

Meeting called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Chair Kathleen Rushlow.

All meeting notices were properly posted.

Present: Chair Kathleen Rushlow, Vice-Chair Chris Mayer, Charles Rayala, Steve Favorite, and Linda Thorpe. Also present were: County Clerk Dave Alleman, County Auditors Jeff Cohen and Jason Hilger, Emil Bakka, Maynard Bedish, Ron De Bruyne, Bob Egan, Dennis Nielsen, Fred Radtke, Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller, Ann Cleereman, Marjorie Hiller and other Department Employees.

A motion was made by C. Rayala and seconded by C. Mayer to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. All voting aye, carried.

REVIEW AND PREPARE 2009 BUDGET FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNTY BOARD:  
Discussion and action took place on the 2009 proposed budget with various departments. Supervisor Rushlow abstained from discussion on the Jail Budget.

A motion was made by C. Mayer and seconded by S. Favorite to create an outlay shooting range account of \$25,000.00 instead of being included in the County Parks Capital Asset account. All voting aye, carried.

The Finance Committee took a lunch break at 12:00 P.M. and returned at 1:15 P.M.

Letters and Communications: None.

Adjournment: Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Thorpe to adjourn until Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All voting aye, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Finance Budget Meeting

October 21, 2008

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Kathleen Rushlow.

All meeting notices were properly posted.

Present: Chair Kathleen Rushlow, Vice-Chair Chris Mayer, Charles Rayala, Steve Favorite, and Linda Thorpe. Also present were: County Clerk Dave Alleman, County Auditor Jeff Cohen, Emil Bakka, Maynard Bedish, Ron De Bruyne, Bob Egan, Sig Hjemvick, Fred Radtke, Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller, Greg Schieck, Deb Varro, Jim Fischer, Tom Numrich and Marjorie Hiller.

A motion was made by C. Mayer and seconded by L. Thorpe to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. All voting aye, carried.

REVIEW AND PREPARE 2009 BUDGET FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNTY BOARD:  
Discussion and action continued in regards to the 2009 proposed budget.

County Auditor Jeff Cohen suggested cutting the contingency amount of \$45,000.00; reduce the highway budget by \$300,000.00 as well as the Social Services Budget, and taking the remainder from the general fund. The net expense levy would be \$12,110,885.28 with a \$1.53 per \$1,000.00 mill rate, which is \$.01 lower than 2008.

Social Service Director Greg Schiek and Financial Manager Deb Varro appeared and were asked to lower their budget by \$300,000.00.

Highway Commissioner Jim Fischer and Highway Bookkeeper Tom Numrich also appeared and were told that their budget would be reduced by \$300,000.00.

A motion made by L. Thorpe and seconded by C. Mayer to approve the following proposed budget and levy for 2009, to be presented to the County Board:

Total Expenditures	\$24,604,872.84
Less All Revenues	-11,095,070.49
Less Funds from General Fund	<u>- 1,395,107.35</u>
Net Expense (Levy) -----	\$12,114,695.00
Less St. Exempt Computer Aid Rev.	<u>- 3,809.72</u>
Net Expense Levy	\$12,110,885.28

All voting aye, carried.

Letters and Communications: None.

Resolution Regarding Salary Increase for Emergency Government Director: Kathleen Rushlow discussed with the committee of possibly assigning the Safety Coordinator duties to the Emergency Management Director and increasing his salary by \$5,000.00 for doing these duties. Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by S. Favorite to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee. Discussion. All voting aye, carried.

Future Meeting Dates: The next scheduled Finance Committee meeting is Monday, November 17, 2008.

Adjournment: A motion was made by C. Rayala and seconded by L. Thorpe to adjourn. All voting aye, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 47 a.m.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by:  
Marjorie Hiller