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the vouchers presented for approval and committee instructed clerk to question Sheriff Department purchase of new phones and contract from AT&T without contacting the IT Committee first.

Motion by Innes, seconded by Roberts to approve voucher numbers 2487 through 2697. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion by Richards, seconded by Innes to adjourn at 9:34 AM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk