



FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Minutes for September 19, 2019

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Chairman Ole Yttri called the Finance Committee to order at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 19, 2019 in Room 309 of the Courthouse Annex. Members present were Ole Yttri, Rod Ofte, Mike Leis, and Kevin Larson and Adrian Amelse.

Others in attendance were Ron Hoff, Nancy McDowell, Rachel Hanson, Roger Call, Phil Hewitt, Amanda Hoff, Jon Howe, Jill Bender and Diane McGinnis. Affirmation of proper public notice was given.

Yttri moved to Item #3 on the agenda, Review and Adjust 2020 Budget and Discuss options with Auditor Melanie Lendosky of Johnson & Block – Discuss increases on several non-lapsing funds, most include grants and therefore must be used only for designated purpose. Bender explained some fund needs, there is \$32,000 in Fund 30, and this is not needed. Fund 80 includes Mental Health.

\$ 400,000 Human Services  
\$ 300,000 Vernon Manor  
\$ 200,000 Highway  
\$ 100,000 Sheriff  
\$ 50,000 LWCD  
\$ 25,000 Health  
\$ 25,374.00 Workers Compensation Insurance  
\$1,100,374.00

Motion by Amelse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leis not to lower Veterans 2020 budget. Carried. Discuss Non Lapsing fund and keep reviewing them periodically. Motion by Leis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amelse to forward presented budget with \$1,100,374.00 in deductions listed above. Carried all. Discussed Vernon County comparison to other Audited Counties, Lendosky stated at present Vernon County is Healthy. Put \$400,000.00 from Human Services in a General Fund for possible access for Human Services. Motion by Amelse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson to put \$400,000.00 in assigned category for Human Services. Carried all.

Motion by Amelse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ofte. Approved minutes of August 15, 2019. Carried all.

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

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PAGE 1	BALANCE 8/31/2019	\$	15,057,602.18	
				HO-CHUNK NATION SUMMARY
PAGE 2	REDEMPTION TAXES COLLECTED	\$	22,933.10	
	INTEREST	\$	8,168.41	
	BALANCE TO COLLECT	\$	1,096,322.99	
PAGE 3	2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	\$	2,128,562.38	HO-CHUNK NATION FUNDS
	INTEREST	\$	9,470.30	<b>DEPOSITS</b>
	BALANCE TO COLLECT	\$	874,521.53	POOL #6 \$ 1,075,482.73
				F & M BANK \$ 2,511.97
PAGE 4	SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES			CITIZENS 1ST BANK \$ 1,742,947.20
	RECEIPTS			\$ 2,820,941.90
	GENERAL RECEIPTS	\$	4,481,264.43	
	CURRENT TAXES	\$	2,128,562.38	
	INTEREST	\$	9,470.30	
	REDEMPTION TAXES	\$	22,933.10	
	INTEREST	\$	8,168.41	
	TOTAL	\$	6,650,398.62	<b>ACCOUNTS</b>
				2010 \$ -
				2011
	CASH FLOW			2012 \$ 240.00
	BEG. BALANCE	\$	25,994,020.66	2013 \$ 17,533.00
	RECEIPTS	\$	6,650,398.62	2014 \$ 2,767.74
	A-CHECKS	\$	(15,613,676.62)	2015 \$ 80,735.80
	C-CHECKS - PAYROLL	\$	(1,131,169.68)	2016 \$ 128,287.36
	ACH WITHDRAWALS	\$	(571,628.67)	2017 \$ 607,247.56
		\$	15,327,944.31	2018 \$ 619,500.86
				2019 \$ 1,180,000.00
				INTEREST \$ 184,629.58
				\$ 2,820,941.90
PAGE 5	SALES TAX	\$	204,471.87	
	TOTAL AMOUNT IN Pool #3	\$	933,347.78	

Motion by Ofte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leis to approve the Treasurers report. Carried all.

Yttri moved to Item #6 on the agenda, Audience to Visitors – None

Yttri moved to Item #7 on the agenda, Doug Avoles – Discuss the 2020 LiDar Project and USDA 3DEP Grant. Vernon County started this project in 2010. Need \$88,000 to 110,000 to update the program, we will need about \$55,000 additional for program, also will get Federal grants. This program is on a 10 year cycle. Discussion, will be considered in the future.

Yttri moved to Item #8 on the agenda, Phil Hewitt – Approval to purchase Equipment from Used Equipment Sales. Motion by Leis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ofte to approve. Carried all.

Yttri moved to Item #9 on the agenda Resolution - Highway Funding

Resolution #2019 -

Title: Highway Funding

WHEREAS, Vernon County has 40% of its roads in poor to failing condition; and  
WHEREAS, Vernon County has 23 functionally obsolete or structurally deficient bridges; and  
WHEREAS, Vernon County's GTA funding has decreased by over 30% in the last eight years; and  
WHEREAS, Revenue from other sources has decreased by over 15%; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Highway Department requests its budget be raised by \$500,000 for the next five years to enhance the safety and drivability of its highways.

Funding sources may include, but not limited to, Ho Chunk funds, General fund, or raising the tax levy. Recommended for consideration by the full County Board

Dated September 19, 2019

Submitted by Highway Committee, JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors on September 19, 2019

Need \$500,000 for the next 5 years for roads. Motion by Leis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ofte to consider \$500,000 for one year for this resolution. Carried all.

Yttri moved to Item #10 on the agenda, Capitalization Policy – Motion by Leis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson for new capitalization Policy. Raise from \$2,500.00 to \$5000.00. Carried all.

Yttri moved to Item #11 on the agenda, Diane McGinnis, Report on Grants – **DNR Grants-Current Grants – Ends 12/31/19 (\$637,046.73)**

- Starting Closeout

**FEMA (2017)/DNR – new Applications (5 buyouts) (\$629,248)**

- FEMA grant- Made first 2 offers to purchase

**CDBG-EAP (Flood \$3,165,716)**

- Rehabilitation – Slowing down substantially.
- De Soto public facility project (Road Repair)- \$600,000 – Project underway
- Viola public facility project/Electrical – \$160,000 – Project complete – waiting on final billing
- Buyouts – 6 in the process now (additional buyouts will happen once FEMA awards grants from August 2018 event).
- Participating in the regional Long Term Recovery Team

**Revolving Loan Fund Committee**

- Waiting for final letter for close out.

**Economic Development Loan Committee**

- Meeting tomorrow

**FEMA GRANT – 2018**

- Submitted - one project is a priority one

**Ho-Chunk Assistance for Villages, City of Hillsboro and Towns**

- Agreements were sent out – Resolution
- Review 4 projects

**Other Grants**

- Snowflake Ski Jump grant – (\$75,000) – Received first payment
- EDA – Approval to bid project from EDA. Commission meets next on Monday, Sept 30
- Drug Court Grant – Working on budget amendment.
- PREA TIPS Grant - Submitted

Yttri moved to Item #12 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. Motion carried by all.

The next Finance meeting is Thursday October 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Motion by Yttri, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amelse to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. Carried all.

Minutes respectively submitted by,

Ron Hoff  
Vernon County Clerk



