

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 13, 2007
Third Floor County Board Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, James Seidl, Joseph Sweda, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All members present

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Deb Wiinamaki, Larry Brandl, Marie Koerner and Bruce Strama

Approve Minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting: Sweda/Beadles to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Zenner/Sweda to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Wiinamaki distributed copies of the report and reviewed it with committee. Following review, Beadles/Seidl motioned to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on 2008 WCA Group Health Trust health insurance contract and rates: Marie Koerner distributed a copy of the new rates which were reviewed prior to a Sweda/Beadles motion to approve the 2008 Group Health Trust contract and rates. The motion carried.

Review 2008 Finance Committee meeting schedule for approval: Strama had distributed copies of the proposed 2008 Finance Committee meeting schedule which was reviewed prior to a Sweda/Zenner motion to approve the schedule as submitted and to hold the scheduled meetings in 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on request to fund LTE position for Human Services Department: Strama had distributed copies of a funding request prepared by Larry Brandl along with the minutes of the November 20, 2007 Personnel Committee meeting at which the request had been approved. Following review Seidl/Sweda to approve the request which included the transfer of \$9,155.00 from the Contingency Fund account #101.6990.0000.5391 to the Human Services account #601.56010.0000.5111 for the purpose of hiring a Limited Term Employee for additional help for the Accounts Receivable Clerk. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on County Departmental checking, cash and petty-cash accounts for 2007. Strama had distributed copies of the accounts for review. Brandl had prepared the listings and stated that there were no changes from the previous year. Following the review, Sweda/Beadles to approve the listing of County Departmental checking, cash and petty-cash accounts for 2007. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on Departmental funding of window blind replacement. Strama reported that the Building, Grounds and Parks Committee had approved a request allowing window blind replacement by an individual department funded from that department's budget. Strama also noted that the Building, Grounds and Parks Committee approval had limited the selection of blinds to only several options and included mandatory approval of the Maintenance Department Head, Jeff Ludwig prior to purchase. The Maintenance Department Budget will fund blind replacement in offices and meeting rooms that require replacement of blinds and do not have funding available. Following further discussion Sweda/Beadles to allow those departments with available funding to replace the window blinds in their offices using the department budget pending approval of the appropriate over site committee. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

November 16, 2007	175347-175459	\$336,034.68
November 16, 2007	175459	\$430.00
November 28, 2007	175460-175552	\$153,317.02
November 30, 2007	175553-175642	\$149,086.00
December 07, 2007	175643-175733	\$247,211.10
December 10, 2007	175734	\$35.00
December 11, 2007	175735-176002	\$219,831.88

Payroll submitted was:

November 29, 2007	85697-85698	\$793.33	Vendor Checks
November 29, 2007	53884-54098	\$204,466.34	Direct Deposit Stubs
December 13, 2007	85703-85707	\$3,072.33	Vendor Checks
December 13, 2007	54099-54370	\$235,504.55	Direct Deposit Stubs

Vendor Checks #85699-85702 were miss printed and voided and may be viewed in the Treasurer's office.

Sweda/Zenner to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Sweda/Beadles to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 15, 2007
Third Floor County Board Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, James Seidl and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: Allen Beadles and Joseph Sweda, both excused

Other Attendees: Jim Metz and Bruce Strama

Approve Minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting: Seidl/Zenner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Zenner/Seidl to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Deb Wiinamaki was unable to attend, but copies of the report were distributed by Strama for review. Following review, Zenner/Seidl to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a proposed three-year contract with Election Systems & Software for election coding, ballots and related services. Strama distributed copies of the proposed contract along with a cost comparison of the past three elections, April 07, November 06 and September 06 for review by the committee members. The comparison was done showing the difference in cost if the contract which allows for a percentage break were signed, to the cost without the percentage break. The approximate savings with the signed contract would be \$3,698.51. Following the review, Seidl/Zenner to approve entering into the three-year contract with Election Systems & Software. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

October 26, 2007	174837-174875	\$28,107.26
November 02, 2007	174876-174955	\$336,232.69
November 09, 2007	174956-175060	\$168,999.80
November 14, 2007	175061-175346	\$195,401.37

Payroll submitted was:

November 01, 2007	85690-85694	\$3,072.33	Vendor Checks
November 01, 2007	53442-53647	\$183,626.07	Direct Deposit Stubs
November 15, 2007	85695-85696	\$793.33	Vendor Checks
November 15, 2007	Eleven Checks	\$147.33	Manual Checks
November 15, 2007	53648-53883	\$203,753.32	Direct Deposit Stubs

Zenner/Seidl to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Zenner/Seidl to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 25, 2007
Third Floor County Board Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All Present

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Larry Brandl, Deb Wiinamaki and Bruce Strama

Approve Minutes of the October 11, 2007 meeting: Zenner/Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Sweda/Beadles to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Deb Wiinamaki distributed copies of the Report and reviewed the Report with the committee members prior to a Zenner/Beadles motion to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution requesting additional Transmission Line Impact Fees for courthouse project expenses. Strama distributed copies of the resolution to committee members and following their review, Sweda/Zenner to approve the resolution requesting an additional \$19,777.00 of Transmission Line Impact Fees for expenses incurred in addition to the original \$116,000.00 approved for the courthouse project. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on an updated resolution approving the 2007 bridge aid expenses: Strama distributed copies of the updated resolution. Following review, Beadles/Seidl to approve the updated 2007 bridge aid expense resolution. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to approve Highway Employees Local 617 Bargaining Agreement for 2007-2008: There was a Sweda/Seidl motion to approve the Local 617 Bargaining Agreement for 2007-2008 following a short discussion which included clarification of the sick leave portion of the agreement by Seidl. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

October 12, 2007	174621-174672	\$204,799.70
October 19, 2007	174673-174746	\$121,716.88
October 24, 2007	174747-174836	\$149,902.60

Payroll submitted was:

October 18, 2007	Ten Checks	\$84.15	Manual Checks
October 18, 2007	85687-85689	\$859.68	Vendor Checks
October 18, 2007	53220-53441	\$191,328.54	Direct Deposit Stubs

Zenner/Seidl to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Accountant Larry Brandl reported on action taken in the State Budget that affects Taylor County including exemptions for bridge aid, library funding, emergency medical funding and several other exemptions allowed in the state budget if signed by the governor as approved by the House and Senate.

Adjournment: With no further business, Seidl/Sweda to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 11, 2007
Third Floor Jury Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All Present

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Larry Brandl Brad Ruesch, Bruce Strama and Luke Klink (The Star News)

Approve Minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting: Beadles/Sweda to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Sweda/Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Review 2006 Taylor County Annual Financial Report. Larry Brandl reviewed the Management Letter and portions of the Annual Financial Report along with a Schedule of Findings and Questions and Costs he had distributed. His review focused on the fact that in the 2006 audit there is mention of a significant deficiency in several areas of the Report. He stated as noted in the Management Letter and Financial Report that this deficiency is due to a change in standards and that it is because of routine adjustments and closing entries which are performed by the auditor, the same as in past years, but reported in this years audit because the auditor is not considered part of the county's internal control. Brandl also stated that the only way to remove the significant deficiency would be for him to attend trainings at a considerable expense and do the adjustments and closing entries himself which would also require a considerable amount of time. Brandl following review of several other areas noted that the Report shows the county to be in good financial shape.

Discuss and act on a resolution authorizing the purchase of 40 acres for entry into the Taylor County Forest Program. Strama distributed maps showing the location of the parcel being discussed. Brad Ruesch also presented an aerial map of the area, stating that approximately 25 acres consist of lowlands and swamp with 15 acres being highland or forest. Ruesch had been contacted by a realtor questioning possible access to the property situated in the County Forest, the possibility of a land swap or the possible purchase of the property by Taylor County. Ruesch stated that there are no roads leading to the property and that the county does not have any property outside the forest boundaries to trade so purchase of the property is the best option. The purchase has been approved by the Forestry and Recreation Committee and Ruesch has notified the Town of Rib Lake of the proposed purchase. Ruesch has also contacted the realtor in relation to the proposed purchase at the asking price of \$32,000.00, and the realtor will not proceed with advertising the property until November 5, 2007 to allow action by the Taylor County Board. There is \$255,000 in the Forestry's Land Acquisition Account to fund the proposed purchase. Purchase of the property will also save survey fees in the future. Beadles/Zenner to approve the resolution authorizing purchase of 40 acres for entry into the Taylor County Forest Plan. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to appoint the medical examiner for Taylor County: Following a short review, Seidl/Sweda to approve the resolution appointing the medical examiner for Taylor County. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to approve the 2008 Highway Department Equipment Schedule. Strama had distributed copies of the schedule along with the resolution for review. Following review, Beadles/Zenner to approve the 2008 Highway Department Equipment Schedule. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution approving the 2007 bridge aid expenses: Strama stated that he had been informed by Tom Toepfer that there will in all likelihood be an increase in the 2007 bridge aid expenses to be addressed on the floor at the Budget Session on October 31, 2007. Following review, Sweda/Seidl to submit the resolution approving the 2007 bridge aid expenses to the full county board. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to establish certain accounts as non-lapsing for 2008: Strama had submitted a copy of the resolution along with the agendas when mailed. Zenner/Sweda to approve the resolution establishing certain accounts as non-lapsing for 2008. The motion carried.

Discuss and act o a resolution to approve Highway Employees Local 617 Bargaining Agreement for 2007-2008: There was no discussion or action on this agenda item at this time.

Discuss and act on a resolution to approve the 2008 annual budget and to approve the tax levy to be apportioned to local districts: Strama distributed copies of the resolution which committee members reviewed prior to a Seidl/Beadles motion to submit to the full County Board the resolution approving the 2008 annual budget and to approve the tax levy to be apportioned to local districts. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on an ordinance to amend sec. 7.13(1) and 7.13(3), marriage license applications.: Strama stated that the changes within the ordinance amendment were originally approved by the Finance Committee as a resolution, but that the changes need to be approved as an ordinance amendment instead. Sweda/Zenner to approve an ordinance to amend sec. 7.13(1) and 713(3), marriage license applications. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on request by the Town of Greenwood for 1¼ miles of blacktopping: Strama had distributed a copy of the request and past action relating to the same issue. There was discussion of the request, with funding the blacktopping requested when the county can't afford to do the amount of resurfacing required to sustain county roads being an issue. Following discussion, Sweda/Seidl to table the request until a funding source is available to do the work. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

September 28, 2007	174129-174166	\$24,721.67
October 01, 2007	174167	\$350.00
October 05, 2007	174168-174308	\$117,200.11
October 10, 2007	174309-174620	\$207,260.18

Payroll submitted was:

October 04, 2007	85676-85680	\$777.38	Employee Checks
October 04, 2007	85681-85686	\$3,330.24	Vendor Checks
October 04, 2007	52951-53219	\$211,601.76	Direct Deposit Stubs

Accountant Larry Brandl reported that the final payment has been made for the tuck pointing and window replacement and that the cost for the project is \$19,776.98 above the \$116,000.00 estimated cost. Addressing this issue will take place at the next Finance meeting.

Sweda/Beadles to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Sweda/Zenner to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday September 27, 2007
Third Floor Jury Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All Present

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Larry Brandl Theresa Valenti, Sharon Ludwig and Bruce Strama

Approve Minutes of the September 13, 2007 meeting: Zenner/Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Sweda/Seidl to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

September 14, 2007	173880-173957	\$321,061.24
September 21, 2007	173958-174031	\$264,083.68
September 26, 2007	174032-174128	\$93,186.19

Payroll submitted was:

September 20, 2007	85672-85675	\$1,105.36	Vendor Checks
September 20, 2007	Nine Checks	\$170.52	Manual Checks
September 20, 2007	52730-52950	\$192,701.66	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Beadles to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Beadles/Sweda to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 13, 2007
Third Floor Jury Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All Present

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Marie Koerner, Larry Brandl and Bruce Strama

Approve Minutes of the August 30, 2007 meeting: Zenner/Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Seidl/Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Wiinamacki had delivered copies of the report to Strama for distribution as she was unable to attend. The Committee reviewed the report prior to a Beadles/Sweda motion to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to approve insuring Taylor County buildings & other property with the Local Government Property Insurance Fund: Marie Koerner reviewed the resolution with the Committee stating that there is no change in our policy of insuring buildings and other property, only a change in that a resolution is now required by the insurance company. Sweda/Seidl motion to approve submission of the resolution to approve insuring Taylor County buildings & other property with the Local Government Property Insurance Fund to the full County Board. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to approve the Professional Employees, bargaining agreement for 2007-2009: Koerner reviewed the agreement with the Committee prior to a Sweda/Beadles motion to submit the resolution approving the Professional Employees, bargaining agreement for 2007-2009 to the full County Board. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to approve the Sheriff's Department, Sergeant's bargaining agreement for 2007-2009: Following review with Koerner, Zenner/Sweda to approve submission of the resolution approving the Sheriff's Department, Sergeant's bargaining agreement for 2007-2009 to the full County Board. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to approve an agreement with the Non-Represented Employees. Following Committee review of the agreement with Koerner, Sweda/Beadles to approve submission of the resolution to approve an agreement with the Non-Represented Employees to the full County Board. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on Taylor County portion of payment for Plan/Design of airport expansion project. Larry Brandl was present to explain options for payment of the \$45,747.22 invoice received for plan/design work for the project. Brandl stated the County could either pay the invoice using county funds or use some of the federal project funding for payment. Using the Federal funding may adversely affect the amount of work to be completed according to Brandl. Using county funds would require overspending the Airport Projects Account presently with a balance of \$28,209.95 by \$17,537.27 in order to make the payment. Following further discussion Seidl/Beadles to pay the \$45,727.22 from the Airport Projects Account overspending that account by \$17,537.27. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution to compensate Everett B. Hale for the 2007 salary increase while he was Corporation Counsel. Following a short discussion Sweda/Seidl

to approve the resolution to compensate Everett B. Hale for the 2007 salary increase while he was Corporation Counsel. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

August 31, 2007	173434-173556	\$262,255.42
September 7, 2007	173557-173637	\$132,094.94
September 12, 2007	173638-173879	\$205,465.36

Payroll submitted was:

September 6, 2007	85666-85671	\$3,256.22	Vendor Checks
September 6, 2007	52514-52729	\$177,820.35	Direct Deposit Stubs

Zenner/Seidl to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Sweda/Seidl to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Friday August 30, 2007
Third Floor Jury Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Joseph Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All Present

Other Attendees: Deb Wiinamaki, Bruce Strama, Luke Klink (The Star News), with Brad Ruesch arriving at 9:36 a.m.

Approve Minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting: Beadles/Zenner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Sweda/Seidl to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Wiinamacki distributed copies of the report and reviewed it with the committee prior to a Zenner/Seidl motion to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on an amendment of the resolution approving 50% match of a Recreational Boating Facility Grant: Brad Ruesch explained that the application for grant money to construct an addition at Miller Dam may be denied. The Miller Dam Lake Association has agreed to fund the 50% that in the original resolution would have funded by the grant applied for. Ruesch asked that the resolution be amended to allow the 50% portion originally designated to be paid for with Recreational Boating Facility Grant money to now be non-specific in its origin. He also noted that the 50% transmission line impact fee match approved in the original resolution by the county board would not change and will still have a maximum of \$13,000.00. Following the discussion, Seidl/Sweda to amend the resolution by replacing the wording (state grant) in the first paragraph to read (outside funding), to remove the second sentence in the second paragraph, and to replace the portion of the third paragraph reading (a 50% Boating Facility Grant) with (the 50% outside funding). The motion Carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution increasing both the marriage license fee and waiver fees: Strama had included a copy of the proposed resolution along with the agendas for committee member review. He noted that the expense related to issuing and keeping records related to the issuance of marriage licenses has increased and that the increase in fees would offset the increase in cost. Sweda/Beadles to approve the resolution increasing the marriage license fee by \$10 to \$60 and increasing the waiver fee by \$5 to \$10. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of additional warning sirens: James Seidl reviewed the proposal already approved by the Law Enforcement Committee related to the purchase and installation of additional warning sirens. The cost savings in the original purchase would allow for the purchase of two or three additional sirens without exceeding the \$140,000 of line impact fees originally approved by the County Board. There have been several municipalities interested in the placement of sirens in their communities. There were questions related to what criteria would be used in determining where the additional sirens would go, with population of the area seeming to be a priority. Those municipalities where the sirens would be situated would also be responsible for maintenance of the equipment once installed. Following further discussion Sweda/Zenner to approve the resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of the additional sirens. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

August 17, 2007	173208-173299	\$217,793.21
August 24, 2007	173300-173350	\$292,692.79
August 29, 2007	173351-173433	\$125,254.73

Payroll submitted was:

August 23, 2007	85663-85665	\$977.72	Vendor Checks
August 23, 2007	Twelve Checks	\$163.45	Manual Checks
August 23, 2007	52290-52513	\$187,703.62	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Seidl to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Zenner/Sweda to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 16, 2007

Third Floor Jury Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:31 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All Present

Other Attendees: Bruce Strama

Approve Minutes of the July 12, 2007 meeting: Zenner/Beadles to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Sweda/Seidl to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

July 13, 2007	172330-172435	\$287,272.65
July 18, 2007	172436	\$430,575.66
July 20, 2007	172437-172518	\$91,323.10
July 25, 2007	172519-172622	\$150,068.52
July 27, 2007	172623-172661	\$275,130.45
August 03, 2007	172662-172768	\$330,150.12
August 10, 2007	172769-172897	\$5,656,032.27
August 15, 2007	172898-173207	\$234,218.52

Payroll submitted was:

July 26, 2007	85654-85656	\$975.17	Vendor Checks
July 26, 2007	Seven Checks	\$104.03	Manual Checks
July 26, 2007	51849-52074	\$194,115.32	Direct Deposit Stubs
August 09, 2007	85657-85662	\$3,253.67	Vendor Checks
August 09, 2007	One Check	\$124.92-	Manual Check
August 09, 2007	52075-52289	\$189,528.83	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Beadles to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Sweda/Beadles to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 12, 2007

Third Floor Jury Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: All members were present.

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Deb Wiinamaki, Jeff Ludwig, Bruce Strama with Larry Brandl arriving at 9:54 a.m.

Approve Minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting: Beadles/Zenner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Sweda/Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Wiinamaki distributed copies of the report and reviewed it with the Committee. Following review Zenner/Beadles to accept the Report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on request by Building, Grounds and Parks Committee for transfer of funds from the Contingency Fund to supplement Power Line Impact Fees in funding of the courthouse window and tuck pointing project: Strama reported that following discussion of additional funding for the project with Accountant Larry Brandl, his recommendation is to overspend the Buildings-Capital Improvement Account and making a decision on the additional funding after the project is complete in order to request the exact amount needed to fund the remainder of the project. Jeff Ludwig reviewed the bidding process with the committee members, stating that the combined bids for the windows, tuck pointing and window installation was \$125,803.00, which is \$9,803.00 higher than the original estimate of \$116,000.00. Ludwig informed committee members that the scope of the project was increased and that the original estimate was made a year prior to the bids leading to the increased project cost. He also noted that an architect had been retained at a cost of \$7,200.00 to insure bids and construction were completed appropriately. The total of architect fees and the increase in cost of the project is \$17,003.00 greater than the \$116,000.00 appropriated for the project at his time, but that cost could vary if additional work is deemed necessary. The cost of any additional limestone repair is \$2.00 per lineal foot and for brick work \$8.00 per square foot. Ludwig estimated that the maximum additional cost would not exceed \$2,000.00. Following further discussion Seidl Sweda to overspend the Buildings-Capital Improvement Account #101.51940.0000.5822 at this time to cover the increased cost of the project and address the additional funding required following completion of the project. The motion carried. The Maintenance Department will be doing the interior finish work in order save money and will budget for the material required in the 2008 budget. Ludwig estimated that cost at \$6,000.00.

