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COLUMBIA COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 15, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Matthew L. Rohrbeck, Supervisors Christopher Polzer, JoAnn Wingers, James E. Foley, and Bob Koch

ALSO PRESENT: County Board Chair Vern E. Gove, Supervisors Nancy Long, Eric Shimpach and John Stevenson, Lois Schepp, Shonna Neary, Joseph Ruf III, Stacy Opalewski, and Heather Gove

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

MOTION: On motion by Koch, second by Wingers, the revised agenda was approved.

MINUTES

MOTION: On motion by Wingers, second by Foley, the minutes from the March 11, 2021 Finance Committee meeting were approved.

VOUCHERS

MOTION: On motion by Foley, second by Koch, monthly expenditures for March 9 through April 12, 2021 for the Treasurer's Office for a total of \$5,037.26 and the Accounting Department for a total of \$1,785.95 were approved.

Total Treasurer/Accounting: \$6,823.21

MOTION: On motion by Wingers, second by Foley, the monthly disbursement journal (all departments) from March 9 through April 12, 2021 was approved for a total of \$3,140,822.77.

MOTION: On motion by Foley, second by Polzer, County Board Payroll for March 2021 meetings paid in April 2021 was approved for a total of \$7,455.60.

HHS – POSITION REVISION REQUEST TO INCREASE HOURS OF WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COACH

HHS Director Heather Gove explained that WIC received an additional \$5,000 grant through the Breastfeeding Campaign. She would like to use that funding to increase the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor's hours an additional 8 hrs./week on top of her current 10 hrs./week to serve consumers.

MOTION: On motion by Polzer, second by Wingers, the Committee approved the request to increase the LTE WIC Breastfeeding Peer Coach hours an additional 8 hrs./week.

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WRITE OFF CITY OF PORTAGE PARCEL #1203 TAXES

Treasurer Stacy Opalewski stated that the parcel was deeded over to the City of Portage. The write off amount is \$33,811.53.

MOTION: On motion by Koch, second by Foley, the Committee approved the write off of City of Portage parcel #1203 taxes.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN OUTLAY

Other than what was previously discussed, no line item transfers/change in outlay were discussed.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Accounting Supervisor/Project Manager Shonna Neary explained that the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This Plan will contribute \$65.1 billion in aid for counties. Columbia County has not received the actual allocation yet, but it could be approximately \$11 million. There are no guidelines yet as to how these funds can be spent. The funds can be spent through 2024.

MOTION: On motion by Foley, second by Polzer, the Committee approved placing this item on next month's agenda.

2020 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS/REVIEW OF COUNTY FINANCES

Comptroller Lois Schepp presented the 2020 Financial Analysis and gave an overview of the County finances.

REVIEW PROCESS/TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BIDDING PROCEDURES

Comptroller Lois Schepp explained to the Committee that she wants to wait on updating the bidding procedures until she can meet with all departments. It is important to keep it consistent throughout the County.

COLUMBIA POWER PLANT DECOMMISSION UPDATE

Schepp reported that Columbia County receives \$1.7 million in utility aids from the state, which in lieu property taxes. These funds directly offset the county tax levy. When Unit 1 closes in 2023, our utility aid payment will decrease by \$850,000. This loss in revenue will be effective for 2024. In 2024, Unit 2 will close, thus eliminating all energy generated by the Columbia Power Plant. Once that happens, the five year phase out payment begins based upon the last megawatt payment made while the plant was still operating.

- Year 1 – 100%
- Year 2 – 80%
- Year 3 – 60%
- Year 4 – 40%
- Year 5 – 20%

This information will get distributed to County Board in May.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On motion by Koch, second by Wingers, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:



JoAnn Wingers, Finance Committee Secretary



Sarah Parker, Recording Secretary

CC: Finance Committee
County Board Chair
Lois Schepp

Joseph Ruf III
Susan M. Moll
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