

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE
July 31, 2019
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Dave Hintz, Billy Fried, Alan VanRaalte, Steven Schreier, Dan Hess, Darcy Smith, Lisa Charbarneau, Mike Romportl, Robb Jensen, Linda Conlon

Call to order: Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda: Motion by Jensen/VanRaalte to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All aye; motion carried.

Approve minutes: Motion by VanRaalte/Schreier to approve the minutes of 7/8/2019. All aye; motion carried.

Review of Funding Opportunities Spreadsheet – Open and Assigned Items:

Chairman Hintz stated that there have been a number of items that have been assigned to committees. Hintz stated that the items from the spreadsheet that have been assigned to a committee are items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 23, 27 and 29. VanRaalte expressed concern that the chart lists cost savings, however, it doesn't cover the cost of implementation. Hintz stated that his understanding is that the cost savings would include any cost of implementation. VanRaalte also expressed a concern with the selling of county forest land. VanRaalte stated that it is his believe that listing the property in the Town of Lynne goes against State Statute, County Code and past County Board decisions. Jensen stated that there would be a number of items on the funding opportunities committee summary that would have to be cut from discussions because they go against policy or past decisions, however, it is his opinion that the purpose of this committee is to discuss ideas and that doesn't mean that the ideas are necessarily going to be approved.

Motion by VanRaalte/Schreier to strike options with the Town of Lynne property from the spreadsheet. Discussion regarding whether this should remain on the spreadsheet or should be removed from the spreadsheet. Discussion regarding which property in Lynne this is regarding. VanRaalte stated that this motion is specifically regarding the property that has the mineral deposits located on it. All aye; motion carried.

Hintz stated that he would like for the items that have been assigned to go back to a committee of jurisdiction to be taken to that committee by the appropriate supervisor on the Funding Opportunities Committee. Today Hintz would like the committee to look at items that haven't been assigned to a committee to review.

#7 on the spreadsheet – Reduction of funding or elimination of services of non-county direct items based on efficiency study – Smith reported that they have met and feel that these items should be sent back to their respective committees. Fried reported that he has met with the Airport Administrator and they have kept the ask from the County and the City at a 0% increase and have used revenues as fiscally conservative as they can. Hintz stated that the Airport will be looked at by the Administration Committee and the Human Service Center will be looked at by LRES as they are also looking at the re-organization. Discussion regarding which committee should review UW Extension and it was determined that this will be reviewed by the Administration Committee and the Conservation and UW Extension Committee. Discussion regarding which

committee should review centralized purchasing and it was determined that the Administration Committee would review this after Darcy Smith and Jason Rhodes have had a chance to review it. The Regional Reference Library can not be changed and therefore will be scratched. Discussion regarding the ADRC Nutrition Meals. Schreier reported that the ADRC's in the State the price point of Oneida County is actually low compared to other ADRC's. Discussion regarding what is currently being paid and what is included in that number.

#10 on the spreadsheet - Legal costs – Discussion regarding legal costs and which committee should oversee this item. Hintz stated that it is his opinion that this should go to the public safety committee to look at the cost. Fried will take this to public safety committee to begin some discussion. Hintz stated that he has had a discussion with the insurance company regarding Outside Counsel Expense Hired by the Insurance Company and we need to remain cognizant of the cost to the County.

#11 on the spreadsheet - Outsourcing Buildings & Grounds – This is marked yellow and is not currently an active item.

#15 on the spreadsheet - ITS – Charge outside police departments for IT Support. Fried stated that there was a discussion with Jason Rhodes and there are only about 50 hours per year that would be billable. Rhodes is looking at numbers and creating a policy regarding this. This will be assigned to the administration committee.

#16 on the spreadsheet - Land Information – This item will be made yellow and no longer considered.

#18 on the spreadsheet - Health Department – Conlon stated that this line item would not make enough revenue for this committee and should be made yellow and no longer considered.

#19 on the spreadsheet - Passports – Discussion regarding passports. This is not a large revenue source and will be made a yellow item and no longer considered.

#22 on the spreadsheet - Public Online purchasing for fees – Currently the departments that use online purchasing have no revenue and there wouldn't be a large revenue source. Romportl stated that when this was suggested the thought was that if there was on-line purchasing available for certain services the public may use those services more often (for example maps from land information, camping, etc). This will be made a yellow item and no longer considered.

#24 on the spreadsheet - Shared Services – Hintz stated that this is something to pursue, however, there are no items right now that are actionable. This item will be assigned to the administration committee.

#25 on the spreadsheet - Mileage vs. fleet cost savings- Smith reported that social services is anticipating about \$8000 in savings from using a county vehicle instead of paying mileage to employees. Social Services is looking at this right now. Smith reported that she believes this item should go to the Administration Committee.

#26 on the spreadsheet - Overtime – This item has been assigned to the committee of jurisdiction for the Sheriff's Office and the Highway Department and any other department that has overtime should go to their committee of jurisdiction. Jensen stated PTO payouts, Comp time and overtime are significant expenses and need to be considered.

#28 - Four Day weeks instead of Five (NEW) – Jensen stated that he believes public works should take a look at this item. Hintz stated that he believes that this item should be yellow and no longer. Discussion regarding this item being looked at by departments that can benefit from this, however, this isn't being looked at in the funding opportunities committee.

#29 – Digital Communications - Discussion regarding having two lines under this item. The first line item will be regarding the requirement to mail certified letters for certain ordinance changes and having another line item regarding going digital for county board packets, etc.

Other Options for Implementation of the Carlson Dettmann Study – Charbarneau reported that the Funding Opportunities Committee was created to find \$800,000 for the implementation of the Carlson Dettman Study. Charbarneau stated that she spoke with the department heads today and discussed implementing the Carlson Dettman at a different level. Charbarneau stated that the department heads discussed four items today 1) Carlson Dettman Implementation, 2) Reclassifications 3) Cost of Living Increase, 4) 37.5 hour work week versus 40 hour work week. Charbarneau reported that the department heads voted and feel that the reclassifications should be looked at first and that the committee should look at implementing the Carlson Dettman study at 50% second. Charbarneau reported that one of the other items discussed was the cost of living increase. For every 1% of cost of living adjustment the cost is approximately \$102,000 and it appears as if the COLA increase in 2020 will be around 2%. Charbarneau reported that the other item discussed with department heads was moving to a 40 hour work week. There are offices that have begun this process and other offices that are looking at moving to a 40-hour work week and attempting to remain cost neutral. Jensen stated that it is his understanding the goal is to come up with \$800,000 to pay the county employees a fair wage and remain competitive and it is his opinion that the committee continues to work towards that.

Public Comment – Jill Hunger (Town of Minocqua) stated that last weekend she was camping on the Willow Flowage and there are a lot of people that love the Willow Flowage. Hunger reported that "Protect the Willow" would like to look at purchasing the land to protect it and it would be a source of revenue for the County. Hunger also urged the committee to look at the Health Insurance and going to a high deductible insurance and creating a fund that would help the employees pay their deductibles. Charbarneau reported that the County currently does this and has saved money, however, she will contact the school district mentioned by Hunger to determine if there are additional savings that could be found within our insurance. Karl Fate thanked the committee for removing the item of selling the Lynne land. Jane Schramyer, Hazelhurst, requested that the committee use the microphones when speaking.

Dates and items for future agenda/meetings: A Doodle Poll will be sent out for the next meeting.

Adjourn

Hintz adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Hartman, Recording Secretary
County Clerk

David Hintz, Chair