Discuss and act on 2008 budget schedule and guidelines: Brandl had prepared a tentative schedule for the budget process which was delivered with the agendas. Committee members had reviewed the schedule and requested that the starting time for sessions on September 13th and 28th be changed to approximately 10:30 a.m. instead of 11:00 as listed on the tentative schedule. Seidl/Sweda to approve the schedule following amendment of the September 13th and 28th sessions which will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. The motion carried. Strama informed members that a Department Head Meeting has been scheduled for July 25th, at which time budget information will be delivered to the department heads. Strama requested direction from the Committee in relation to the percent of increase that will be allowed in operations for 2008.

Following discussion it was the consensus of the committee that a 2% increase should be the amount allowed in operations.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

June 29, 2007	171929-172007	\$659,276.91
July 06, 2007	172008-172062	\$68,497.11
July 11, 2007	172063-172329	\$207,961.24

Payroll submitted was:

July 12, 2007	85648-85653	\$3,292.67	Vendor Checks
July 12, 2007	51633-51848	\$192,996.36	Direct Deposit Stubs

Beadles/Zenner to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Sweda/Beadles to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 28, 2007

Third Floor Jury Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: James Seidl, excused

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Deb Wiinamaki and Bruce Strama

Approve Minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting: Zenner/Sweda to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Sweda/Beadles to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Deb Wiinamaki distributed copies of the report and reviewed it with the Committee. Following review Sweda/Zenner to accept the Report as presented. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

June 15, 2007	171682-171789	\$143,951.59
June 22, 2007	171790-171824	\$132,172.43
June 27, 2007	171825-171928	\$153,753.24

Payroll submitted was:

June 28, 2007	85644	\$37.91	Employee Check
June 28, 2007	85645-85647	\$975.17	Vendor Checks
June 28, 2007	Seven Checks	\$116.64	Manual Checks
June 28, 2007	51403-51632	\$189,662.62	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Zenner to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Sweda/Zenner to adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 14, 2007

County Board Room

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Fred Parent at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Fred Parent, Joseph Sweda, James Seidl Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Jim Metz, Larry Brandl, Bruce Strama and Luke Klink (The Star News)

Approve Minutes of the May 31, 2007 meeting: Zenner/Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Seidl/Sweda to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution limiting spending of power line impact fees: Strama had distributed copies of the proposed resolution that Chuck Zenner had requested Strama draft. Zenner stated that He and Supervisor Rollie Thums had discussed submission of the resolution to the Finance Committee for approval as He and Thums are concerned at the rate in which the fees are being spent. He also stated that He and Thums would submit the resolution to the County Board if it failed to be approved by Finance. Discussion centered around the effect the spending limit would have on possible use of the fees for the county-wide addressing project when it is ready for implementation. Zenner noted that the proposed resolution states that any portion or all of the impact fees could be spent at any time on a 2/3 vote of the County Board. There was further discussion prior to a Seidl/Zenner motion to submit the resolution freezing spending of power line impact fees for two years and beginning in July of 2009 to spend interest accrued from July 1, 2009 on approved projects, excepting in cases approved by a 2/3 vote of the Taylor County Board. The motion passed with Parent, Seidl and Zenner voting aye, Sweda and Beadles voting no.

Discuss and act on a resolution requesting use of power line impact fees for a kitchen facility at the Town of Roosevelt Town Hall: Strama had included a copy of the proposed resolution with the agendas following draft of the resolution as directed by Sweda. Sweda stated that since the Old Schoolhouse has discontinued food services in Lublin only the Legion Hall has kitchen facilities for public use. The estimated cost of a facility is \$15,000, with the requested amount set at a maximum of \$7,500 or 50% of the project, whichever is less. Zenner stated that he could not support the resolution as it only benefited Roosevelt residents and was not for the benefit of all county residents. Beadles felt that due to the inconvenience and expense of the power line project that those municipalities hosting the project deserve more of the fees. Fred Parent inquired what the Town of Roosevelt had received initially and how much they will receive annually. Sweda said the town received \$289,000 initially and will receive approximately \$30,000 annually for use in the township. Sweda/Beadles to approve submission of the proposed resolution for use of power line impact fees for a kitchen facility at the Town of Roosevelt Town Hall to the County Board. The motion failed with Sweda and Beadles voting aye, Seidl, Zenner and Parent voting no.

Discuss and act on a resolution updating the six-year plan for expansion at the Taylor County Airport: Strama had distributed copies of the proposed resolution to committee members for review. He stated that the amount originally included in the plan was insufficient due to the increased scope of the project and value of property. According to Taylor County Accountant Larry Brandl the approximate amount required for land acquisition at this time is \$733,000 but with the maximum set at \$900,000 by the resolution other expenses that may arise related to land purchase including easements would have funding available. There was question of where the funding should come from

with Brandl recommending use of reserves and possibly making an application for State Advanced Land Acquisition Loan Program funds if deemed necessary. Sweda asked what portion of this funding will be reimbursed. Brandl reported that at this time he could not give an amount which will be reimbursed due to the question of available federal funds which will dictate the scope of the project. According to Brandl the county is responsible for 2.5% of the total project cost to this point, but that may increase to 5% for future funds received from the federal government making an estimate of reimbursement impossible at this time. The committee consensus was that the project is worthwhile and that if the county does not take advantage of federal funding now it may not be available in the future. Zenner/Beadles to approve submission of the resolution increasing the maximum amount for land acquisition in the Six-Year Airport Plan to \$900,000. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted:

Warrants submitted were:

June 1, 2007	171288-171342	\$395,280.16
June 8, 2007	171343-171417	\$174,201.81
June 13, 2007	171418-171681	\$188,075.20

Payroll submitted was:

June 14, 2007	85638-85643	\$3,278.89	Vendor Checks
June 14, 2007	51198-51402	\$192,254.54	Direct Deposit Stubs

Zenner/Seidl to approve payment of warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business, Zenner/Beadles to adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Bruce P. Strama

FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 31, 2007

Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Larry Brandl, Marie Koerner, Tom Toepfer, Terry Schultz, Bruce Strama and Luke Klink (The Star News).

Approve the minutes of the May 17, 2007 Finance Committee meeting. Zenner/Beadles to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Seidl/Beadles to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on tabled proposal for salt storage shed by the Highway Department. Tom Toepfer was present to answer questions related to the construction of a new salt storage shed. Toepfer stated that the proposed shed would replace the existing sheds, with the existing sheds to be removed. The new shed would not be partitioned as the present shed is with county and state salt combined in the new shed. Toepfer reported that he will contact Building & Grounds to see if there may be a use for the former building materials. The total estimated cost of the proposed structure is \$246,000.00 as stated in the May 15th minutes but if approved, the state would pay 2/3 of the cost or \$164,000.00 with Taylor County responsible for approximately \$82,000.00. If the state funding is not approved the project will be abandoned at this time. There was no action on the issue as the funding is available from the Highway Department budget with the presentation only informational.

Discuss and act on a request for use of Power Line Impact Fees by the Town of Grover for construction of an open-air pavilion at the Perkinstown Park. Strama had distributed copies of the request he had received from Town of Grover Chairman Terry Schultz. The request was authorized by District 13 Supervisor Lester Lewis. Schultz was present to answer questions related to the information included in the copies distributed. Parent questioned ownership of the property where the proposed shelter is to be constructed. Schultz stated that the property where the shelter is to be constructed is Federal Forest property which is leased by the township. The written request stated the total cost of the proposed pavilion at \$8,700.00, but did not state an amount requested from the county. Schultz felt that \$4,350.00, 50% of the total would be sufficient as the Chequamegon Wildlife and Recreation Club has offered along with several individuals to donate funding toward the project. Zenner noted that he would like to see a freeze on spending of the Power Line Impact Fees as requests in his opinion will not quit coming for impact fee funding. Following further discussion Sweda/Beadles to approve submission of the request for Power Line Impact Fees in an amount not to exceed \$4,350.00 for construction of an open-air pavilion at the Perkinstown Park to the full County Board. The motion carried with Parent, Sweda, Seidl and Beadles voting aye and Zenner voting no.

Discuss and act on approval of Kellnhofer settlement agreement and resolution. Marie Koerner distributed copies of the settlement agreement along with a resolution approving payment of the settlement to committee members. Following a short discussion with Seidl noting that the settlement was agreed to in binding arbitration, Sweda/Seidl to approve the settlement agreement and resolution for submission to the full County Board. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

May 15, 2007	171076-171150	\$411,709.85
May 25, 2007	171151-171205	\$209,904.24
May 30, 2007	171206-171287	\$175,498.25

Payroll submitted was:

May 31, 2007	85634	\$37.91	Employee Check
May 31, 2007	85635-85637	\$509.57	Vendor Checks
May 31, 2007	Twelve Checks	\$177.61	Manual Checks
May 31, 2007	50975-51197	\$197,206.86	Direct Deposit Stubs

Direct Deposit Stubs 50973 and 50974 were included in payroll approved at the May 17, 2007 meeting but were overlooked in the May 17th minutes so were not included in those minutes.

Beadles/Sweda to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.
Sweda/Zenner to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 17, 2007

Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Lester Lewis, Deb Wiinamaki, Steven Anderson, Brad Ruesch, Bruce Strama and Luke Klink (The Star News). Committee member Allen Beadles had an excused absence.

Approve the minutes of the April 12, 2007 Finance Committee meeting. Zenner/Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Seidl/Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Deb Wiinamaki distributed copies of the report and reviewed it with the committee. Zenner/Seidl to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on Notice of Claim received in relation to redemption request by Charles Mortensen. Strama stated that he had been directed to place this item on the agenda by Corporation Counsel Steven Anderson. Lester Lewis informed the committee members of action taken by the Land Information Committee, which has the authority as stated in the Taylor County Code to either accept or reject requests for redemption of properties taken by tax deed. In the Mortenson situation the Land Information Committee denied the request by Mr. Mortenson to redeem the property he formerly owned. Lewis stated that since he has been on the Land Information Committee consideration for those properties taken by tax deed that are residences are allowed redemption if at all possible, but that vacant properties have not generally been approved for redemption. The Land Information Committee has unanimously on May 4, 2007 denied the claim filed by Mr. Mortenson and according to Corporation Counsel Steven Anderson denial by the Finance Committee does not impair the possible reevaluation of the decision by the Land Information Committee, but it does limit the time period in which Mr. Mortenson has to file a suit against the County to six months. Anderson noted that there need not be any action, but in that case the time period for action by Mr. Mortenson would be six years. Chuck Zenner did not agree with the denial of the claim and questioned whether the property if not adjacent to the Perkinstown Winter Sports Area would have been treated in the same manner. Lewis answered stating that any property that is not a residence would have been treated in the same manner, which in his opinion is in the best interest of Taylor County. Following further discussion Seidl/Parent to deny the Notice of Claim received from Charles Mortenson. The motion carried with Seidl, Sweda and Parent voting Aye, Zenner voting no.

Discuss and act on a proposal for construction of a salt storage shed by the Highway Department. Highway Commissioner Tom Toepfer had mailed a letter to committee members apologizing for his inability to attend the meeting. He had attached the minutes from the April 26, 2007 Highway Department Meeting which outlined the funding of and dimensions of the proposed building. The proposed 60'x 96' building with the estimated cost of \$246,175.00 would be 2/3 funded by the DOT and 1/3 by Taylor County. The county's portion would be \$199,000.00. Following discussion, Zenner/Sweda to table the issue until the May 31, 2007 Finance Committee meeting to allow several unanswered questions concerning the proposed building to be addressed. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a request for use of Power Line Impact Fees for surfacing the Pine Line Trail. Brad Ruesch had been present to submit the request and answer questions concerning the request, but had to depart prior to committee action. Ruesch had prepared material for review by the committee which was distributed by Zenner. There was

some discussion of the request, with agreement among committee members that the Pine Line Trail is an asset to the County but there was some concern about spending of the Impact Fees at such an accelerated rate. Sweda/Zenner to table the request for an estimated \$60,000 to \$75,000 to be used as a 50% match to surface the Pine Line Trail. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

April 13, 2007	170297-170357	\$145,080.41
April 20, 2007	170358-170423	\$303,412.42
April 25, 2007	170424-170527	\$107,870.36
April 27, 2007	170528-170568	\$51,407.84
May 04, 2007	170569-170684	\$241,220.59
May 11, 2007	170685-170770	\$92,007.89
May 16, 2007	170771-171075	\$200,171.46

Payroll submitted was:

April 19, 2007	85620-85623	\$824.11	Vendor Checks
April 19, 2007	Sixteen Checks	\$184.18	Manual Checks
April 19, 2007	50221-50456	\$193,006.26	Direct Deposit Stubs
May 03, 2007	85624-85629	\$3,077.61	Vendor Checks
May 03, 2007	50457-50752	\$204,309.70	Direct Deposit Stubs
May 17, 2007	85630-85633	\$686.94	Vendor Checks
May 17, 2007	50753-50972	\$189,045.69	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Zenner to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried. Seidl/Sweda to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 12, 2007

Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Jim Poirier, Joe Schmidtfanz, Joe Berger, Bruce Strama, and Luke Klink (The Star News).

Approve the minutes of the March 29, 2007 meeting. Beadles/Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Sweda/Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Report on proposed 211 service. Michelle Hartness distributed copies of a presentation she had prepared and reviewed the information with the Committee. She had been directed by the Prevention Counsel to approach Taylor County Committees and the County Board in reference to the county's possible participation in United Way's First Call 211 program. She stated that 211 was a simple and broad based answer to non-emergency questions that may arise. It would also reduce the number of secondary calls to agencies that at present are required to direct those calls to the correct venue. The 211 movement is a nation-wide movement now covering approximately 67% of the United States. She stated that there would be a one-time request for \$10,000.00 from the county for implementation of the service. The committee thanked Hartness for the presentation and will consider endorsing implementation of the 211 service.

Discuss and act on a resolution as drafted requesting Impact Fee funding for the Spirit Lakes Dredging project. Joe Berger, president of the Spirit Lakes Improvement Association addressed the committee outlining the Spirit Lakes Improvement Association's proposed dredging project between North and South Spirit Lakes. He stated that the depth of the channel in some areas is approximately one foot, making it almost impassible for many boats. The proposed dredging would create a four or five foot deep channel making North Spirit easily accessible from the public boat landing on South Spirit. He said that about two thirds of the water in the lakes was in Price County as the entire project would be, but that a large portion of those using the area are from Rib Lake and Taylor County areas. He was questioned on whether or not Price County has been contacted for funding for the project. He said that the Price County Supervisor from that area has been contacted, but that there has been no formal request to Price County. He did report that at the present time about \$42,000.00 of the required \$80,000.00 has been tentatively secured. Supervisor Seidl made a motion seconded by Supervisor Sweda to amend the resolution to state that Taylor County would match funding received from Price County up to \$20,000.00 for the dredging project, but that motion was withdrawn. Following further discussion Beadles/Seidl to approve the resolution as drafted. The motion carried. Seidl will submit the previous motion he had withdrawn on the floor at the County Board meeting on April 17th, therefore allowing action on this resolution.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

March 30, 2007	169853-169905	\$22,624.12
April 06, 2007	169906-170041	\$204,575.25
April 11, 2007	170042-170296	\$130,015.69

Payroll submitted was:

April 05, 2007	85613	\$37.91	Employee Check
April 05, 2007	85614-85619	\$3,102.61	Vendor Checks
April 05, 2007	50000-50220	\$179,581.04	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Zenner to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.
Sweda/Beadles to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 29, 2007

Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Larry Brandl, Deb Wiinamaki, Judge Gary Carlson, Arlen Albrecht, Marie Koerner, Joe Wojcik, Jim Poirier, Bruce Strama, and Luke Klink (The Star News).

Approve the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting. Beadles/Zenner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Seidl/Sweda to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Deb Wiinamaki distributed copies of the report and reviewed it with the committee. Following review, Zenner/Beadles to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Review and approve Report of 2006 Contingency and General Fund Transfers. Larry Brandl had prepared a copy of the Report which was distributed with the agenda for review. Strama also reviewed the report with those present prior to a Seidl/Beadles motion to approve the 2006 Contingency and General Fund Transfers. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on a resolution approving use of impact fees as a match for Miller Dam Expansion Project. Strama stated that the committee had previously approved use of impact fee funding for the project as stated in the resolution, but that he wanted to have the committee approve the resolution as written. Following a short review, Sweda/Seidl to submit the resolution to the full County Board. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on Impact Fee funding request from the Spirit Lakes Improvement Association. Strama reported that he had been contacted by a Lake Association representative, and had contacted County Board member Rollie Thums, requesting that he submit the request to the Finance Committee. Thums was not present, but Joe Wojcik and Jim Poirier were present to request funding for the proposed \$160,000.00 dredging project between Little and Big Spirit Lakes. They reported that the DNR and Corps of Engineers have assured them that the project will take place and \$80,000.00 in match funding become available once the Association can show that they have secured their \$80,000.00 match. Poirier stated that the Association has been active in improvements to the lakes including placement of two aerators, maintenance of the boat landing which is located in Taylor County and planting of Walleye. He also noted that a portion of the combined 350 acre lakes is in Price County. The Association is made up of 101 paid members and has an annual budget of \$10,000.00. At this time approximately \$30,000.00 has been either raised or pledged toward the project. Following further discussion, Seidl/Sweda to commit \$20,000 toward the project with possible future funding if needed and available. The motion carried unanimously on a roll-call vote. The Association will continue in their efforts to secure additional funding.

Discuss and act on a resolution approving use of impact fees to aid in funding construction of a reader-board sign at the HWY-13 & HWY-64 intersection. Strama had distributed copies of the resolution along with the agenda for prior review. He reported that he had received \$950.00 and a \$250.00 pledge toward construction of the proposed sign and expects additional funding from other sources. He also noted that the project has been approved by both the Tourism and Building Grounds & Parks Committees. Seidl stated that He supports the project but has reservations concerning safety issues due to distraction caused by the sign. Sweda questioned future maintenance cost which Strama stated would be covered either by Building & Grounds or the Tourism Committee. There was further

discussion prior to a Beadles/Zenner motion to approve Impact Fee funding of up to \$7,000.00 toward construction of the proposed reader-board sign. A roll-call vote was taken with Beadles, Zenner, Parent and Sweda voting aye, and Seidl no due to the safety factor. The motion passed. Arlen Albrecht offered to approach Law Enforcement or the Sheriff in an effort to address Seidl's safety concerns.

Discuss and act on a resolution approving the expenditure of impact fees for replacement of weather warning sirens in Taylor County. Strama had submitted the resolution for review with the agendas. He had been directed to draft a resolution based on the information discussed at the prior Finance Committee meeting. Strama had requested that James Seidl draft the resolution as he was more familiar with Emergency Management information. The resolution was reviewed prior to a Sweda/Beadles motion to approve submission of the resolution approving expenditure of impact fees for replacement of weather warning sirens to the full County Board. The roll-call vote passed unanimously.

