



**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes for June 15, 2017**

Chairman Ole Yttri called the Finance Committee to order at 9:30AM on Thursday, June 15, 2017 in Room 309 of the Courthouse Annex. Members present were Ole Yttri, Mike Leis and Kevin Larson. Excused Will Beitlich and Rod Ofte absent. Others in attendance were Ron Hoff, Rachel Hanson, Phil Hewitt, Rod Olson, Dan Colton, Gail Muller, Dennis Brault, Adrian Amelse, Pam Eitland and Nancy McDowell. Confirmation of proper public notice was given.

Motion by Leis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting. Motion carried all.

**Yttri moved to Item #4 on the agenda**, Rachel Hanson, Treasurer, Treasurer's report.

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PAGE 1	<b>BALANCE</b>	\$ 16,115,063.67		
PAGE 2	2016 TAXES COLLECTED	\$ 172,781.17		
	INTEREST	\$ 3,070.59		
	BALANCE TO COLLECT	\$ 9,864,522.90		
PAGE 3	REDEMPTION TAXES COLLECTED	\$ 12,833.99		
	INTEREST	\$ 2,793.84		
	BALANCE TO COLLECT	\$ 944,735.51		
PAGE 4	<b>SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>			
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
	GENERAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,658,751.41		
	2016 TAXES	\$ 172,781.17		
	INTEREST	\$ 3,070.59		
	REDEMPTION TAXES	\$ 12,833.99		
	INTEREST	\$ 2,793.84		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,850,231.00		
		\$ -		
	<b>CASH FLOW</b>			
	BEG. BALANCE	\$ 16,511,552.17		
	RECEIPTS	\$ 1,850,231.00		
	A-CHECKS	\$ (1,535,148.89)		
	C-CHECKS - PAYROLL	\$ (651,277.05)		
	ACH WITHDRAWALS	\$ (425,737.72)		
		\$ 15,749,619.51		
PAGE 5	SALES TAX	\$ 143,388.80		
	TOTAL AMOUNT IN Pool #3	\$ 571,311.58		
	CHART OF SALES TAX RECEIVED			
			PAGE 7	
			HO-CHUNK NATION SUMMARY	
			HO-CHUNK NATION FUNDS	
			<b>DEPOSITS</b>	
			POOL #6	\$ 437,636.51
			RIVER BANK	\$ 600,000.00
			F & M BANK	\$ 2,506.39
			PEOPLES STATE BANK	\$ 1,213,875.87
			CITIZENS 1ST BANK	\$ 1,700,000.00
				\$ 3,954,018.77
			<b>ACCOUNTS</b>	
			2010	\$ 277,856.11
			2011	\$ 146,130.28
			2012	\$ 283,100.91
			2013	\$ 405,569.55
			2014	\$ 304,379.31
			2015	\$ 290,850.17
			2016	\$ 972,643.75
			2017	\$ 1,200,000.00
			<b>INTEREST</b>	\$ 73,488.69
				\$ 3,954,018.77
			PAID OUT IN APRIL	\$ 23,894.58

Motion by Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leis to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried all.

**Yttri moved to Item #5 on the agenda**, Rachel Hanson reported for Diane McGinnis on Grants. We are waiting till July 31, 2017 to see if any of the remaining 3 properties in Avalanche take the buyout. We will then know exactly what we have available for Bloomingdale. Prior to purchasing any property in Bloomingdale, Land and Water would like to have a meeting to discuss this. Tally Dam project is complete. De Soto mobile home park, 7 new mobile homes are in the park and 6 of the households have already moved into their new home. The final one should be completed in the next week. We have 7 projects out to bid right now. Contractor bids are coming in slowly. It has been difficult to find contractors who can work on our projects right now. It is the busy season for contractors. Two contracts have been issued for work. Both of those projects only received one bid each. Our second payment request was approved and Vernon County has received the funds. Total reimbursed from the State of Wisconsin to date is \$384,233.88. We will be providing two additional replacement homes in the next month. Both properties are currently in the floodplain. One property is in the Town of Wheatland and the other in the Village of Viola. McGinnis has been in contact with the Town of Wheatland as it relates to the land after the demolition. Wheatland is meeting the evening of the 15th and will report back regarding their

interest in taking the property back after demolition. The Village of Viola has already agreed to take possession of the property after demolition is completed. We are still in conversations with De Soto regarding a possible street project as it relates to the Sept 2016 flood event. No new Revolving loans. The committee just filled two committee positions. The new members are Tom Weston with Citizens First Bank and Garrick Olerud a local realtor. The Tourism, Promotion and Economic Development Committee has been very busy with Economic Development planning for Vernon County. Motion by Larson, 2nd by Leis to approve Grant report. Carried all.

**Yttri moved to Item #6 on the agenda,** Rod Olson - Vernon Telephone, reported on the Optic Expansion with support of Vernon County. This would affect about 500 subscribers, with three new 100 foot towers. This Grant would require public support, so the County's support is needed. About 70% of rural Viroqua would get Broad Ban if completed, County's 10% match is \$9,893.05. For the wireless grant, the county portion would be \$10,175.82. The County's total portion is \$20,068.87.

Summary:

Fiber-Optic projects:

Sidie Hollow County Park and Campground

15 Locations, 40,930' Construction, \$98,930.50

County Portion = \$9,893.05 (10%)

All other projects: County SS, Erickson Lane, Highway 56, West Fork, Brush Hollow

80 Location, 59,243' Construction, \$152,485.50

County Portion = \$0.00 (0%)

Total All Fiber – Optic Projects:

95 Locations, 100,173' Construction, \$251,416.00

County Portion = \$9,893.05 (3.9%)

Wireless Project:

3 Tower Sites (Sidie County Park, County T, Ames Hill)

295 Locations Capable, \$101,758.00'

County Portion = \$10,175.82 (10%)

Total Grant:

390, Locations, \$353,174

Grant Portion = \$176,587

County Portion = \$20,068.87

VCC Portion = \$146,626

Others \$9,893

Vernon County will provide land for the 100 foot tower

Vernon County will provide any permits needed for tower placement

Vernon County will provide power for the tower and radios. (Estimated \$30.00 month)

VCC will own the 100 foot tower

VCC will provide Wi-Fi Internet to Vernon County for County and camper use for no charge for as long as the tower is in place. (Estimated \$150.00 per month)

VCC will provide Vernon County space on the tower for their needs at no charge

VCC will provide broadband services to Vernon County at the park office. (Estimated \$60.00 per month)

Project would not be done unless we receive grant. Motion by Leis, 2nd by Larson to proceed with Resolution for Broadband expansion for \$20,068.87. Carried all. Discussed taking Funds from Ho-Chunk. Finance Committee signed the Resolution for Olson to apply. Put the Vernon Communications Cooperative Broadband Expansion Resolution on the July County Board meeting.

**Yttri moved to Item #7 on the agenda,** Phil Hewitt, Highway Commissioner, Infrastructure request for new door locks and entry systems. New locks needed for some doors. We would start with exterior doors first. Approximately need \$29,000.00 of which \$16,000.00 would be Banta building. Amelse asked about inside doors. All IT doors would get new locks. Motion by Larson, 2nd by Leis. May use up to \$30,000.00 from Infrastructure Fund. Carried all.

**Yttri moved to Item #8 on the agenda,** Phil Hewitt, Highway Commissioner, New Highway Shop Design Plans – Hewitt explained Architect Plans would not be approximately \$20,000.00 to \$70,000.00 as previously discussed. The Plans would be 5 to 6% of total cost of the project. It would be approximately \$560,000.00 for the complete plans. We will present this again to the County Board at their July 25, 2017 meeting. Amelse feels a vote should be on the complete package with cost and tax levy impact. Discussion on several future financial considerations of the County. Discussion on Human Services needing more room, and the need to apply for more grants that are available.

**Yttri moved to Item #9 on the agenda,** Phil Hewitt, Highway Commissioner, Finance of Highway Shop – Heated Storage Shed, covered in previous discussion.

**Yttri moved to Item #10 on the agenda,** Set Dates & Procedure for Budget Hearings, Hearings are September 11 & 12 (Sept 14 if necessary) Sept 19, 2017 – Review/revise projections. Procedure – discussed % of increase or decrease, should balance budget without Ho Chunk Funds. 0% increase for department budget. Salary increases, Benefits and Health insurance will be covered above the 0% budget level request. Motion by Larson, 2nd by Leis for above. Carried all.

**Yttri moved to Item #11 on the agenda,** Review computer printout of monthly bills and authorize payment. Motion by Leis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson to approve the monthly bills. Carried all.

The next Finance meeting is Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Motion by Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leis to adjourn at 11:13a.m. All in favor, Motion carried by all.

Minutes respectively submitted by,

Ronald Hoff  
Vernon County Clerk