

Lincoln County
Finance & Insurance Committee
Lincoln County Service Center, Room 248.1
Friday January 9, 2009
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Weaver, Richard Berndt, Gene Simon & Carl Short
Excused: Robert Lee

Visitors: Randy Scholz, Darla Sarn, Dan Leydet, Andrea Gallella, Jan Lemmer, Robert Lussow, Richard Eisenman, Ray Bloomer, Shelley Hersil

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Vice Chairman Simon.

2. Minutes of December 5, 2008 were approved as printed by Motion/Second M/S Weaver/Berndt – all voting aye.

3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lemmer appeared and provided the committee with overview of current interest rate environment and commented on Year-to-Date Budget Report along with Investment Report – Reports place on file

4. Phase III Funding of the Building Project – Phase III funding is on hold because City of Merrill Mayor Dug Williams contacted State Historical Society complaining about exterior appearance of addition to Lincoln County Historic Court House. Supervisor Simon reported that State Historical Society has not given final approval to Phase III Court House Remodeling. Bids have been received and opened for Phase III remodeling and are minimally within budget. The County has 45 days to award bid or reject all. Architect Bob Brown and Building Committee are working to resolve Historic Building issues.

5. Humane Society 2009 Contract – The Lincoln County Humane Society has not signed 2009 contract which has been approved by the County Board and forwarded to them. Contract was discussed and no action taken on concerns discussed. Supervisor Simon requested Corporation Counsel review item #2 in contract. No action taken.

6. Funding Humane Society at 2007 Level-Referred to Finance and Insurance Committee form December 16th County Board Meeting – The committee recognized Supervisor Bloomer and provided members of the Humane Society opportunity to comment on draft resolution. M/S Weaver/Short to **deny** request by Supervisor Bloomer to submit draft resolution Funding Humane Society at the 2007 and 2009 Level for consideration by County Board. – All voting aye.

7. Setting a Health Insurance Trustee Meeting Date – Health Insurance Trustees to meet February 6, 2009 immediately following Finance & Insurance Committee meeting approximately 9:00 a.m. Finance committee to start at 7:30 a.m. February 6, 2009. Supervisors Lee and Weaver will be out of town and have requested to be excused.

8. Health Department Request for Purchase Card – Health Department Director Hersil explained limited need for Purchase Card and requested \$1000.00 limit with Diana Allen, Fiscal Clerk the responsible employee. M/S Berndt/Short to approve request for Purchase Card - all voting aye.

9. Review 2009 Highway Budget – Highway Commissioner Scholz explained budget short fall and implications. Supervisor Eisenman spoke in favor of providing additional support for County Highway operations, and suggested prioritizing services county wide.

The committee noted that there were other revenue shortfalls in other departments along with lower interest income from county investments. The committee will closely watch 2009 budget and emphasized that all departments must stay within County Board approved budgets. Leydet explained that one time revenue sources should not be used for ongoing, year after year operations.

10. DATCP Funding – Diane Hanson Land Information Supervisor notified the Finance Committee that the State has delayed signing service contracts. There is the potential for a significant short fall in 2009 budgeted revenue.

11. County Clerk Year-to-date Budget Report – Leydet explained that County Clerk is over budget because of additional election costs. The committee was previously made aware of additional election costs. Report placed on file.

12. Building Project Purchase Order and Year-to-date Expenditures Update – Leydet provided the committee with expenditure report – placed on file

13. Service Center Report – Service Center is complete with minor landscaping costs withheld. Service Center has been completed total under budget \$675,894. It is anticipated that Safety Building construction and remodeling is over budget by a similar amount. If Courthouse Phase III remodeling comes in within budget all construction projects will be within budget.

14. December Year-to-date Budget Report – Provided to the committee and place on file.

15. North Central Health Care Budget to Actual Report – Monthly report received and placed on file.

16. Budget Modifications – none

17. Director's Report – Year to date budget report received and placed on file.

2010 Budget Preparation – Budget time line will again be early. Draft time line will be presented at next regular meeting.

18. Review Correspondence/Communications – Humane Society written report received and place on file.

19. Review County Voucher Listing – Listing made available for review.

20. Set Next Meeting date – February 6, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. immediately followed by Heath Insurance Trustee at approximately 9:00 a.m.; March 6, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.

21. Adjourn – M/S Weaver/Berndt to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. – all voting aye.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary