



**COLUMBIA COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisors Darren W. Schroeder, Denise Brusveen, Keith F. Miller, and Douglas Richmond

ALSO PRESENT: County Board Chair Chris Polzer, Shonna Neary, Sarah Parker, Jesica Walter, Greg Kaminski, Jason Willemarck, Stacy Opalewski, Heather Gove, Nicholas Pergande, and James Stilson

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and was properly noticed and published.

MOTION: On motion by Brusveen, second by Miller, the agenda was approved.

MINUTES

MOTION: On motion by Richmond, second by Miller, the minutes from the March 13, 2024 Finance Committee meeting were approved.

VOUCHERS

MOTION: On motion by Brusveen, second by Miller, monthly expenditures for March 8, 2024 through April 4, 2024 for the Treasurer's Office for a total of \$1,719.77 and the Accounting Department for a total of \$1,270.92 were approved.

Total Treasurer/Accounting: \$2,990.69

MOTION: On motion by Richmond, second by Brusveen, the monthly disbursement journal (all departments) from March 8, 2024 through April 4, 2024 was approved for a total of \$4,049,970.59.

MOTION: On motion by Miller, second by Richmond, County Board Payroll for March 2024 meetings paid in April 2024 was approved for a total of \$11,026.33.

SOLID WASTE – FEE ORDINANCE REVISION

Solid Waste Director Greg Kaminski is requesting the following change to the fee schedule:

Tractor Tires - by weight (any load with ten (10) or more tires is charged by weight)	\$285.00 \$385.00 per ton
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MOTION: On motion by Richmond, second by Miller, the Committee approved the update to the Solid Waste fee schedule.

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT – CHANGE IN OUTLAY

Facilities Management Director Jason Willemarck explained the need to pump hard water into the Jail cooling towers to reduce the amount of sulfuric acid needed.

MOTION: On motion by Miller, second by Richmond, the Committee approved the Change in Outlay of \$4,800 from the Jail Maintenance Walk-In Cooler/Freezer Unit Replacement to Hard Water Piping-Soft Water Supply.

TREASURER’S REPORT

County Treasurer Stacy Opalewski gave an overview on investments and interest rates.

HIGHWAY – REVISED SOLE SOURCE-PAVER

Fleet Manager Nicholas Pergande explained the revision to the previously approved sole source procurement request. The original request was \$27,000. The revised total approved by the Highway Committee is \$32,000 for the addition of four (4) screed and side extensions for the paver from Roland Machinery Company.

MOTION: On motion by Brusveen, second by Miller, the Committee approved the revised Sole Source Request in the amount of \$32,000 for the paver extensions.

HIGHWAY – CHANGE IN OUTLAY

Topic was tabled until a future date.

RESOLUTION – RECOGNITION OF STATE LEADERS ON 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 139

County Board Chair Chris Polzer explained the Resolution is to recognize the State Senators and Representatives for authoring or sponsoring the 2023 Senate Bill 67 which became 2023 Wisconsin Act 139. The new law provides a definition of when a power plant is decommissioned that determines when the property is no longer tax-exempt and when the decommissioning aid payments begin. The new law ensures that power plants with multiple power-generating units, like Columbia Energy Center, will not experience an immediate drop off in utility aid payments before all of the power generating units are retired.

MOTION: On motion by Miller, second by Richmond, the Committee approved adopting the Resolution-Recognition of State Leaders on 2023 Wisconsin Act 139.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN OUTLAY

No additional line item transfers or change in outlay were discussed.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Neary explained there are no requests this month. She informed the Committee that we are allowed to bill for administration time through 2026.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS/EQUITY

Neary shared insurance premiums are increased for auto, liability, liability-deductible fund, property/equipment failure, and workers comp. She is requesting to transfer \$75,000 for the deductible fund overage from insurance equity.

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MOTION: On motion by Miller, second by Richmond, the Committee approved transferring \$75,000 for the deductible fund overage from insurance equity.

ACCOUNTING – LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Neary explained two cross border payment requests were not included in the 2024 budget.

MOTION: On motion by Brusveen, second by Miller, the Committee approved the request to transfer \$500 from Accounting-Office Supplies, \$500 from Accounting-Budget Publication and \$2,100 from Accounting-Training/Conventions and apply \$3,100 to Library-Cross Border Payments to cover the shortfall.

REVIEW OF COUNTY FINANCES/2023 CLOSING

Neary updated the Committee on the vacant Accounting Assistant position, filling the Accounting Intern position, preparing for audit in May, congressionally directed spending application for HHS, and presented the 2023 Year End Financial Analysis.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On motion by Miller, second by Brusveen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Denise Brusveen, Finance Committee Secretary



Sarah Parker, Recording Secretary

CC: Finance Committee
County Board Chair

Joseph Ruf III
Susan M. Moll

Shonna Neary
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