



Minutes - April 27, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Mawhinney called the Finance Committee to order at 5:45 P.M. in the Jury Deliberation Room.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Mawhinney, Bostwick, Fox, and Farrell.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Clasen.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk; Sherry Oja, Finance Director; Mike Parille, Facilities Superintendent; Rich Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisors Towns.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Bostwick moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Fox. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Two comments were submitted by Supervisor Zoril and citizen Dan Defore advocating amending the resolution Amending the 2023 Budget to Utilize Funds from the Job Center Sale Proceeds to Reduce 2023 Borrowing to allocate the full amount of the Job Center sale.

Approval of Minutes:

April 13, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor Fox moved approval of the April 13, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Farrell. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Amending the 2023 Budget to Utilize Funds from the Job Center Sale Proceeds to Reduce 2023 Borrowing: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023 does hereby amend the 2023 budget to utilize \$400,000 of Job Center sale proceeds to reduce 2023 borrowing."

Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Fox.

Josh Smith clarified that there would be \$814,000 left, not \$819,000 as stated in the resolution.

Supervisor Fox moved to correct the amount left listed in the resolution to \$814,000 from \$819,000, second by Supervisor Bostwick.

Amendment -

ADOPTED

Resolution with amendment -

ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action: None.

Next meeting date and time: May 11 @ time TBD

Adjournment: Supervisor Fox moved to adjourn at 5:51 P.M., second by Supervisor Farrell.
ADOPTED.

Submitted by,

Haley Thompson
Office Coordinator

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Finance Committee Meeting - Agenda Item 6A (Amending the 2023 Budget to Utilize Funds from the Job Center Sale Proceeds to Reduce 2023 Borrowing) Federal tax revenue is down 35% this year versus the same time last year. Perhaps a harbinger for future County tax revenues. Why? The economy is decimating Rock County's poor and lower middle class. Anecdotally, I know of a lower middle-class family of three in Janesville who in the last two weeks could not afford to drive to the Upper Peninsula of MI for a close family member's funeral, largely due to the cost of gas, which is at a five-month high. I was very pleased to see Supervisor Fox's Resolution to utilize funds from proceeds of the Job Center. This is a fiscally responsible Resolution, particularly in the worst economy in 40 years. My only suggestion would be to use the full \$819,000 to reduce the debt. This is not an economic environment for business-as-usual thinking or approaches. These are the types of kitchen table decisions your constituents are currently making in today's economy, and they assume the the County Board is doing the same. Please, fix the roof BEFORE the storm!

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Meeting Date

04/27/2023 12:00 AM

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*****FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
4-27-23 AT 5:45PM*****

Dear Finance Committee Members,

I urge you to amend agenda item 6.A. to allocate the full \$819k from the Job Center sale to reduce 2023 borrowing for highway projects. Using the entire amount would significantly lower our financial burden, decrease interest expenses, and improve the county's long-term fiscal health.

Although preserving some funds for future capital projects is understandable, our current financial climate demands immediate action. Economic uncertainties and potential rising borrowing costs warrant using the full Job Center sale proceeds to address our present obligations.

Please consider amending the resolution to showcase our commitment to fiscal responsibility and dedication to our community's well-being.

Amending the 2023 Budget to Utilize Funds from the Job Center Sale Proceeds to Reduce 2023 Borrow



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