

MANITOWOC COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE
Communications Building
1110 S 9th St., Manitowoc, WI
January 11, 2016

Attendance: Chairperson Biff Hansen, Supervisor Greg Dufek, Supervisor Mike Williams, Supervisor Todd Holschbach, and Supervisor Rita Metzger.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hansen at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

Dennis Mayer requested the County Board to consider expanding the sale of the Expo property to businesses other than a grocery store.

Maura Yost asked the County Board to do more fact finding before making a decision on the sale of the Expo property.

Supervisor Bob Cavanaugh, a member of the Expo Board, stated that multiple people have informed him that they do not want the expo property sold to Meijer Stores. He is not in favor of the sale.

Don Kiel requested the County Board to counter offer the entire Expo property or to offer other county owned property to Meijer Stores.

Todd Humpfrey, president of the Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car program, opposed the sale of the Expo property. The EWSC has funded projects for the race track, pits, and concession stands which have been used multiple times.

Peter Becker expressed concern about the potential economic ramifications of other businesses not coming into Manitowoc County if the County Board voted not to sell the Expo property to Meijer Stores.

Mark Jens, a member of the Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car program, opposed the sale of the Expo property. He believed our community could raise the money needed to maintain the Expo property.

Jody Beyer, Expo Committee member, supported the sale of the Expo property. Ms. Beyer expressed the sale could provide necessary funds to maintain the remaining property.

Dan Schultz-Mr. Schultz was not averse to raising taxes to maintain the Expo property. He opposed the sale to Meijer Stores.

Supervisor Kevin Behnke, a member of the Expo Board, explained that there is no tax levy money for repairs or improvements on the Expo property. There have been concerns with the infrastructure and utilities and this sale could be a way to save and maintain the Expo property.

There was no further public comment, thus public comment was closed at 5:05 p.m.

Resolution accepting real estate option contract for the sale of approximately 27.5 acres of Expo property and authorizing the county to execute the agreement and effectuate the sale upon exercise of the option.

Discussion took place regarding the sale of the Expo property. Chairperson Brey requested a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee. The joint meeting will take place next week and the County Board will vote on the sale at the January 26 meeting. Supervisor Williams moved to approve the recommendation of the resolution to the County Board. There was no second, the recommendation of the resolution failed

Approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Finance Committee meeting: Supervisor Holschbach moved to approve the December 14, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Williams. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve vouchers for the month of December 2015 in the amount of \$2,135,572.24: Supervisor Metzger moved, seconded by Supervisor Williams to approve vouchers for the month of December 2015 in the amount of \$2,135,572.24. Upon vote, the vouchers were approved unanimously.

Consideration and action on the following matters related to the Sale of Tax Deeded Property: Public Works Director Gerry Neuser had a handout listing bids received on various tax deeded properties. He said that any bid could be accepted.

935 N 11th St, Manitowoc - Metzger accepted the bid, Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously

1618 21st St, Two Rivers – Holschbach accepted the bid, Williams seconded, motion passed unanimously

1918 School St, Two Rivers – Metzger accepted the bid, Holschbach seconded, motion passed unanimously

2407 16th St, Two Rivers – Williams accepted the bid, Holschbach seconded, motion passed unanimously

1.377 Acres Herman Rd-NW of Virginia Dr., landlocked – discussion, Williams accepted the bid, Holschbach seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Amending Chapter 23 – “Computer Resources”

Sharon Cornils explained Chapter 23 would be replaced with the updated/amended chapter that would establish uniformity and increase security. Supervisor Holschbach moved to approve, Supervisor Metzger seconded, unanimously approved.

Request permission for Amy Wergin, Public Health Director, to be issued a County credit card.

Todd Reckelberg provided the reason for issuing the County credit card. Williams moved to approve, Metzger seconded, unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Supervisor Holschbach moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Dufek and the motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Kiel
Manitowoc County Clerk