Discuss and act on a resolution supporting state funding of Court System Interpreters. Judge Gary Carlson addressed the committee outlining the procedure for appointment of an interpreter in court cases involving one or more participants that do not speak or understand English. He stated that use of interpreters is becoming more commonplace and the expense to counties increases with that increase. The resolution he introduced would place the burden of courtroom interpreter expense for non-indigent participants at this time a county expense, on the state. Seidl/Sweda to approve submission of the resolution supporting state funding of Court System Interpreters to the full County Board. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on resolutions approving the Deputy Sheriff's bargaining agreement for 2007-2009 and the Non-Professional Employees, Local 3679, bargaining agreement for 2007-2008. Marie Koerner reviewed the agreements with the committee prior to a Sweda/Beadles motion to approve both the Deputy Sheriff's 2007-2009 and the Non-Professional Employees, Local 3679 2007-2008 bargaining agreements. The motion passed unanimously on a roll-call vote.

Discuss and act on a resolution to provide supplemental and additional units of life insurance to Taylor County Employees. A copy of the resolution had been distributed along with the agenda for prior review. Marie Koerner reviewed the resolution, followed by a Seidl/Sweda motion to submit the resolution to provide supplemental and additional units of life insurance to Taylor County Employees. The motion carried.

Review and approve 2006 IT journal transactions. Strama distributed a copy of the transactions for review. Sweda/Seidl to approve the 2006 IT journal transactions. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

March 16, 2007	169650-169716	\$157,772.96
March 23, 2007	169717-169770	\$316,038.50
March 28, 2007	169771-169852	\$110,774.64

Payroll submitted was:

March 22, 2007	85609	\$205.33	Employee Check
March 22, 2007	85610-85612	\$760.11	Vendor Checks
March 22, 2007	Sixteen Checks	\$213.71	Manual Checks
March 22, 2007	49767-49999	\$188,054.53	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Zenner to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried. Sweda/Seidl to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 15, 2007

Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Steve Anderson, George Southworth, Tom Toepfer, Larry Peterson, Larry Brandl, Dave Lemke, Candice Grunseth, Ted Wojcik and Bruce Strama, with Luke Klink (The Star News) arriving at 9:32 a.m.

Approve the minutes of the February 8, 2007 meeting. Zenner/Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Sweda/Seidl to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on funding request for culvert placement at Perkinstown Ave. and CTH-E following Corporation Counsel Investigation into possible avenues for funding. Steve Anderson presented two possible options which would allow the county to contribute to the funding of the culvert placement. The first would be to pay the engineering cost of the project, which Lemke stated as approximately \$4,670.00. Anderson noted that this expense does not require the bidding process, making it an option. The other option was to enter into a governmental agreement with the Town of Hammel with the Town being the lead entity. Zenner asked Anderson if he as Corporation Counsel was comfortable funding the project via either of the two options he submitted as possible scenarios. Anderson said that he was not totally comfortable with funding the project in any manner. Following further discussion Sweda/Beadles to pay the equivalent amount of engineering expense for the project from the General Fund, not Impact Fees. There was a roll-call vote with Seidl, Parent and Zenner voting no, Sweda and Beadles voting Aye. The motion failed.

Review final Bridge aid for the Town of Roosevelt. Tom Toepfer reported that the final 2006 billing for Bridge Aid for the Town of Roosevelt of \$24,985.00 had been received and that the county's portion of Bridge Aid for the town of Roosevelt in 2006 was \$19,025.00.

Discuss and act on transfer of funds to the Dog License Trust Fund to cover 2006 dog impoundment expenses. A request for a transfer of \$6,630.00 from the Contingency Fund account #101.69990.0000.5391 to the Dog License Trust Fund account #801.49000.0000.4921 for the purpose of balancing out the Dog License fund for 2006 was submitted by Accountant Larry Brandl. Following a brief discussion, Seidl/Zenner to approve the transfer of \$6,630.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Dog License Trust Fund to balance out that account for 2006. The motion carried. The transfer was to come from the 2006 Contingency Fund.

Discuss and act on funding emergency sirens county-wide with Impact Fee funds. Strama had distributed copies of a bid received by municipalities from Northway Communications Inc .for replacement of weather alert sirens. The bid was for \$17,575.00 per unit. The consensus of the committee was that the units would be paid for with Power Line Impact Fees. There was discussion centered around the amount which should be allotted per municipality due to the probability that other bids may be received from other vendors at a lower cost. Following the discussion, Sweda/Seidl to submit a request to the County Board authorizing the payment of Impact Fees to municipalities currently with sirens equaling the actual cost of replacement of one weather alert siren. The payment shall not to exceed \$20,000.00 per municipality. The motion carried.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

February 09, 2007	168680-168859	\$183,596.01
February 16, 2007	168860-168958	\$114,146.82
February 21, 2007	168959-169064	\$98,345.33
February 23, 2007	169065-169102	\$442,624.42
March 02, 2007	169103-169244	\$133,470.62
March 09, 2007	169245-169356	\$168,819.99
March14, 2007	169357-169649	\$224,985.48

Payroll submitted was:

February 22, 2007	85599	36.94	Employee Check
February 22, 2007	85600-85602	\$760.11	Vendor Checks
February 22, 2007	Sixteen Checks	\$181.02	Manual Checks
February 22, 2007	49273-49521	\$201,476.12	Direct Deposit Stubs
March 08, 2007	85603-85608	\$3,038.61	Vendor Checks
March 08, 2007	49522-49766	\$190,145.70	Direct Deposit Stubs

Beadles/Zenner to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.
Sweda/Zenner to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 8, 2007

Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Corporation Counsel Steven Anderson, George Southworth, Larry Peterson, Dave Lemke, Harry Frosch, Tom Toepfer, Larry Brandl, Tim Peterson, and Bruce Strama.

Approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting. Sweda/Zenner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Seidl/Zenner to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on funding request initially tabled concerning culvert installation at Perkinstown Ave. and CTH-E intersection. Dave Lemke addressed the committee explaining that he feels that there has been some misinterpretation of the situation by Corporation Counsel Steven Anderson related to his opinion that it may be in the county's best interest to deny payment for a portion of the culvert placement project as He sees it as an unlawful contravention. Lemke stated that the procedure followed should be lawful as it was implemented by the Esadore Lake Association which is not bound by the statues quoted in Anderson's opinion. George Southworth addressed the committee noting that it is also a safety issue for many Town of Hammel and Taylor County residents and affects more than just four or five private property owners as stated by Anderson in his written opinion. Southworth noted that without placement of the culverts if the dams were to fail that water would go over the road possibly washing it out to a point where emergency vehicles would not be able to pass. Tim Peterson said that even if the road were not washed out and only under water that emergency vehicles are not allowed to go through water deeper than six inches. Sweda questioned whether or not Taylor County would have had to pay for the entire project if it had not been done by the Lake Association. Larry Peterson stated that if the Lake Association had not done the culvert placement that the DNR would have taken over the project and the county would have been responsible for all DNR costs associated with ordinance adoption and enforcement. Steven Anderson at that point addressed the committee stating that his opinion was based on the information he had received and that following the previous discussion believes that the Town of Hammel may have reason to fund their portion of the project due to the safety issue presented by Southworth, but that the road safety issue does not concern a county road, therefore it does not change his opinion. He also stated that through governmental cooperation it may be possible for Taylor County to also fund a portion of the project, but he has not been directed to look into that. At that time Seidl/Sweda motioned to request that Anderson find out if there is a legal approach to Taylor County's funding of a portion of the project. There was a roll-call vote with Seidl, Sweda and Parent voting aye, Zenner voting no. The motion carried. Anderson will check on possible avenues and present them to the committee at a future meeting.

