

Berrien County Board of Commissioners

Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Kenneth L. Wendzel Conference Room

Finance Committee Attendance:

Commissioner Mamie L. Yarbrough–Chairperson	Present
Commissioner Jon Hinkelman – Vice-Chair	Present
Commissioner Ezra Scott	Present
Commissioner Teri Freehling	Present

Others Present: Administrator Brian Dissette, Chairman R. McKinley Elliott, Secretary Stephanie Carlson, and Information Systems Director Chris Swihart

Meeting was called to order at 9:22am

Public Comments: None

Q&A Administrator – Administrator Dissette discussed modifying the bid process so that it's more efficient so that the Finance Committee could put their time to better use. He mentioned having the bids opened at a separate meeting, on Monday's or Tuesday's. He's had Corporate Counsel checking on the legalities and asked for input from the committee. There was a brief discussion and then the committee agreed for Brian to move forward with discussing with Doug James and Ben Reynnells.

Commissioner Yarbrough brought up the tax dollars brought in from Marijuana sales. Administrator Dissette said so far this year, it's over \$500,000 and last year we received \$150,000. Brian mentioned the Mobile Command vehicle for \$802,848 plus \$50,000 in equipment and taking the \$150,000 and \$500,000 and putting it into this vehicle because it's used all over the county. He said this was an excellent conversation for Finance to have as far as how the dollars should be spent.

Appointments

Chris Swihart went over Resolution F2204245. This resolution was recommending the purchase of (80) new copiers for the total of \$210,938, with a savings of \$36,202 vs. a 5-year least costs. The resolution was signed by everyone present.

Committee Business

Commissioner Scott motioned to approve the minutes from Thursday, April 7, 2022, supported by Commissioner Freehling. Motion carried.

The Request for Waiver was approved by the committee.

Resolutions:

The following Resolutions were moved forward to the full Board:

F2204026 – Approval of Weekly Bills

F2204245 – County-wide Copier Replacement Purchase

F2204242 – Approval of Assessment Rolls

Meeting Adjourned: 10:01

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Carlson
Financial Services