Review final Bridge Aid totals from 2006. Tom Toepfer distributed copies of 2006 Bridge aid totals. He reviewed them with the committee and noted that there was about \$20,000 in outstanding invoices from a bridge in the Town of Roosevelt. He stated that there are sufficient funds to cover the outstanding invoices. The committee was satisfied with the report.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

January 26, 2007	168335-168378	\$254,199.48
February 02, 2007	168379-168462	\$141,166.81
February 07, 2007	168463-168679	\$332,269.12

Payroll submitted was:

February 08, 2007	One Check	\$.30-	Manual Check
February 08, 2007	85593-85598	\$3,071.61	Vendor Checks
February 08, 2007	49044-49272	\$187,575.84	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Zenner to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Sweda/Zenner to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 25, 2007

Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Deb Wiinamaki, Larry Brandl, Scott Copenhaver, Bruce Strama and Luke Klink (The Star News). Brad Ruesch arrived at 9:41 a.m. with Dave Dombrowski and Butch Podolak arriving at 10:46 a.m.

Approve the minutes of the January 11, 2007 meeting. Zenner/Beadles to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Sweda/Seidl to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Deb Wiinamaki distributed copies of the report and reviewed the report with the committee prior to a Zenner/Beadles motion to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

Review and approve cash and petty cash funds along with checking accounts for county departments. The committee reviewed the cash and petty cash funds along with checking accounts for county departments prior to a Sweda/Seidl motion to approve the accounts as listed, which were unchanged from the previous list of accounts. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on request for transmission line impact fees for improvements to Miller Dam Pavilion. Brad Ruesch presented the request for impact fees to be used as a 50% match to a Recreational Boating Facility Grant he has submitted for improvement to the current pavilion located at Miller Dam. The improvements would include doubling the size of the pavilion along with other improvements with a total estimated cost of \$23,400.00. The Miller Dam Lake Association had previously presented a request to the Building & Grounds Committee, which was approved, that the Association be allowed at their expense to make the improvements under consideration at this time to be financed by the grant and Impact fees. There was question of why at this time the impact fees and grant funding are being pursued in place of funding by the Association as originally proposed. Ruesch stated that the Association had intended to do the majority of the construction, but realized that Association members would not be available during the summer months due to work schedules, and that the intentions of Association are to use the funds originally designated for the building improvements for an additional aerator for the flowage. Dave Dombrowski and Butch Podolak listed some of the projects which were funded totally or partially by the Association which included repairs or replacement of boat launches in both county parks, three new docks, siding of the current pavilion along with running electricity to the pavilion, placement of a playground at the park and taking over the \$300.00 monthly expense of running the current aerator along with the care for the current aerator. They also noted that almost all of the proceeds from their fundraisers go back into the lake. There was some discussion prior to a Sweda/Beadles motion to submit to the full County Board the request for transmission line impact fees in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 as a 50% match to the grant submitted by Ruesch. The motion carried. Ruesch stated that the project will not begin until funding is in place for the entire project and that he realizes that the 50% impact fee funding is contingent on approval of the grant.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

January 12, 2007	167991-168118	\$311,158.80
January 19, 2007	168119-168185	\$318,087.62
January 24, 2007	168186-168334	\$291,885.37

Payroll submitted was:

January 25, 2007	85590-85592	\$760.11	Vendor Checks
January 25, 2007	Twelve Checks	\$252.27	Manual Checks
January 25, 2007	48811-49043	\$189,628.45	Direct Deposit Stubs

Sweda/Beadles to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

Beadles/Sweda to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk

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Committee Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Committee members present included Joe Sweda, James Seidl, Allen Beadles and Chuck Zenner. Also in attendance were Jim Metz, Larry Brandl, Jim Wood, Bruce Strama and Luke Klink (The Star News). John Werner arrived at 9:32 a.m.

Approve the minutes of the December 28, 2006 meeting. Beadles/Zenner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Approve the Agenda. Seidl/Sweda to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Discuss and act on approval of avigation easement on Donald Berger property. Jim Wood outlined activities related to the purchase of an avigation easement for the remaining property owned by Donald Berger. He stated that Berger was initially offered \$7,000.00 for the agreement, which he refused. Wood stated that Berger at that time felt the offer was too low and wanted to get another appraisal. The original appraisal received was for \$3,250.00. Berger was given 30 days to get another appraisal and present the appraisal to the Airport Committee, which he never did. John Werner informed the committee that he has negotiated the purchase of the Berger property and that the only remaining issue with that property is the avigation easement. Berger has decided to accept the original offer of \$7,000.00 for the easement. The Airport Committee has approved Berger's request for \$7,000.00 contingent on approval of the funding by the Finance Committee. Werner also stated that 97.5% of the appraised price for the avigation agreement will be reimbursed by the federal government and that the original appraisal is being reviewed and may be increased which would increase the portion of the \$7,000.00 that the county will be reimbursed. Sweda/Beadles to approve appropriation of \$7,000.00 as requested by the Airport Committee for payment to Donald Berger for the avigation easement. The motion carried. Brandl following the question of how the appropriation will be handled stated that the Airport Outlay budget should be overspent at this point to cover the \$7,000.00 expenditure. The committee was satisfied with Brandl's suggestion.

Review and act on warrants and payroll as submitted.

Warrants submitted were:

December 29, 2006	167578-167661	\$288,974.12
January 05, 2007	167662-167731	\$69,707.99
January 09, 2007	167732-167990	\$246,890.11

Payroll submitted was:

January 11, 2007	85584-85589	\$3,118.29	Vendor Checks
January 11, 2007	One Check	\$282.24-	Manual Check
January 11, 2007	48567-48810	\$227,463.19	Direct Deposit Stubs

Zenner/Sweda to approve the warrants and payroll as submitted. The motion carried.
Beadles/Sweda to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. The motion carried.

Bruce Strama, County Clerk